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## POLITICS AND CONSCRIPTION

One would like to be able to believe that the leaders and the people of the Conservative party are yearning for unity in Canada, and not playing upon racial prejudice to promote disunion and get an election cry. The savage attacks made upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier do not encourage such a belief, nor does the general tone and spirit of the references to the province of Quebec. Whatever else may be said about Sir Wilfrid Laurier, he has always stood for unity and sympathetic co-operation between the representatives of the two great races in this country. In 1911 he accepted the chance of defeat rather than ally himself with the Nationalists, who were and are the promoters of disunion. He was more patriotic than the Conservatives, who gladly welcomed an alliance with Bourassa and helped to finance the Nationalist campaign in Quebec province. Today they deem it better policy to break with Bourassa, although there are still two Nationalists in the Borden cabinet. Had they not been in the cabinet, and had the government conducted a proper recruiting campaign in Quebec, we would not be facing the situation which exists in Canada today.

Let no man place the blame for this condition of affairs upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He threw himself into the recruiting campaign, but his was not the voice of authority, and he was powerless to prevent the inexcusable blunders of the government. If now his views concerning the conscription bill are not the views of many of his own followers, he is at least free from the charge of attempting to divide the country on racial lines. The opposition to the Borden bill is by no means confined to the province of Quebec.

In this connection, it is worth while to note that the Hon. Walter Long, colonial secretary, has not only taken pains to say that neither the imperial cabinet nor the war cabinet in England mentioned conscription to Sir Robert Borden, but adds that he had no idea when Sir Robert left London that he was going to propose conscription in Canada.

Does this add force to the suggestion that Sir Robert Borden was thinking about the elections quite as much as about the men at the front when he announced that conscription would be introduced?

## GOVERNMENT INACTION

Toronto Saturday Night gives the Borden government a jolt for its failure to deal with the locomotive and car shortage, which will so seriously affect the coal situation and transportation interests in general. It says:

"Both the majority and the minority reports of the Dominion Railway Royal Commission were certainly in accord on one point, which was the serious situation confronting Canada owing to the lack of cars, locomotives and railway equipment generally. The majority report went on to state that the Grand Trunk system required at least two hundred additional locomotives and ten thousand freight cars, while the minority report, signed by the president of the New York Central, went on to state that the Canadian railways, meaning chiefly the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk, were in desperate need of equipment, and he suggested that the government undertake at once to provide an ample supply of freight cars and locomotives against immediate and imperative needs. What is the government doing? So far as we can learn, nothing. If the government will get behind Sir Harry Drayton and give him all the necessary authority to procure these cars, locomotives, etc., and turn them over to the railways needing them on lease, or under such other terms as seem desirable, we may avoid a very serious crisis. This is the time to look to the transportation of next winter's coal and other necessities, and not wait until we are frozen in before we attempt to make the necessary arrangements. If the situation was 'desperate' as applying to last winter's conditions, how much more desperate is the situation now?"

## DIVINE INTERPOSITION

One is naturally interested in expressions of opinion as to the part that is being taken by God in the present war. For example, we have the Kaiser addressing the Brandenburgers as follows: "The enemy is seeking a decision. We await it calmly, placing our trust in God, who heretofore has graciously protected and aided us. Our enemy will be compelled to sacrifice men until he is exhausted and lays down his arms."

If the Rev. Dyon Hagne is correctly reported in a Toronto paper, he shares to some extent the views of the Kaiser. A report of one of his speeches at a synod meeting says:

"What was the reason, he asked, that a fog had shut off a big naval victory when the German fleet was almost within the grasp of the British; what was the cause of the British being checked in Mesopotamia by a sandstorm, and in France a while ago, what was the reason for the British being checked by a blinding blizzard? The soldiers called it luck, continued Rev. Mr. Hagne, 'but he controls sandstorms and fogs.'"

The only rational interpretation of this is that in the opinion of Rev. Mr. Hagne the Almighty is now doing for the Germans what he formerly did for the Israelites—saving them by direct interposition—conjuring up fogs and sandstorms and blizzards without any necessary reference to previous atmospheric conditions or the ordinary laws of nature.

Why should God so interpose? Possibly, as Mr. Hagne in another paragraph seems to suggest, because Mr. Lloyd George pins his faith to "ships and more ships." It is at least clear from the remarks of the Kaiser that he entirely agrees with Mr. Hagne as to the side which has been protected and aided by the fogs, sandstorms and blizzards. There is, of course, a possibility that both of these authorities may be incorrectly informed. How would it do for Britain and her Allies to go on providing men and munitions and food, and at the same time go on believing that since their cause appears to be the cause of righteousness it cannot be other than the cause of God?

A Vancouver, B. C., letter says:—"Shipbuilding indeed has become one of the most important industries on this coast within the last six months. At the present time, in the three principal yards of the province, some \$20,000,000 worth of steel and wooden ships are now being constructed. These include eight vessels for the British government, two for the Canadian government, seven wooden ships for lumber carrying, and four steamers for Norway. Some idea of the increased volume of business which has been marked at this port, despite the painful lack of ocean tonnage, may be gained from the record of shipping during the fiscal year ended March 31. Moving inward and outward to and from Vancouver during that twelve month period there were 21,801 vessels of British, foreign, and Canadian register, and the total tonnage to their credit amounted to 11,735,984. It was the biggest year that the port of Vancouver ever experienced. In the fiscal year of 1916, the number of vessels was 18,594, and the tonnage, 9,942,197, while in 1915, which was the biggest previous year, the tonnage was 10,847,563."

Touching the matter of recruiting in Quebec, note the testimony of Sir Robert Borden's colleague, Col. Blondin: "If Quebec had been well organized from the French-Canadian point of view at the beginning of the war, and if the organization had been immediately placed under the direction of a man like General Lessard, and an appeal made to all French-Canadians to enlist in French-Canadian units and preserve their identity, Quebec would have replied 'en masse.'" Oliver Asselin raised a baton in 1915. It was first sent to Bermuda, and later when it was sent to England it was broken up and scattered among different units. This is an illustration of how the government handled recruiting in Quebec.

The Foster government is altogether unsatisfactory to the St. John Standard. That is a very good reason why it should be wholly satisfactory to the people. The provincial opposition delights the St. John Standard. That is a sufficient reason why the people should regard it with suspicion. One of the great merits of the Foster government is that it is bringing to light the political doings of some of the directors of the Standard and revealing to the people the facts they ought to know, but could not learn until there was a change of government. The revelations are by no means ended.

There has never been a time since the war began when the Canadian commander in France could not justly make the appeal for men which has now been invited and has been sent by Sir Arthur Currie. But for government bungling the Canadian divisions would have been kept up to full strength from the very beginning.

It is intimated that the conscription bill may pass its second reading this week. There is really no cause for delay. After the bill has gone to the committee stage it may be usefully amended, and it should go to that stage at once. All that is worth saying for or against it has already been heard.

The man who committed a murder in Carleton county on Saturday went out into the open and committed the crime. The slayer of Robert Harris, in the city of St. John, struck from behind, in the dark. In the one case punishment is sure; in the other the criminal is still unknown.

Toronto Globe—"Out of 2,698 pupils in Toronto schools subjected to medical examination, only 618 were found to be quite normal, which goes to show that imperfection is the general condition. We have medical inspection in the schools of St. John?"

## HAD INDIGESTION

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## TRANSITION MINISTRY FORMED IN AUSTRIA

Provisional German Cabinet Formed With Dr. Von Seydler at Its Head.

Amsterdam, June 24.—A despatch received from Vienna says a transition ministry has been formed, headed by Dr. Von Seydler. In a speech Dr. Von Seydler said the new government was only of a provisional character, and later would be relieved by a permanent Premier and minister of agriculture.

Dr. Von Seydler, Minister of the Interior—Count Von Torggenburg, Minister of education—Dr. Gwiliński, Minister of justice—Dr. Schauer, Minister of finance—Dr. Von Wimmer, Minister of commerce—Herr Matapa, Minister of public works—Herr Von Hannann, Minister of railways—Baron Von Banlans, Minister of defence—Lieut-General Camp Vion, Minister of Bismarckstein. President of the food board—Herr Hoefer.

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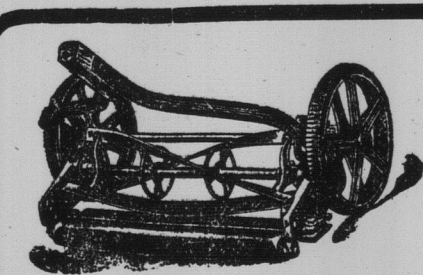
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## MANNING ASKS NEW TRIAL

Counsel Tells Justice Cropley Charge Turned Jury in O'Brien Case

New York, June 23.—Martin W. Littlejohn told Justice Cropley that the Queen's County Supreme Court that he believed the jury was influenced by a recent decision of the justice's charge to the jury in the O'Brien case. O'Brien was a \$225,000 verdict against his client, John B. Manning, an 84-year-old broker for his failure to marry her. The statement was made in argument of a motion to set the verdict aside on the ground that it was grossly excessive. Attorney Stephen Baldwin, who represented O'Brien, responded that he considered the verdict inadequate considering the reputed wealth of Manning and in view of the accepted practice of the higher courts in this state of affirming judgments in breach of promise actions for 16 per cent. of the wealth of defendants.

Justice Cropley said he was going over the testimony very carefully before he gave a decision, and he particularly wanted a transcript of the testimony of Manning. This was furnished to him by Mr. Littlejohn.

Neither Manning nor Miss O'Brien was in court during the argument of the motion.

## Had Headache For Two Years

A Barrie Man Tells of Persistent Headaches and Indigestion—Finally Found His Way to Good Health.

Barrie, Ont., June 22.—For two long years the writer of this letter was subject to severe headaches. The nervous system got run down, digestion failed, and there was continued loss of weight. The use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food changed all this, and now with scores of other Barrie people Mr. Nader is recommending the use of this food cure as the best means of building up the exhausted nervous system and curing headaches, indigestion and all the annoying symptoms of a run-down condition.

Mr. John Nader, 38 Penelag street, Barrie, Ont., writes: "During the last two years I had an attack of indigestion, accompanied by severe headaches. I suffered from loss of appetite, and my system became run down. I also lost considerably in weight. I began using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and as they helped me I continued this treatment for some time. My condition is now greatly improved, my headaches are gone and my health in general is much better. I can cheerfully recommend the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food to those suffering from nervousness of any kind."

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Imminence of Salt Famine For N. S. Fishermen

Men Who Should Know Lay Blame Upon Borden Government—Trade and Commerce Department Warned of Danger in February

(Halifax Chronicle)

Men who should know say that the fishermen of Nova Scotia are facing a salt famine, and that the responsibility for the imminence of this disaster to one of our largest industries lies with the Borden government. If this is true, and if, for the want of a little energy and a little foresight on the part of the department of trade and commerce, millions of dollars are to be lost, our fishermen ruined, and the catch used for fertilizing next year's farm produce, it is worse than deplorable.

The department of trade and commerce was advised as early as February of this year of the danger of just such a situation as now exists. It was at that time pointed out to the department that freight rates were so very high that private importers in Nova Scotia would not undertake to import. The department was requested to endeavor to arrange for transportation of salt cargoes to Halifax.

For this there was and is a well-established precedent. The government of Newfoundland, when approached by merchants of that colony, was not slow to realize the great danger of a scarcity of salt. Private concerns in the Antigonish colony had been unable to charter bottoms for the carriage of the coarse salt from Portugal and the Mediterranean which is so useful to the fishing industry. The government thereupon arranged with the imperial authorities for no fewer than six steamers and there is now a plentiful supply of salt at all fishing centres in Newfoundland.

In Canada it was very different. The government took no action. Though fully advised of the danger and of the inability of private importers to secure the salt, nothing was done. The Borden government would have had no difficulty in arranging for the transportation of salt cargoes. Transport after transport has been coming out to Halifax from the other side as well as from points in the Antigonish colony. It is obvious that if the matter had been properly brought to the attention of the imperial authorities by the proper party—namely the government of Canada—at least a few of these steamers would have been ordered to bring salt to this port instead of mud.

The fishing season has commenced and reports from all fishing points east of Halifax and along the Cape Breton coast tell of the effect that the insufficient supply of salt is already having upon the operations of our fishermen. Stocks at these centres are very light, and it is said that there is not enough salt on hand to salt one week's run of fish. Even if cargoes are arranged, there is certain to be a very considerable loss all good druggists

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totals, 6,001 Indians of eligible age were enrolled.

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## ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Gragdon, of Southampton, York Co., announce the engagement of their daughter, Albertine V. Carr, to Melvin C. Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Morgan of Hainesville, York Co., the marriage to take place in June.

## THE FRESHET.

Hardland Observer—Except at the time of ice-jams the water in the river is higher than it has been for many years, and it is doubtful if any recall so heavy a freshet in June.



BY AUTHORITY PROCLAMATION

JOSIAH WOOD.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor directs the publication of the following for general information:

Whereas, the 1st of July is the semi-centennial of the confederation of the Canadian provinces;

And, whereas, a joint committee of the Senate and House of Commons was appointed to consider and report on the proper celebration of the occasion;

And, whereas, the said committee have recommended that all clerical and Sabbath school superintendents give to the celebration their hearty and intelligent co-operation;

And, whereas, Monday the 2nd day of July, has been fixed by proclamation for the celebration of Dominion Day, and the committee have recommended that the celebration on that day be as "general as possible, without expensive and elaborate display, as befits war time, and carried out on the broadest social and democratic lines, a plain sincere people's demonstration, a tribute to the founders of our Dominion and the institutions and ideals of our common country."

We do most earnestly request that the cities and municipalities of the provinces, clubs and patriotic associations, co-operate with the citizens generally in commemorating the day and the occasion, along the lines suggested in the report.

In view of the terrible war in which we are engaged the occasion should be one for serious thought and full recognition of the grave dangers to which Canada and the Empire are exposed, and the obligations that rest upon us all as citizens.

Members of all denominations through out the province, Sunday school superintendents and teachers, in the religious services of Sunday, the 1st of July, do honor to the memory of the noble and brave men who have made the supreme sacrifice for their country, as well as to those who are still facing danger and death upon the battlefield, and to the religious exercises of the day be characterized with a spirit of loyalty, unselfish service, and earnest prayer for the success of the sacred cause for which we are fighting.

And we further request that on Monday the 2nd of July all municipal and city officers co-operate with the various patriotic localities, and that all citizens by a display of flags and suitable decorations at their homes and places of business, give hearty support and countenance to this movement, thus this semi-centennial celebration of our federation may testify to our appreciation and grateful acknowledgment of the many blessings and great prospects our province has enjoyed and the Canadian people.

ROBERT MURRAY, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer

To Teachers and School Officers:

In accordance with the proclamation of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor teachers and school officers are requested at the school closings for the present term, to have special reference made in as far as practicable, to the fiftieth Anniversary of Confederation and the historic incidents connected therewith.

W. S. CARTER, Chief Superintendent of Education

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