

PERSONALIA

The announcement of a National Service Board composed of ten directors whose chief duties will be to arrange for the employment of women in place of men and to determine whether a man should be in the factory or in the army, is the thin end of the wedge of both Military and Industrial Conscription, and in bringing it into existence they are doing it by piecemeal methods as it was done in Britain.

Reynolds Newspaper (whose owner is Sir Henry Dalziel, who, in conjunction with Lord Northcliffe, is one of the large shareholders of the London Times) in its issue of September 17 says:

"Now, we supported conscription. . . . But we had to be convinced that these things would help to win the war. We would not submit one breath of freedom, that freedom won at such terrible cost in the past, for anything less than another step on the road to victory. Now we begin to be apprehensive that these liberties being gone, the individual citizen having scarcely any rights or privileges at all, the authorities are about to commit the stupendous blunder of treating them as if they had forgotten what the word freedom meant."

The authorities have instituted national registration; they have compulsion; they have tribunals; they have organizations by the hundred and officials by the myriad; they have every particular of every man in the country—if they have done their work thoroughly—and yet men are rounded up like cattle, sorted out like bails, paraded like animals through the streets; and all done because the authorities now have the power to do it. The individual citizens has surrendered everything to win the war; his surrender is regarded as a victory for the worst elements of authority; for, in short, Prussianism."

If this is the testimony in the Mother Land, then the sooner we get busy to prevent its inauguration here the better. The Dominion Trades and Labor Congress recognizes this fact, for it has gone on record against national registration.



A great deal of comment is made in the press regarding Mr. Lloyd George's interview to the United Press Association correspondent which makes us wonder if this interview was intended

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for the workers only. The following letter appeared in the Ottawa Citizen, October 4th, 1916, which no doubt will interest our readers:

Editor of the Citizen:

On Thursday last was published an interview with the Right Hon. D. Lloyd George, given to the United Press. It was especially intended for the press and people of this continent. It is reported "to have won the unanimous support of the English press," that Britain is solidly behind Mr. Lloyd George's declaration, "it was a fight to a finish." With his customary directness, vigor and lucidity, he made plain the attitude of Britain.

Here is another interview published in the New York Evening Post on Thursday last, which is self-explanatory:

"J. Howard Whitehouse, Liberal member for Mid-Lanark, formerly Parliamentary Secretary to Lloyd George when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is here with the approval of the British Government to make a study of educational procedure

and methods and to lecture on education, spoke to-day of the internationalism which he hoped would some day end war, and of the social changes in educational organization which might follow the war in Europe. Mr. Whitehouse expressed the hope to-day that it would not be necessary to fight to the "bitter end," as that would mean the exhaustion of every belligerent country and intimated that the United States might later be of service in bringing about declaration of their aims by the warring nations.

"Asked whether Liberal sentiment in the Allied nations did not favor the conclusion of peace if possible before one or another of the belligerents were exhausted, Mr. Whitehouse replied that no one could hope the war would be fought to the bitter end."

"To continue the war to the bitter end," said Mr. Whitehouse, "would mean the exhaustion of every belligerent country, and at the frightful rate at which slaughter is going on, no one could look upon it unmoved. It is the hope of every one that the ultimate terms will be equitable and just, and

that they will sustain an enduring peace."

Of the opportunity which the United States in initiating what may lead to peace overtures, Mr. Whitehouse said:

"Belligerent nations may be aided by the chief neutral nations to define their objects in this war. This is the first step towards peace. Sooner or later it may be the privilege of the United States to offer constructive suggestions to all the belligerents. The only hope of the world is for all nations to come together in justice and equity. For these of us who believe in internationalism and are pacifist the war has not dimmed our ideal of an ultimate and unbreakable peace, for which each of the nations will surrender certain of its rights of sovereignty. Of course the methods by which this ideal is to be obtained are of the utmost importance. Many of us believe it not to be impossible that there may be ultimately effected the disarmament of the nations and the tribunal of all nations. It goes without saying that all such measures as disarmament must be mutual."



Sir Vincent Meredith has just been elected to the vacancy on the C.P.R. board, caused by the death of Sir Sanford Fleming. The coincidence of this new honor following so closely on the heels of the bestowal of royal honors has added to the interest of this event. Sir Vincent is also president of the Bank of Montreal, and we desire to draw attention to the large number of banking officials who hold titles. The list follows:

Bank of Montreal—Sir H. V. Meredith, Lord Shaughnessy, Sir William MacDonald, Sir Frederick William Taylor.

Canadian Bank of Commerce—Sir Edmund Walker, Sir Lyman Melvin-Jones, Sir John Gibson.

Bank of British North America—Sir Herbert B. Ames.

Bank of Ottawa—Sir Henry N. Bate, Sir Henry K. Egan, Sir George H. Perley.

Royal Bank of Canada—Sir H. S. Holt.

Bank of Hamilton—Sir J. S. Hendrie. Provincial Bank of Canada—Sir Alexander Lacoste.

Dominion Bank of Canada—Sir Edmund B. Osler, Sir J. C. Eaton.

Imperial Bank of Canada—Sir J. A. Aitkens.

Merchants Bank of Canada—Sir H. Montague Allen.

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Union Bank of Canada—Sir William Price.

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