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CANDIDATE MCCAULEY (North Bruce)

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W. J. W. H. H.

I am a new man and have not much to say. I agree with previous speakers in what they have said against coalition and extension, and I think that if our leaders will agree on a platform everything will be all right. In my opinion, Sir Wilfrid is the man to lead us.

CANDIDATE PARSONS (Haldimand)

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H. H. H.

I think it desirable to repeat for the benefit of our friends from Ottawa that owing to the speeches delivered by them in the House of Commons the people are at sea. They do not know where the Party stands, and consequently, they do not know what stand they themselves should take. I regard this talk about coercing Quebec as not only nonsensical, but dangerous in the highest degree. We should not talk about coercing anybody. That is not Liberalism. I want to win the war just as much as any man does, and I want to win the next election, and see my party returned to power. There is nothing inconsistent in these two things, but to accomplish them the men whom we have a right to regard as our leaders must set an example of unity by getting together.

CANDIDATE DUDLEY (East and West Northumberland),

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Perhaps the meeting will pardon me if, as the Father of a boy at the front, and as one who has been there himself, I dwell for a few minutes on the treatment I have received from the present Government.

pro cons.
anti union
partly H. H.

Mr. Dudley then went into a somewhat detailed recital of his being recalled, and sent from place to place without explanation, or reason^{given} for such conduct, and stated that even his Conservative friends admitted that he had been thus treated because he was a Liberal. Coming back to the purpose of the meeting Mr. Dudley said that he was in favour of Conscription, and opposed to a coalition, and to an extension, although he believed that the majority of the people in his County favoured a referendum.