LAURIER WILL GET THE MEN FROM QUEBEC

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said at Regina on Tuesday night: "To those who say it is too late to get recruits from the province of Quebec, I SAY IT IS NOT TOO LATE, and I will repeat it elsewhere, that it is possible to have ALL THE SOLDIERS WE WANT FROM THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, AND I MAKE BOLD TO UNDERTAKE IT IF THE TIME COMES FOR ME TO DO SO."

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Hundreds of London Families Shiver Through Bitterly Cold Night Because of Brutal Treatment of Borden's Fake \$25,000 Fuel Controller

Citizens beg coal from neighbors, and old boxes from wholesales and stores---Money will not buy warmth for them and their children. Trades and Labor forces will take action at tonight's meeting to force relief----Coal hoarded by hundreds of tons in cellars of wealthy.

While \$25,000 Fuel Controller McCue, imported from the United States by Premier Borden, is mysteriously missing, London and the other cities of Ontario witness the spectacle of people of the working classes picking a few lumps from the railway yards, asking for old boxes and packing cases from the wholesales and stores and endeavoring in every manner to keep from freezing. Last night was a terrible ordeal for many Forest City families.

"ALL THIS FUEL CONTROLLER HAS DONE IS TO DRAW HIS SALARY," said one coal dealer. "THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF HOMES WITHOUT A POUND OF COAL, AND PEOPLE ARE CLAMORING NIGHT AND DAY FOR THE FUEL WE CANNOT GIVE

"They are not all poor people. Most of these people have money to pay for coal, but they cannot secure it anywhere. The best thing for them to do is to ask their neighbors to help them out temporarily in the hope that the city will get coal in a few days."

TRY TO GET SOMETHING TO BURN.

A prominent London manager of a wholesale business stated to The Advertiser that hundreds of people in East London were going everywhere yesterday to secure coal or "something that would burn."

THEY CURSED THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT AND THE \$25,000 FUEL CONTROLLER, and said that the "fool" controller was on a par with the food controller, for whose whims they had been paying dearly in

"HANNA SENDS THEM ALL OUR CHOICE BEEF AND RAISES PRICES HERE, BUT HIS MATE, THE



FUEL CONTROLLER, DOES NOT GET US COAL. This sort of reciprocity is no good. OUR BEEF GOES TO FEED THE FAT GERMANS OF BUFFALO (BUF-

FALO IS SAID TO BE 40 PER CENT GERMAN), BUT THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT SEE TO IT THAT WE GET ENOUGH FUEL TO KEEP US WARM.'

3,000 BEEF CATTLE SENT TO U. S. EACH WEEK.

It is a fact which can be proven from the railway records that about 3,000 head of choice Ontario beef go to the U. S. each week. It has been rushed through despite every obstacle of the winter storms, but the fuel of the eastern states has not been given back to the people of

The fuel controller and his assistants have been asked dozens of times by the public utilities commission to assist London in getting coal. The heartless, brutal answer has been: "GO OUT IN THE OPEN MARKET AND BUY COAL." The fuel controller came to London, spilled a lot of promises, was hailed as a heaven-sent won-

der by the local Borden organ. Then he disappeared. PEOPLE SHIVERED AND SUFFERED IN LON-DON LAST NIGHT BECAUSE THE BORDEN GOV-ERNMENT HAS PLAYED WITH THE BIG INTER-ESTS AND APPOINTED A JOKE FUEL CONTROLLER. They went to the back doors of stores and begged for a few old boxes. One woman was seen carrying a few pieces of wood on a street car. She had a baby in a house where there was no fire in the single range that heated

ONE NEIGHBOR HELPS THE OTHER. In many parts of the city the generosity of citizens

saved their neighbors and families from a fearful night. Scuttles of coal were transferred from scores of cellars

One suggestion advanced to meet the conditions is that the city should purchase a woods from some farmer near the city and have it cut up as a relief store.

There are no surplus stores of coal anywhere in Lon-

don which would be available for the use of the public although an effort may be made to secure some . oft coal from the Grand Trunk if the worst comes to the worst.

It is the immediate duty of the city council to take steps to relieve the situation. The municipal coal yard has never been able to secure coal, although the fuel controller stated that he would get coal for them. OTTAWA SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED WITH AT ONCE AND A DEMAND MADE THE FUEL CONTROLLER OR SOMEONE GIVE SOME ASSURANCE THAT THE PEOPLE WILL BE GIVEN RELIEF. Brutal indiffer-

ence will not be tolerated while people freeze. NO ONE CAN AROUSE OTTAWA.

Citizens are working privately today in an effort to arouse Ottawa to its duty. But Ottawa will not rouse. It would not rouse when the public utilities commission endeavored to obtain a supply of coal. The only answer was given by an assistant to the fuel commissioner, who told the people of this city to "go out and buy in the open

Borden votes disappeared by the hundreds during the last few days, when it was realized that the \$25,000 contreller had done nothing, and would do nothing, to save

The trades and labor council will take the matter up at the meeting to be held tonight in the Masonic Temple, and a strong resolution will be passed calling for immediate action and condemning the Go.ernment responsible for the situation in the strongest terms,

Trades and labor council members stated today they had absolute proof that many prominent citizens of London had coal enough to last several years stored in their cellars. Some of these wealthy people are working on big war contracts.

TEMPTATION OF ADVERTISING TOO MUCH FOR MANY PAPERS AND COUNTRY BEING MISLED

Unionist Press Not Fairly SIR WILFRID BORE Representing the Liberal Case, Hartley Dewart Informs the West.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Calgary, Dec. 14.-Hartley Dewart of Toronto, speaking with Sir Wilfrld Laurier here last night, scored a personal success at four meetings.
Addressing the packed audience in the First Methodist Church, Mr. Dewart emphasized the danger of people being misled because there were so few newspapers in the Dominion that fairly presented the Lib-eral case. The effect of the free use of advertising by the Govern-ment and the use that was made by the advertisements for the patriotic and other funds and for the Victory Loan had proved too much of a temptation to many journals in Can-

West Told Truth. It was fortunate that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had been able to come to the West and explain to the people of the three provinces by his addresses at Winnipeg, Regina and Calgary what his real position was and that he would be able to present it to the electors of British Columbia

at the four meetings to be held in Vancouver on Friday. Mr. Dewart asked the pertinent question why there were so many sol-

ARMS FOR CANADA: NOT SO SIR ROBERT Liberal Leader Took Part

To the Editor of The Advertiser:. Did Sir Wilfrid Laurier ever wear the uniform, and in what cause? Did Sir Robert Borden ever wear the uniform or do military service?

Against Fenians.

INQUIRER. Answer .- Sir Wilfrid Laurier did wear the uniform, and took up arms at the time of the Fenian Raid. He was then 25 years of age, and he is gazetted as an officer in the militia records, which also show that he did take part. He was a member of the Arthabaskaville Infantry from 1869.78 and the afficial records. the Arthabaskaville Infantry m 1869-78, and the official records by that he served in the last Fenian Raid.

Sir Robert Borden was 31 years of age, and single, at the time of the Northwest Rebellion, and although connected with militia matters, he did not bear arms in that affair, according to his official biography. He is honorary colonel, and has been for some years, of a Nova Scotia regiment. There are no official regords at hand showing that

Ottawa, Dec. 14.-With the close of the Dominion campaign practically at

FIFTEEN LIBS.,

NINE UNIONISTS

Both Parties Confident.

Both parties profess to be confident as to the result. Unionist headquarters here believe that when the soldiers' vote is added to the home vote, the Government will have a majority of from thirty to thirty-five. Liberals, on the other hand, deny this, asserting that they will have a comfortable lead on Monday night, which will not be materially affected by the overseas vote.

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Unionist acclamations on nomination day were: Ontario: John McMartin, of Cornwall: Nova Scotia: Hon. W. S. Fielding: Queen's and Shelburne: Saskatchewan: J. F. Johnston, Lost Mountain: J. A. Maharg of Moosejaw: Levi Thompson of Qu'Appelle: R. F. Thompson of Weyburn: British Columbia: Hon. Martin Burrell of Yale.

Since nomination day, Hon. Frank Carvell has been elected by acclamation in Victoria and Carleton, N. B. by the retirement of his opponent, J. Continued on Page Twelve.

The tribunals are about through and it appears that Toronto, at all events, will not furnish a third of the number asked. There are no reports from Quebec or other districts, but it is clear that if all were doing as well as Toronto, which no one believes, the first draft would be sixty to seventy thousand

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The Unionists will have acclamations in two Nova Scotia, one in New Brunswick, one in Ontario, four in Saskatchewan and one in British Columbia. Two ministers of the crown, Hon. Frank Carvell and Hon. Martin Burrell, are already elected, while W. F. McCurdy, under secretary of the department of militia, is also sure of a seat in the next House.

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hand it looks as though the seats in which there will be no contest on Monday will number twenty-four. Nine of these are in the Unionist column, while the Liberals have fifteen acclamations, all but one—Turgeon of Gloucester, N. B.—being in the province of Quebec. The Unionists will have acclamations in two Nova Scotia, one in New Brunswick, one in Ontario, four in Saskatchewar and one in Britlsh Columbia. Two

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Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy. Dec. 13.—The latest Austrian attacks around Col Beretta were made in force, the enemy infantry advancing repeatedly. The Italians temporarily were drawn back slightly at one point, were drawn back slightly at one point, but quickly regained most of their positions.

The battle for control of the strategic points on Col Beretta is persistent and desperate. The losses on both sides are heavy.

TO SUPPLY DEMAND

Carloads.

SOME COAL COMES

London today and are being distributed

TOMORROW-FAIR AND VERY COLD Toronto, Dec. 14—8 a.m. Forecasts.
Fresh to strong northerly to westerly vinds; fair and very cold tonight and

TO BORDEN'S DISLOYAL

Man In Trenches Sees Through Tory Attempt To Divide the Country and Appeal to Prejudice and Passion—The Liberals Have B een Too Lenient.

"The papers I am reading tonight tell of Sir Wilfrid's visit to Toronto, and contain conjectures as to the Union Government that by now is no doubt an accomplished fact. I was sorry indeed to see so many of the Liberals leave the Old Chief, for while I am convinced that conscription is the proper and necessary measure, Borden's action in May in introducing it, and then asking Sir Wilfrid's help, shows that his real desire was to split the Liberal party rather than form a coalition, for he well knew that his actions were such as to prevent Sir Wilfrid, or any other self-respecting Liberal from entering the cabinet, at the time. Of course, the Liberal party made the great mistake, when they did not force course, the Liberal party made the great mistake, when they did not force the election at the time over the Kyte charges. Had that been done, and Liberal Government would have been in power today, and if conscription were introduced a campaign of education would have been carried on, that would have made Canada practically a unit on it, rather than being divided as today into two hostile camps. What the result will be I cannot from this distance see but it will no doubt be an occasion for an not from this distance see, but it will no doubt be an occasion for an appeal to prejudice and passion such as even Canada has never witnessed. The franchise bill and the method of recording the vote of the soldiers were, of course, bare-faced attempts to keep the present Gov-ernment in power, despite the wishes of the majority. I believe my mother and sister will have voted, and I know fufl well how they will

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations High. Low. Calgary ... - 6 -12 Clear.

JAMES L. TURNER DEAD. firm of Turner-McKeand, which was were: Highest, 20; lowest, 8 above.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—James L. Tur- Following were the highest and lowest ner, formerly senior partner in the temperatures recorded in London during among the first and best-known whole-sale grocery firms of this city, died aged 62 years.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 19; lowest, 13

ATTEND GREAT LABOR-LIBERAL MEETING IN MASONIC HALL TONIGHT