

CANDIDATE DRURY (North Simcoe)

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I am not always regarded as a regular Liberal, because I have chosen to exercise independence when my conscience and my duty directed me to do so. However I submitted my views fully and frankly to the nominating Convention, and they evidently believed in them, as on the first ballot in a contest, they gave me 131 votes as against 49. I explained to them, as I repeat here, that I have always admired and believed in Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and I still admire and believe in him, but I do not think that in 1897, and on one or two other occasions he carried out what the rank and file of the Party believed to be his platform with regard to economic and fiscal matters. I dissented from him on these occasions, and I claim the right to do so again if the occasion warrants.

After listening to what our friends from Ottawa had to say as a reason for the position they took on the Military Service Bill, it strikes me that our friends have been out-jockeyed. I came to this meeting perplexed in mind over what had happened at Ottawa, and I confess that after listening to these gentlemen I do not know what to do. The suggestion that in the approaching fight we should adopt a "go-as-you-please policy" does not commend itself to me. I think it would be very much better to unite on some such slogan as "Honesty in Government", and get together on that. I believe in Sir Wilfrid as our leader, and I believe in a referendum, but I would be afraid of the effect of a referendum now. There are two things in particular that I think Canada should do, namely, first:- Hold a conference with the Allies to find out exactly what is needed, and what is first wanted. Second:- Preserve democracy during the war, and after the war. I believe in conscription as a democratic measure, but I believe still more strongly in economic reform. I am against the degradation of Canadian life by the conferring of titles. My people came out from the old country to get away from Lords and parsons, and I don't want my children to be subject to either of these classes. The Liberal Party should take a decided stand on the railway question, and should guard against making any mistake in that direction.

CANDIDATE MACKENZIE KING: (North York)

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There are two things that I would like to emphasize. In the first place, what was rejected in Australia, and by the Australian soldiers themselves, and what has not been attempted in South