

the invitation of the government. For the government to take advantage now of this patriotic disarmament, and suddenly attack them with a view to securing a party victory, would be even worse than firing on a flag of truce—it would be equivalent to one Ally treacherously firing on another.

Sir Wilfrid has pointed out that the signature of His Royal Highness, the Governor General, was obtained last session to an order, postponing the preparation of certain voters' lists, which postponement was tantamount to a pledge that there would be no general election before another session of parliament. Undoubtedly His Royal Highness knew perfectly what he was signing, and how it would be interpreted by the country. What His Royal Highness would prefer to do, under such circumstances, cannot be for a moment in doubt; but we have responsible government in Canada, and full responsibility for anything he does do in the matter will rest upon the shoulders of his ministers. In this case, they cannot escape an ounce of it; for the course of His Royal Highness will be beyond conjecture. But if they force him to dishonor his signature, they will have assumed a responsibility which only a very reckless government would dare to carry to the country.

Toronto World, (Conservative).

Surely there is no foundation for the rumors and talk that the Ottawa government intends dissolving parliament and making an appeal to the country. Surely we have enough of troubles on hand without unnecessarily adding to them that of party rancor.

All our energies, the energies of all our public men and of the people should now be consecrated to the one thing, that of saving our empire, our political freedom, our commercial future, the welfare of our country, our nationality. Could there ever be another contingent after such a disruption as a political struggle on the stump that must be based on recrimination, on charges of disloyalty, of inefficiency in office? It would put us out of all standing as a nation that had the instincts of British democracy.

We believe there are men who are canvassing this idea of throwing the people into such a turmoil as we dread, we trust that it will forthwith be made abundantly clear that the government at Ottawa have no such policy in hand no matter what individuals may seek for mere party reasons. All are for the state and nothing else.

Hamilton Herald—(Conservative).

If the Government were now to make an appeal to the country, it could not base its appeal upon its Naval policy. It is too late for Canada to give naval aid to the Empire in the present crisis, either in the way the Government proposed or in the way the Liberals proposed. That matter is not of present importance. Canada is helping the Empire in the

life-and-death conflict now in progress—and helping in the only way at her command. There is no division of opinion, so far as the political parties are concerned, on the question of military aid to the Empire. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the other Liberal leaders are not less heartily in favor of the measures already taken than the Government is. In the brief war-session of Parliament, the opposition cordially co-operated with the Government in all that was done to provide for the dispatching of Canadian troops to the scene of war. Considerations of party politics were for the time being thrust into the background, and while the Empire is imperilled this attitude should be maintained. We believe that this is the feeling of the vast majority of Canadians. It is not necessary for the Government to ask the people to endorse its war policy. The fact that that policy is also the policy of the Liberals makes formal endorsement at the polls unnecessary. And if the Government were to base an appeal to the constituencies upon the Naval policy, it would expose itself to the suspicion that it was merely endeavoring to utilize for partisan gain the present patriotic sentiment which prevails throughout the country. Such a suspicion would be justified.

DIARY OF THE MONTH.

1914.
October

- 1 HON. W. H. HEARST chosen PREMIER of ONTARIO, succeeding the late Sir James Whitney.
- 2 CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE sails for ENGLAND.
- 6 Government announces decision to mobilize SECOND CANADIAN CONTINGENT of 22,000 men, with reserves.
- 9 HON. GEORGE P. GRAHAM addresses public meeting at London Ont., speaking on the War and the duty of Canadian citizens.
- 12 GLOUCESTER COUNTY (N.B.) CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION at CARAQUET, nominates J. B. HACHEY. A. SEVIGNY, M. P. (Quebec) speaks on the "splendid record of the Borden Government".
- 13 MONCTON, N. B. CONSERVATIVE CLUB, annual meeting and election of officers.
- 14 EAST AND SOUTH GREY CONSERVATIVES meet at DUNDALK, ONT.; elected officers and organized for new constituency of SOUTH EAST-GREY.
- 14 ALBERT (N. B.) CONSERVATIVES meet and appoint delegates to general convention at St. John to nominate candidates for next general elections.
- 14 BATTLEFORD (SASK.) LIBERALS, in convention at Wilkie Sask., nominate JOHN BOWLAN of Macklin, Sask.
- 15 WINNIPEG CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION; ANNUAL MEETING, election of officers, etc..
- 19 HUMBOLDT, (Sask.) CONSERVATIVES, in convention at Lanigan, nominate HARVEY HEARN of Wadena, Sask.
- 20 HON. T. CHASE CASGRAIN enters Dominion Cabinet as POSTMASTER-GENERAL, vice HON. L. P. PELLETIER, resigned; HON. P. E. BLONDIN (Champlain), enters Dominion Cabinet as MINISTER OF INLAND REVENUE, vice HON. W. B. NANTEL (Terrebonne) appointed to Board of Railway Commissioners..
- 24 HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN, Solicitor General, principal speaker at CONSERVATIVE ORGANIZATION MEETING for new constituency of NORTH HURON at Wingham, Ont.
- 27 BEACONSFIELD, (N. B.) CONSERVATIVES meet and pass resolutions endorsing HON. J. D. HAZEN.
- 28 CONSERVATIVES of LENNOX and ADDINGTON meet at Napanee, Ont., nominating W. J. PAULL, M. P., the present member. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN, Solicitor General, chief speaker.
- 29 HUGH GUTHRIE, M. P. (Guelph) addresses LIBERALS of PARIS, ONT., on "Canada and the War".
- 29 BATTLEFORD, (Sask.) CONSERVATIVES in convention at Wilkie, nominate DR. J. A. ROUTLEDGE of Unity.

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