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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until the purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

THAT WINNIPEG CONVENTION.

Determined to show Canadians that the machine made resolutions passed at the recent convention of Liberals held at Winnipeg, did not represent the true spirit of Western Liberalism, the Liberals of South Winnipeg held a meeting of their own on Tuesday, which is said to have been attended by several thousand voters. At that meeting they passed a series of resolutions strongly condemning the machine product of the larger convention. One of these resolutions will suffice to show what South Winnipeg Liberals think of the principle of compulsory military service. It is as follows:

"We therefore resolve that we will not support at the present crisis any leader who is not prepared to declare his acceptance of the principle of compulsory military service as well as the compulsory contribution of wealth."

At the Winnipeg convention an amendment to the alleged win the war resolution, pledging support to conscription, was offered by J. G. Turfitt, M. P. for Assiniboia, and voted down by the machine delegates. A few days ago, the Win the War League, in a letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, asked for his support of compulsory military service providing that the necessary number of men for the Canadian army could not be obtained by the voluntary system. Laurier refused to give the required assurance and therefore stands again revealed as an opponent of compulsion.

After the Winnipeg convention it was announced that the delegates in attendance were unanimously in favor of Sir Wilfrid Laurier as the one man who could solve the problems of the day. Following that announcement came another to the effect that the approval of Sir Wilfrid was by no means unanimous, and from the attitude of the South Winnipeg Liberals we are inclined to believe that the second statement was the truth.

The Manitoba Free Press, the largest and most influential Liberal newspaper west of the Great Lakes, boldly declares that the Winnipeg convention was captured by the Laurier machine, that the resolutions passed secured a majority only as the result of unceasing lobbying and that the convention was shamefully manipulated by the Laurier machine. The Free Press calls a "tammany junta" from Edmonton and Vancouver captured the convention with a cut and dried programme which had the direct approval of Sir Wilfrid and which was intended to turn the gathering into one great Laurier jollification.

Temporarily, the junta succeeded in its task, but the attitude of South Winnipeg Liberals indicates the real feeling of the West in regard to what was plainly a machine made gathering. As a matter of fact Western Liberals are farther from Laurier today than at any time since the conscription issue was first raised. All the machine made resolutions that can be drawn cannot hide the real feeling in the face of a verdict such as that delivered in South Winnipeg, which verdict has been endorsed by Hon. T. C. Norris, premier of Manitoba, and Hon. A. B. Hudson, his attorney-general. And it is particularly worthy of note that Hon. Mr. Hudson was chairman of the committee on resolutions at the machine gathering.

The more light is thrown on the Winnipeg gathering the more evidence there is to prove that it was a shamefully manipulated affair, unworthy of the best traditions of the Liberal party and certainly not representative of the real spirit of Western Liberalism.

THEY IGNORED SOLDIERS.

As exclusively announced in The Standard yesterday morning the Conservative government has cancelled the commissions of the issuers of marriage licenses in the city and hereafter will have but one such official, giving the appointment to Mr. John B. Jones. Given to one man the remuneration for the work is sufficient to aggregate a fairly good salary. Mr. Jones can fill the position satisfactorily and under ordinary circumstances The Standard would be well satisfied that he should have it. But there are no returned soldiers in St. John to whom that office could go? Previous criticism of the Conservative government's policy of rewarding its friends to the exclusion of the soldiers has been met with the reply that the jobs given either required special qualifications or did not carry sufficient salary to make them worth while, but that excuse cannot be urged in the present case. There are no special qualifications required of an issuer of mar-

riage licenses, and if the position is sufficiently remunerative for Mr. Jones it would be acceptable to many of the men who have done their bit for their country. The Standard does not blame Mr. Jones for accepting the office, but we do blame the government for not offering it to a returned soldier when it was decided to make the change.

CONCERNING MR. ROGERS.

The Ottawa Journal newspapers are generally regarded as safe Conservative publications. They do not hesitate to give credit where credit is due even though in following out such a course it may sometimes be necessary to praise a political opponent. Consequently the opinion of the Journal Press, the morning edition of the Journal papers, on the resignation of Hon. Robert Rogers is an interesting contribution to the mass of newspaper articles which will be written on this subject. The Journal Press says:

The most disappointed people in Canada over the resignation from the Borden Government of Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, will be those Liberal politicians who, over a period of years have amused themselves trying to break him. They had no desire to "break" Mr. Rogers, but they had an intense longing to "break" the Borden Government, and because Mr. Rogers had been rather intimately connected at one time with machine politics, they fancied he was a suitable instrument to this end. Thus, Mr. Rogers has been the victim of a disgraceful campaign of vilification, all the more disgraceful because the chief participants in it have been at one time and another, and mostly at the same time, just as intimately connected with machine politics as Mr. Rogers.

The very best that can be said for men like Hon. William P. Miller and Hon. Frank Oliver when they denounce Hon. Robert Rogers is that it is a case of the pot calling the kettle black. People acquainted with the regime of the machine politicians of the Laurier government have been able only to laugh at their attack upon Hon. Mr. Rogers and their aims of pious horror.

The campaign against Mr. Rogers was aided by the fact that the provincial government of Manitoba with which he was connected came to grief after he had left it for Ottawa, and that in the process of its disintegration, it was guilty of misdeeds in the hope of postponing defeat. These misdeeds the machine politicians opposed to the Borden Government tried to pin upon Mr. Rogers, and through a rather clever clouding of the mass of evidence, did for a time succeed. But when the evidence was carefully and dispassionately analysed by two impartial judicial minds, the mud on the reputation of Mr. Rogers was found to be only the splash from the provincial mess for which he was not responsible.

When Mr. Rogers came to Ottawa as a Minister in the Borden Government he did not renounce his political partnership as Sir Wilfrid Laurier has frequently said of himself, he was a party politician and always had been. But Mr. Rogers was a good administrator, and perhaps the big spendthrift of the government, but his control never had a more capable head; and the fact that his detractors have had to go back to ancient provincial history with which he was not rightly associated, is very strong proof that Mr. Rogers administered that department fairly and honestly.

One must confess that Hon. Mr. Rogers' presence in the Borden Government had recently been a source of exasperation to the Government; but it must also be admitted that the weakness was not due to sins of either omission or commission. Mr. Rogers had become a target for abuse, but without public confidence to an unusual degree in these stressful times, it cannot achieve for Canada that which it alone can achieve because of the impossible character of the only alternative, a Laurier government.

At the moment of writing we have not seen the correspondence between Hon. Mr. Rogers and the Prime Minister, but we prefer to believe that there was a mutual appreciation of the fact that it would be a patriotic duty for Hon. Mr. Rogers to sever his connection with the Borden Government for the reasons we have mentioned.

CANADA'S PART IN THE WAR.

The part Canada has already played in the great war is well told by figures published in an Ottawa exchange. They are as follows:
Enlistments in Canadian over-seas forces \$92,647
Active militia called out 9,053
Permanent force 2,470
Enlistments for Canadian navy 2,810

Sent to British naval service 1,600
Imperial mechanical transport service 1,200
Reservists from Canada 21,250

Total 434,529

Actually left country up to May 1, 1917 312,503
Still in Canada training 25,476
(In addition to 9,053 on guard duty and 1,470 of permanent force, making a total of 35,997).

Casualties among Canadians up to June, 1917 95,639
Prisoners of war 2,378
Saw service in France or the East 178,000
Workmen and inspectors on munitions work 304,000
Factories 630

Orders in 1917 (estimated) \$700,000,000
Advanced by Canada to secure these orders 250,000,000
Other orders executed by Canadian Government for the Allied nations 200,000,000
Disbursed by War Purchasing Commission for equipment and supplies for Canadian forces over 800,000,000

"UNWRITTEN LAW" CLEARS SLAYER

English Jury Frees Lieutenant Who Killed Seducer of His Wife.

London, Aug. 21.—The "unwritten law" whereby a man may kill his wife's seducer, was recognized by an English jury yesterday almost for the first time within the recollection of the English public.

"Justifiable homicide in self defence" was the verdict rendered by a London coroner's jury in the case of Lieutenant Douglas Malcolm, who shot and killed a foreigner, Anton Baumbach, styling himself "Count de Borch". Lieutenant Malcolm, who was a wealthy young merchant before the war, returned on leave from France and found his wife with the so-called count. He attacked the count and the latter challenged him to a duel, but the count ignored the challenge. Malcolm visited the count's London lodgings and other lodgers testified to hearing a struggle followed by a revolver shot. They found the "count" dead.

After leaving the premises, Malcolm surrendered to the first policeman he met. He testified before the coroner's jury relative to de Borch's actions, but did not suggest self defence in killing the man. Malcolm's wife admitted her delinquency.

It developed that de Borch was for a brief period in service with the officers' training corps, but that he was under police suspicion of being an international spy, and was listed by the police as a professional spy.

TEMPORARY CHANGE IN P. E. I. SERVICE

Steamer Northumberland Withdrawn for Repairs—Daily Trips from Pictou.

Yesterday there was a temporary change in the steamship service to Prince Edward Island, it having been found necessary to withdraw the S. S. Northumberland from the St. John's—Pictou—Charlottetown—P. E. I. leaving Pictou at 6:00 p. m. and arriving in Charlottetown at 10:00 p. m. The steamer will leave Charlottetown at 7:00 a. m. and arrive in Pictou at 11:15 a. m.

The train connection from the east for Pictou will be by Maritime Express, and from St. John by No. 10.

TEMISCAMING SHAREHOLDERS WILL MEET ON SEPTEMBER 6

Special to The Standard.
Toronto, Aug. 22.—The most important news of the day around the exchange was contained in a notice sent out by President Culver, calling a special meeting of the Temiscaming shareholders September 6. This special meeting is occasioned by request of the Morganstein interests.

The probability is that the Neely report on the condition of mine will be presented, and it is fairly well assured that a certain number of shareholders will not be satisfied with this finding, and will demand the appointment of another engineer for a more exhaustive examination of the property. On the street warning is given against falling too readily into the proxy campaign of the new interests that are dissatisfied with the present management. It is held that the directorate as it stands has made a success of the mine.

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Little Benny's Note Book.

The Park Ave. News.

Weather. Baths taken for pleasure as well as duty. Sports. The invisibles played the Park Wonders last Saturday afternoon, with the invisibles only had to make 7 more runs to tie the score when Artie Alexander went lobster, being the invisibles mascot, went and ate a park garden lunch and the park garden went and broke up the game. Artie Alexander being the only one that don't think lobster is a heck of a mascot.

Big Accident. A man with a red mustash and a fears expression had his foot run over by Lew Davies pushmobeel last Thursday before supper. Nobody wasent hurt, however, as Lew Davies escaped.

Pome by Skinny Martin. Impossible.

Reddy Merly had his picture took. Its apposed to look pritty but it isnat. On account of the photographer snapping it. Just as Reddy tried to look plesant.

Home made fudge, made pure and large, one sent a block. Agents wanted. Miss Maud Jensen and Lily Levy. Advertisement. Slesley Notes. A small party was gave by Miss Maud Jensen last Saturday nite to celebrate Miss Jensen getting over the measles. Lemonade and cake was had by all, and nobody started to go home till Miss Elizabeth Green offered to sing agen.

HILLSBORO

Hillsboro, Aug. 20.—Mrs. Charlie McWilliams has returned to her home in Moncton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowden Powell of Vancouver, B.C., are visiting relatives here.

Barge Ontario, Capt. G. I. McNamara, cleared from port this week for New York, with a cargo of gypsum for the American market.

Mrs. W. A. Patterson of St. John is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. E. McLaughlin.

Miss Anna Kallina of Montreal, Mass., is the guest of friends here.

Miss L. O'Shaughnessy is visiting with friends at Ferry, Maine.

Miss Violet and Alice O'Neill have returned to their home in Newcastle Bridge.

Miss Dora Kent and her niece, Margaret Galbraith, of St. John, are guests of Mrs. Mark O'Connor.

Miss Dora Lowthers who has recently completed a course at Moncton business college, has secured a position in the Moncton government offices.

Miss Frances Colpitts of Moncton is the guest of friends here.

B. F. Burlew has returned to New York.

Mrs. (Dr.) James Manning of St. John is the guest of Miss Ruby Bishop.

Mrs. J. L. Lister and Mrs. S. E. West are visiting with friends in Montreal.

Miss Helen Edgett has returned from a visit with Amherst friends.

Miss Josephine McLachly of Moncton and her friend, Miss Eleanor Adams, Ph.D., of Cincinnati, Ohio, have been guests of Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Dash.

P. J. Daley of Elgin has been in Hillsboro the guest of friends during the week.

Misses Ina Steeves and Marie Collins are visiting in Albert and Albert Mines.

Mrs. Watson H. Steeves is visiting in Moncton.

Mrs. Roy Larsen has returned from Port Elgin.

Rev. David Jenkins of Welsford was in town this week.

CHICAGO PRODUCE

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)

Chicago, Aug. 22.—Wheat, No. 2 red, 2.21 to 2.22; No. 3 red, 2.13 to 2.15; No. 2 hard, 2.26 to 2.27; No. 3 hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 1.80 to 1.80½; No. 3 yellow, 1.78½ to 1.80; No. 4 yellow, nominal.

Oats—No. 3 white, 53½ to 55; standard, 53½ to 55.

Rye—No. 2, 1.75 to 1.76.

Barley—1.05 to 1.20.

Timothy—4.30 to 4.50.

Clover—14.00 to 18.00.

Lard—22.90 to 22.95.

Ribs—23.33 to 23.52.

Wheat.

High Low

Sept. 210 204

May 107 105½

Dec. 108½ 106½

Oct. 57½ 56½

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Perk.

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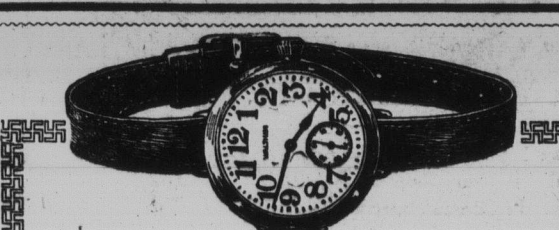
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