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PETITION AGAINST SIR EUGENE Fiset

Group of Rimouski Electors
Would Have Auguste Cote
as Candidate

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Rimouski, Aug. 5.—Contending that Sir Eugene Fiset, the Liberal standard-bearer in the coming by-election, had been knighted because he was in favor of Canada's participation in the Great War, and that he has not been the free choice of the Liberals of the constituency, a group of electors are circulating through the county a petition, which will be presented on Sunday next to Mr. Auguste Cote, an advocate, asking him to accept the official Liberal candidature.

The document, which is widely circulated throughout the county and is certainly meant to lead to a three-cornered fight, in which there will be two Liberals, reads as follows: "We undersigned men and women electors of the county of Rimouski, protest herewith against the imposed candidature of General Sir Eugene Fiset.

"Because we have fought for too many years for the revindication of our rights during the war, which has spread desolation among us, and which has taken away from our homes our sons and our brothers, and brought them to their death on the battlefield, while others were thrown in jails as conscripts.

"Because General Fiset, who today draws a pension of \$6,000 per year, was then deputy minister of militia and vice-president of the war council, and has co-operated in the carrying on of this nefarious work without resigning or protesting.

"Because General Fiset has so well carried on his work in favor of the war that he has been given the title of 'Sir' and other titles, and is paid a pension of \$500 per month.

"We the undersigned declare that we refuse to support the candidature of General Fiset."

The petition closes by requesting Mr. Cote, who was one of the two placed in nomination at the Liberal convention, to accept the post of standard-bearer. Some 4,000 signatures have been placed on the petition according to the information available.

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