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Our Ottawa Letter

Victory Loan Oversubscribed—Exemption of bona-fide Farmers Assured.

(By The Guide's Special Correspondent)

Ottawa, November 30.—Interest in the east, as elsewhere in Canada this week, has been divided between the progress of the election and the Victory Loan campaign. In connection with the latter, the forces of the political parties have been united, and the loan has been climbing rapidly in amount from day to day. It is believed that when the subscription lists close tomorrow night the amount subscribed will exceed \$300,000,000, or twice the sum fixed as the minimum aimed at.

Many Party Fights

The political fight, however, finds men who have canvassed together in behalf of the loan in hostile camps. While in many constituencies throughout Ontario, Unionist candidates are receiving strong support from both Conservatives and Liberals, in others the contest is very much on party lines. This is very much the case at the capital, where Sir Wilfrid Laurier and H. B. McGiverin are the Liberal opponents of Dr. Chabot and A. E. Frapp. Probably a score of Liberals of more or less prominence are working for the Conservative Unionists, while a number of Conservatives have espoused the cause of the Liberals. In other constituencies the departure from party lines is much more marked. Probably the most peculiar fight of all is in Durham county, where Hon. N. W. Rowell, the choice of a Unionist convention, is being opposed by a Conservative anti-conscriptionist. A most remarkable situation has developed in Kent county, where the candidates, A. McColg, the former Liberal member and J. W. Plewes, Conservative Unionist, through some mix up, did not receive the endorsement of either leader for the overseas vote. As a consequence the contest will be settled by the home vote, and the boys from Kent fighting overseas will have no say in the matter.

Sir Robert Borden has spent the week touring Ontario. On Sunday he leaves again for the Maritime provinces, where meetings have been arranged for every day next week. Unless the reports drifting up from the east are misleading, the people of the Maritime provinces are participating in an old-fashioned campaign in the majority of the constituencies. Unionists say that the Laurier forces will not capture more than 13 seats out of the 31 in the eastern provinces. Liberals, on the other hand, assert that they are sure of 19. The prime minister's decision to spend another week in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick would appear to confirm the prevailing impression that the fight is a warm one. As Sir Robert will not be back in Ottawa until December 10, and he has a meeting at the capital on December 13, it would appear to be practically certain that he will not go west. It would be possible for him to speak in Winnipeg, where Sir Wilfrid Laurier speaks on December 10, before election day.

Borden and Laurier Well Received

Apart from the regrettable Kitchener trouble, the prime minister has received a warm reception throughout Ontario this week, while Sir Wilfrid Laurier was warmly acclaimed at a great gathering in Ottawa on Tuesday night. He dealt with the majority of the planks in his election manifesto, but did not make reference to the tariff. The expectation is that they will be a feature of his western speech. In regard to the Military Service Act the opposition leader made the definite statement that if returned to power he would not repeal it but would submit it to a referendum. No exception was taken to his remarks by returned soldiers in the audience, of whom there were a considerable number.

With the campaign still in progress votes are being cast, something which, in all probability will never occur in Canada again. Today it was announced that 5,000 Canadian men, on the eve of their departure for overseas, had been

given the opportunity to ballot on this side of the Atlantic. Voting at the front, in England, and on ships at sea commences tomorrow and continues until polling day. Between now and polling day there will be polls held at 20 points in the United States.

Exemptions and Farmers

The question of the exemption of farmers from military service has continued to agitate the public mind in Eastern Canada. "I will see to it," said Major-General Newburn, minister of militia, speaking at Dundas on Saturday last, "that if any farmer's son, honestly working on the farm for the production of food, is drafted he will be discharged from the Canadian expeditionary force, if he goes back to the farm."

But the Military Service Council, that important body which has been attending to the enforcement of the Conscription Act is not encouraging the idea that any particular class will be exempted. E. L. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice and president of the council, when asked if it was proposed to have an order-in-council passed exempting farmer's sons, etc., said: "There is no general provision of the statute, or the regulations, providing for the universal exemption of farmers from the obligation of military service which has been charged alike upon all citizens of military age; but, by the general policy of the law and the instructions issued to the tribunals, the farming industry is certainly recognized as one of the most important to the national interest and therefore it is the duty of the tribunals, in the proper execution of the responsible duty with which they are charged, to see that effect is given to farmers' claims in proper cases."

"Men who are habitually and effectively engaged in the growth of agricultural products and whose labor cannot be diverted from that occupation without substantially diminishing the necessary supply are, in the view of the Military Service Council, to be entitled to exemption so long as they continue to be usefully employed in farming. It is assumed that the tribunals will realize that the farming industry should compete successfully with military service in those cases where it is established that the withdrawal from the former occupation of men, qualified for the later service will materially diminish the output of production necessary for the maintenance or efficiency of the expeditionary force or the support of the people at home."

"It is not in contemplation to effect by order-in-council or otherwise any modification of the principles above enunciated."

The Question of Food Supply

The suggestion in Mr. Newcombe's statement that the drafting of farmers might result in an insufficient food supply for the men at the front and the people at home is a point that has been dealt with this week by Henry Timmins, a Montreal Radical and opponent of conscription. In a letter to the Ottawa Citizen, he says: "In Canada one of the most common complaints from the farmer is that he is unable to obtain sufficient help. In some cases, acreage under cultivation has been reduced for lack of labor. What will say the women voters, on whose feelings the militarists now seek to play, if they find the boys overseas short of food? The question is not shall we stand by our boys, but how best can we stand by them."

J. S. Ewart, K.C., the author of the "Kingdom Papers," in a pamphlet in which he accuses Sir Robert Borden of bringing about the disruption of the Dominion maintains that no step should have been taken by the government which would tend to "deplete the farms."

Some diversity of opinions having been expressed in public speeches this week as to urgency of re-inforcements at the front the Minister of Militia has issued a statement to show that, insofar

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