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CENTRE HURON LIBERALS.

THE LIBERALS of Centre Huron held a meeting the other day. No man or newspaper has yet disputed their right to call themselves Liberals. They constituted the regularly organized gathering known as a Liberal convention, and without fear or favor they spoke right up and told what was on their minds.

They passed a resolution of censure upon Mr. William Proudfoot, M.P.P., for his remarks supporting Union Government, and in which inferentially he condemned Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and at the same time they placed themselves on record as supporters of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. They have received mild rebukes from newspapers that supported the Union Government, but they will not be inclined to shed any tears over the attempts to discipline their expressions on the questions of the day.

Who should be the sheep and who should be the goats of Liberalism was a question debated in these same newspapers some time ago. The inclination was to take the arbitrary stand that anyone who had not supported Union Government was no longer a Liberal, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier could no longer claim to be Liberal leader, and that all true Liberals had flocked over with Mr. Rowell, et al. This tendency is not so marked at the present time. The Liberal Opposition, led by Sir Wilfrid, made a good showing at the last session. It was a good thing for the country that this opposition was there; more nefarious acts than those perpetrated would have been carried out but for fear of the undaunted few who faced the power-swollen majority. The swallowing of that "abomination" called the war times election act has made a good many former Liberals just a trifle ill. It does not seem to be wholesome food to them.

And from the countryside they will hear the voice of Liberalism sounded by many other organizations like the Centre Huron Liberals. The men who are Liberals will decide the question of the sheep and the goats. They will call Liberal conventions and discover who dominates these conventions, Laurierites or Rowellites. The country will learn how strong a force is the Liberalism that with a fair fighting chance, would have given a worthy account of itself in Ontario last December.

One note sounded from a paper which supported Union Government is new to the situation. The Brantford Expositor after calling attention to the action of the Centre Huron Liberals regarding Mr. Proudfoot and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, has the following to say:

"These are matters regarding which there will naturally be a difference of opinion among Liberals, and as to which, if the party is to be speedily reunited, there must be a good deal of forbearance and toleration."

Liberals who stood with the Laurier party will be surprised that there should be a tendency graciously to condescend to receive them back again in the fold. Those who have been rebuked so frequently by the Liberals who went into the Unionist party will find this attitude rather difficult to understand. One of the questions that is certain to be debated sooner or later is as to whether or not there can be a reconciliation. Sir Wilfrid Laurier would be the one man to achieve it. No other has appeared with a shadow of the unifying influence of the old chieftain of his party.

A NATION CALLED TO PRAYERS.

PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON has dedicated his nation to the cause of Allied ideals, which are the ideals of humanity and Christianity. In all parts of the republic of one hundred million people yesterday the masses, rich and poor, the blend of many nationalities from all corners of the earth, "humbled themselves before God" as their president asked. From the lofty place of honor to which they had elected him he sent forth a command that all the wheels of industry should be stopped for a day; even while war raged like a furious hurricane, he saw fit to take this day from the precious fleeting times that mean so much in the physical preparation for the time of reckoning with the forces of evil.

"The white light that beats upon a throne" has glared upon this academic man who came to the leadership of his nation some years ago. He came not as the practical politician, nor with the support of those who control practical politics. He came because of the new dawn in America that woke a nation to new principles of government, a harking back to the purity of Lincoln's statesmanship. Roosevelt cleared a way through the jungles of graft and privilege, then to the presidency came the calm figure, the man with the velvet hand, so they said. With this velvet hand he soothed a nation. He brought the wanton riot of wealth to a new status; he found himself suddenly faced with war. He saw the Lusitania go down. He seemed to be cold to the impulses that stirred in the breasts of other men as outrage after outrage was committed. He was the target for the shafts of violent criticism. In Canada his name became a by-word for a pitiless spirit. Then after the velvet hand had been torn by the claws of the wild animal of Europe, he suddenly shot the arm forward. Within the velvet hand was a piece of steel. Behind the hand was an arm of whipcord sinews. The might of the greatest single white nation rose to his shoulder. He struck with all the force of the man and the nation, until now he is the most unflinching, most uncompromising, most resolute statesman to be found among the Allied nations. His help came when it was needed. The

results have not been too encouraging since he summoned his nation to the cause, but all the vicissitudes and all the trials have been shared by the president and his people. They are in for the hard times of the war. They are in it, with us, to the death.

It is an inspiring thing to all peoples to see this man, who gives infrequent displays of summoning the Almighty to his assistance, call upon his people to prostrate themselves before the Power that controls the universe, to admit their need for Divine guidance and to throw their petitions upon the throne of mercy. On the surface there may have been much superficial gaiety on the American holiday, but in the homes and in the hearts of all those who proudly bear their nationality must have struck that same sense of dedication to a noble purpose as inspired Lincoln in his immortal Gettysburg address. "Humble yourselves before your Maker" was the command of Woodrow Wilson. Even while the Germans surged over Soissons and slaughtered thousands, the Allied cause was winning a great moral victory through the declared devotion of the American people to the Christian principles that animate the soldiers of the western front. Canadians may well go forward with a prayer in their hearts for such men as Wilson, Lloyd George, for our own leaders who are called to carry on the crusade for righteousness in the spirit of Coeur de Lion.

CANADIAN TRANSPORTS.

DO CANADA'S transports enjoy a special immunity from the submarines? This question has been asked recently because of the loss of British and American transports. It is beyond doubt a remarkable fact that in the hundreds of trips made to the old country by ships bearing troops from the Dominion not one life has been lost because of an attack by submarine.

The suggestion that the Germans have withheld their attacks upon the Canadian transports is absurd. Nothing would be more enjoyable to the minions of von Tirpitz than to sink a vessel carrying colonial troops to the shores of the motherland. Has not the German junker expressed his rage on several occasions because of the colossal gall shown by Canada and other overseas dominions in getting into the struggle? What finer example than to sink a few thousand of the military upstarts, according to German logic?

The British navy and excellent seamanship may be the logical answer to the safety of Canada's soldiers on the high seas and in the submarine zone. Then to this is added the element of good luck, instanced as when the Hesperian was torpedoed on a return voyage, the net result being to restore the sight and hearing of a returning Canadian soldier.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Kitchener wants some squirrels from Brantford. Surplus of required food there?

Raiding police found \$2,500 worth of whiskey in a Toronto house and confiscated it. And they call Toronto a "dry" city!

There is one thing on which all released prisoners are agreed, that is the necessity of keeping up the supply of boxes from home.

Some men have wondered why women prize their marriage certificates, but now the men show an even greater interest in the documents.

Rumania will rejoice, secretly, that the Allies refuse to recognize her treaty with Germany. It was signed with the sharpened sword suspended over her neck.

If one could read the thoughts of Ludendorff and Hindenburg, one might see the Allies' position in a brighter light. The enemy is advancing, but not quickly enough to bring him victory.

Does not the fact that there are more pastors than there are pastors suggest the urgent need of church union? Assemblies and conferences could do some valuable work this year.

Women may well do everything in their power to help the Allies when they read that the Germans use the females of their own land as a bribe to make captives work. This is a war for women against beasts.

There's no pleasing some people. There are actually papers complaining about Henri Bourassa's present silence. Surely silence is the best that can be expected from the man to whom the Borden Government allows such license.

Britain promised Cologne immunity from raids by her airmen while the Corpus Christi procession was under way. Germany will consider this a sign of weakness and civilized nations will recognize it as a sign of strength.

THE WORLD'S JOB.

The business of swearing in a posse of nations to round up the world's worst bad man goes on despite the German army's territorial gains on the western front. Guatemala, nineteenth nation to declare war against the German empire, does not add any military strength to the Allies. Her presence in the Allied camp is a moral victory of importance, at which this country may feel especial satisfaction. The solidarity of the new world in opposition to the German threat to all the world's peace of completion by several important gaps. The cause gains however, steadily. It is no longer a question of one group against another group. In the first place, the central allies have ceased to be a group; they have become an empire. In the second place, the Allies have broadened their list until it comprises nations of every continent and clime. It is now the world against Germany. Precisely as a western sheriff's work to rid itself of a horse thief, so the world today arms itself against the German. The task may be tedious and costly. The duty is inescapable if homes and families are ever to live in peace. And the issue is inevitable.

TO CANADA.

Dark are the shadows that fall upon thee,
Deep are the sorrows that come o'er the sea,
Shadows of loved ones gone from thy shores,
Sorrow for those who return ne'er, no more.

Great are the sacrifices you people have made
Soldiers of freedom may your glory ne'er fade,
You have bled and you have died for justice and right
As martyrs of old you have staid in the fight.

Oh, mothers of Canada, count them not best,
Those of thy sons who have paid the full cost
Upholding thy banners away o'er the sea,
Shedding their blood for the great victory.

Fathers of Canada, who oft have been told
By their fathers before them, of fathers of old,
Who laid down their lives that the world might be free,
As their sons fight now for the great victory.

Remember the home fires, nor let them e'er get low,
Forget not the brave boys who went to fight the foe,
Send off some cheery message to those across the sea,
And help inscribe their banner with the word Victory.

That when the war is over and justice has been done
Their banner will receive true homage from the Hun,
For God has promised surely to stand by those who fight
For God and for country, for justice and for right.

JOHN A. McINTYRE.

Walkers, May 24, 1918.

Our Big Removal Sale

Now In Full Swing!

JUST ONE MORE DAY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS BIG REMOVAL CLEARANCE SALE CLOSES SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 1st

The people of London and vicinity are to have an opportunity of buying Musical Instruments of all kinds such as have never been offered in London before. This sale is not to be like many so-called removal or fire sales. It is not merely an effort to dispose of a lot of old shopworn stock. We are changing from our warerooms to another, at 265 Dundas Street, owing to the tremendous increase in our business during the past 12 months, and before doing so are going to make a CLEAN SWEEP OF ALL STOCK in our present warerooms. This is not to be a long-drawn-out removal sale for months, such as is sometimes put on with a view to keeping people calling for bargains indefinitely, but will last for THREE DAYS ONLY, being Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, as we are obliged to be out of our present store on June 1.

We have over 400 phonographs in stock as well as 10,000 records, and a large stock of

Pianos, Players, Organs, Benches, Stools, Record Albums, Etc.

Phonographs from \$10 to \$400 --- Records from 85c to \$8 --- Organs from \$10 to \$85
Stools and Benches from \$2.50 to \$10 --- Pianos and Player Pianos from \$72.50 to \$850

Everything Will Be Sold Regardless of Cost!!

STARR PHONOGRAPHS

Are famous for their beautiful singing musical quality of tone, and attractive designs. This is the phonograph with the wonderful singing throat and horn of silver grain spruce. This is an exclusive feature in the Starr, and perhaps the best proof of its superiority is found in the fact that there were 40,000 Starr Phonographs sold last year, and our sales in Canada increased 700 per cent on a monthly basis during the past 12 months. A year ago the Starr was not well known in London, owing to the fact that Canada had not been developed, although 30,000 phonographs had been sold in the U. S. A. the preceding year. The last 12 months, however, has seen hundreds of Starr Phonographs find a place in the homes of the best people and best musicians in Canada. People critical in musical tastes have exchanged their former phonographs for a Starr.

The Starr includes many exclusive features. It is a genuine Universal machine, playing all makes of records perfectly, including the Starr, Victor, Edison, Columbia, Pathe and any others. It not only plays the different makes of records, but plays them better and with a quality not found in any other phonograph on the market, due to the peculiar quality of the silver-grained spruce.

Spruce is recognized the world over as the ideal musical instrument wood. It has been used by the Old Masters in making the finest violins. It is used in all piano sounding boards, harps, cellos and guitars. In fact, it is the recognized wood for any sound-producing instrument calling for soft, sweet, full, round, tone, eliminating entirely the nasal effect found in phonographs where the metal horn is used.

Gourlay Pianos and Player-Pianos

Are so well known in London and recognized as a high quality instrument that it requires little introduction. It is now in the homes of some of the best musical people in London and throughout Canada, also in many schools, churches, conservatories of music, colleges, etc., which demand a strictly high grade instrument.

SPECIALS---For Last Day of Sale---SPECIALS

- 3 New Pianos. Reg. price \$325; today \$218 cash, or \$258, payable \$15 cash and \$2 per week
- 2 New Pianos. Reg. price \$375; today \$263 cash, or \$293, payable \$25 cash and \$2 per week
- 1 New Piano. Reg. price \$425; today \$276 cash, or \$307, payable \$25 cash, and \$2 per week
- 3 New Pianos. Reg. price \$475; today \$298 cash, or \$330, payable \$25 cash, and \$2.50 per week
- 2 New Pianos. Reg. price \$500; today \$347.50 cash, or \$380, payable \$25 cash, \$2.50 per week
- 2 New Player Pianos. Reg. \$800; today \$590 cash, or \$645, payable \$50 cash, \$3.75 per week
- 8 New Phonographs, equal to any in London at \$110; today \$71.50, payable \$10 cash, and \$1.50 per week.
- 7 New Phonographs, equal to any in London at \$137.50; today \$110, payable \$15 cash, and \$2 per week.
- 5 New Phonographs, equal to any in London at \$175; today \$145, payable \$25 cash and \$2.50 per week.

The above are all perfectly new instruments direct from the factory, fully guaranteed.

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New Address Will Be 265 DUNDAS STREET, 2 Doors East

Bits of
Byplay
by Luko McLuko

Paw Knows Everything.
Willie—Faw, what is divorce?
Pay—Divorce is the correction of a miss-take, my son.

Fooey!
"Hey, waiter, this can't be endured!"
Complained old Mr. Proctor.
"The ham you sent me may be cured,
But these eggs need a doctor."

Giddap!
"You should lay off for seven days,
And get some strength," said Dr. Geek.
"But his advice my soul dismays,
For 'seven days' would make one week."

Notice!
Men have no fear
Of grip or cough;
Just go ahead
And take 'em off!

The Old-Fashioned Georgia 'Phone.
[Millen, Ga. News.]
WARNING! We came very near
breaking our arm trying to crank a

Millen 'phone the other day. Here's
hoping the company will equip them
with self-starters.

Gosh!
Earl B. Jones discovered this name
on a R. F. D. mailbox near Tippecanoe City, Ohio:
Ehad A. Millen.

Atta Girl!
"I like potatoes," said Miss Giore.
"As she the hotel menu eyed;
"But I'm patriotic to the core,
And I won't eat 'em German fried."
—Billy Wood.

Get Your Nose Bag From the Clerk!
Sign on a hotel in Cadillac, Mich.:
"Co-operative Hotel. Feed Barn in Connection."

Why, William!
Will D. Seiver works for Miss L. Pay
in her grocery store in Oak Creek, Col.
N. C.

Names Is Names.
O. Joy is a carpenter in Mount Holly,
N. C.

Our Daily Special.
Heated Discussions Never Result in
Warm Friendships.

Our Joe Miller Contest.
Ira F. Schweigel of Montgomery, Ala.,
claims that the oldest joke is the one
about the father who asked his son
how he was getting along in school.
"Oh, I'm in arithmetic now," replied
the boy. "What are you learning in
arithmetic?" asked the father. "I'm
learning guzinta," replied the boy. "And
what is guzinta," asked the father.
"Why, don't you know?" asked the boy.

"Two guzinta four, four guzinta eight,
three guzinta six, and five guzinta ten."

Luke McLuke Says.
One good thing about living in this
world is that your troubles are never
as large as you think they are.

There are so many fools in this world
that every time you say anything
about fools you are certain to offend
someone.

Any wife can tell you that if her
husband's friends knew him as well as
she does they wouldn't be so friendly.
Love is a wonderful thing. It affects
a young man's sight so that he mis-
takes a plain red head for a golden halo.
Don't expect to be boss when you get

married. You will be lucky if you can
make your wife do anything she wants
to do.

Any fathead can become an orator.
But it takes an exceptional man to
learn how to remain silent.

Every time we manage to take the
conceit out of the other fellow we add
to our own stock.

You should not judge by appearances.
The girl who is a peach on the street
is often a lemon when she is at home.

Why is it that the cheery bird who
comes up to the plate swinging two bats
around his head usually strikes out?
And there wouldn't be any divorces if

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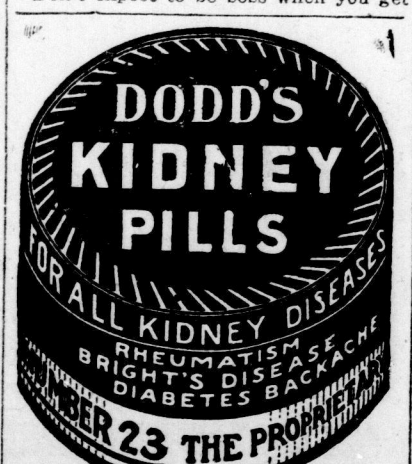
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TRACTION COMPANY

Notice to the Public

An important change in time,
which will reduce the service,
will take effect on June 1 next.

LONDON AND PORT

STANLEY RAILWAY

Timetable Effective Sept. 30.
TO ST. THOMAS—8:30, 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30.
TO PORT STANLEY—8:30, 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30.
Daily, except Sunday.
Limited trains London to St. Thomas
10:30 p.m.

a man bragged as much about his wife
to her face as he brags about her to
other men.

"The men who lead the strenuous life
are those who are trying to put up a
big bluff on a small salary."

G.N.R. Tourist Sleeping Cars mean Comfort to the Traveller

The interior is somewhat more modest in appointment than the standard or first-class sleeping car. Of solid steel underframe, and with highly polished dark green finish, the Canadian Northern tourist cars present a very pleasant appearance. The interior is finished in mahogany, with aisle carpet to match and cork composition flooring for light cooking, running water, etc., are greatly appreciated. Roomy berths, accommodating two persons if desired, are just one-half the first-class rate. Second-class ticket holders may also occupy these cars, and the Dining Car is always available at meal time. Trains leave Toronto Union Station 10 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for Winnipeg and points west. For tickets, reservations, literature, and information apply to F. B. Clarke, 415 Richmond Street, London, or write R. L. Fairbairn, G. P. A., 65 King Street East, Toronto.

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