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Is a United Quebec to Rule All Canada ?

This, the most tremendous question in Canada's history, is to be answered within ten days. Our answer involves Canada's honour, her freedom and her future. Old-time party questions are being advanced to obscure the gravest issue ever placed before a nation. Canada is in real danger. The clouds that obscure her vision must be brushed aside so that the great issue stands forth clear and distinct.

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To-day, in our national crisis, Quebec alone among all the provinces stands more united than ever before. She knows what she wants:

- (1) Withdrawal from the war.
- (2) Bilingual schools everywhere.
- (3) Weakening of the ties of British connection.
- (4) Political control of Canada.

From the Ottawa River to Labrador and the Gulf, a common purpose actuates Quebec in her determination to profit by the factional divisions of Canada and to impose her will upon all the people of Canada.

Within the last few weeks, Quebec has mobilized all her forces to dominate Canada under the unified leadership of Bourassa and Laurier. Canada knows that these two men in their earlier days were personal friends and political associates. Canada knows how in recent times they gradually drew apart—until in 1911 Bourassa opposed Laurier and helped to bring about his defeat, at the polls. Canada knows that from that time forward, until a few weeks ago, the breach between them steadily widened until envy and hatred each toward the other became the possession of both. Bourassa and his followers were anathema to Laurier.

Should not the people of Canada ask themselves, before it is too late, why these two men have suddenly agreed to bury the past, why this sudden embrace each of the other? If we will but let the scales drop from our eyes the answer is obvious. The all-compelling influences of Quebec have combined to force the union of Laurier and Bourassa in the common purpose of French-Canadian domination.

We concede the right of French-Canadians to make common cause of anything they think it is in their interests so to do. This is a free country. But as the French-Canadians have already combined to assert their views, it is the duty of the hour that we English-speaking Canadians get together and present to Quebec a united front in the defence of our rights. This is imperative.

With sixty solid seats Quebec is about to accomplish her designs. Bourassa, the real master and idol of Quebec, is in sight of his goal.

To attain her purpose, Quebec has not scrupled to ignore British traditions and to suppress freedom of speech. So thoroughly organized is her campaign to prevent even the discussion

The Citizens' Union Committee, anxious for the maintenance of British ideals and traditions, views with alarm the menace of French-Canadian domination with its inevitable influence upon the home, the school and the state.

We, therefore, call upon all English-speaking men and women to realize that—Canada, divided by political factions and old-time party questions, is at the mercy of a united Quebec. Union Government alone can save Canada from the menace of French-Canadian domination.

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Plympton Boys Died in France

The Winnipeg Free Press of a recent date contained a picture and following reference to two former Plympton boys who have given their lives in the cause of freedom:—

The names of these two young men, Pte. Lindsay H. W. Cairns and Pte. Garnet C. Cairns, have been inscribed on Canada's glorious roll of honor, both having made the supreme sacrifice on October 26, in France. That they were loyally willing and proud to do their bit for King and Country is evidenced by the patriotic emblems which surrounded their photograph. The sentiment connected with this picture of the young men is one of those human and patriotic touches of the war. It was received by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cairns, of McGregor, Man., but a short time before news of their being killed in battle was received, accompanied by messages of courage and hope and determination to play their part manfully. They were good examples of those thousands of gallant sons that have been given by Canada for the great cause of human liberty and justice, whose fame will be undying. The brothers left Winnipeg with Lt.-Col. Gillespie's battalion in October of last year. Another member of the Cairns family, Russel, offered his services three times and has finally been accepted. William Cairns, a well-known business man of Mc-

Gregor, is an uncle of these splendid lads.

Farm Workers Will Be Exempted From Military Service

Mr. Justice Duff's first judgment rendered as Central Appeal Judge for Canada on Dec. 7th, makes it quite clear that farm workers are entitled to exemption on the grounds that production must be maintained in order to sustain the military power of the Allies. This judgment of the Appeal Judge is binding as law upon appeal tribunals and local tribunals throughout the whole country.

Another judgment by Justice Duff shows that exemption is favored for men with all brothers already at the front or in service.

Call out First Draft January 3

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—The first draft of men under the Military Service Act will be called to the colors on January 3.

It was originally hoped, as stated in the proclamation calling upon the first class to register, to put the first draft on active service by December 10, but owing to the fact that a very large proportion of the men in the first class postponed reporting for service or claiming exemption until the last days of the time fixed by the proclamation of October 3 for compliance with the law, it

is found that the work of registrars and tribunals has not yet advanced sufficiently to make it practicable to call a draft to the colors on the date indicated.

It would probably be possible, it is pointed out here, to make a call about December 24 or 25, but it is felt that the members of the draft should be accorded the opportunity of spending the Christmas season with their families and friends.

It has therefore been decided to fix January 3 as the date upon which the first members of the draft will be requested to join the depot battalions. Notice will be sent in due course by registered mail to the men affected.

How many will actually be called to the colors on January 3 has not yet been determined. Between 20,000 and 25,000 have been generously indicated, and it is probably that this will be about the number. How the first draft will be selected from among the men in the class has also not been determined.

Lambton Appeal Tribunals

There will be two appeal tribunals in this County to hear appeals from local tribunals, under the Military Service Act.

Appeal tribunal No. 17, presided over by Judge Macwatt will meet in Forest on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at 9 a. m., and will hear appeals from Forest and Thedford tribunals. This appeal tribunal will also sit in Petrolia on the 20th inst., at 9 a. m., it will hear appeals from Petrolia, Wyoming and Dawn Centre tribunals.

Appeal tribunal No. 57, will be presided over by Judge Taylor. He will sit at Brigidon on Tuesday the 18th inst., at 9 a. m. and hear appeals from Brigidon, Wilkesport and Courtwright tribunals, and will also sit at Alvinston on the 19th inst., 9 a. m. and hear appeals from Alvinston and Watford tribunals.

Men's Choir Song Service

The song service held in the Methodist Church last Sunday evening, conducted by the men's choir was much enjoyed by a large congregation, despite the cold and storm. There were eighteen men in the choir (with six or eight absent through sickness and the storm) and they sang to the delight of all. Mr. A. B. Steer, principal of the High School, presided at the piano, which was furnished by the kindness of Harner Bros. The pastor preached a very effective sermon to young men from the text, "Lest I mar mine own inheritance." The following is the order of service:

1. Chorus—"All Hail the Power."
2. God Save the King.
3. Invocation.
4. Chorus—"Let the Lower Lights."
5. Hymn 746.
6. Prayer.
7. Chorus—"Oh, How Love I Thy Law."
8. Lesson.
9. Chorus—"Dwelling in Beulah."
10. Hymn 933—"Eternal Father."
11. Announcements.
12. Chorus—"Send the Light."
13. Sermon.
14. Chorus—"The Church of the Wild-wood."
15. Offering.
16. Chorus—"The Life Boat."
17. Doxology and Benediction.

A Magnificent Achievement

The returns show that Canada has contributed over \$408,000,000 to the Victory Loan. This is a truly magnificent achievement. Fifty-four dollars for every man, woman and child in the Dominion. Moreover, the number of subscribers is 627,378, one in every twelve in the country, which beats the record in the United States and England. The Canadian people have thus not only established a splendid credit for the state, but they have made a splendid investment for themselves. We can go forward now with greater confidence in the prosecution of the war.

5 doz. ONLY men's heavy work mitts, regular \$1.35, for 90c.—A. BROWN & Co.

Several cottages at Sarnia beach were broken into and ransacked.

Petrolia subscribed \$169,650 to the Victory Loan.

"Good Cheer" is the name of a bulletin issued monthly by the employees of the Dominion Express Company at Winnipeg and which is sent to their men at the front. Miss Shirrena Fraser, of Petrolia is editor of the bulletin which abounds with cheery news for the soldiers.

THIS IS THE AGE OF REASON

ISN'T it better at the first sign of failing vision to have your eyes attended to, than to put it off until perhaps your Optician can not do for you as much and as well as he could have done on the first? Reason it out. Think about this and let us know. Our service is at your bidding.



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