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### CANADA MUST WAKE UP

More men are needed for the British armies. The need is urgent. The call has been sent forth from official headquarters. In Britain more men are to be taken for the army and their places filled by women. Sir William Robertson declares that the service of every man and woman must be utilized to the fullest extent. He says further: "We want more men and we want them now, and eventually we shall want all who can be spared."

What has this to do with Canada? The answer is that Canada has fewer men in her expeditionary ranks than she had two months ago, and that the number of casualties last month was greater than the number of recruits.

Well, what about Quebec? some one asks. The question is easily answered. No able-bodied man, fit and free to go in any part of Canada, can shoulder off upon Quebec his personal responsibility for the defence of his country. The minister any eligible man points his finger at Quebec he invites the pertinent question: "How about yourself? Are you going?"

Let it be granted that Quebec has not done as well in proportion to population as the other provinces. The same is true of the maritime provinces when compared with Ontario and the west. We can never get anywhere by recrimination and abuse. There are local battalions to be filled. Whatever there may be calling for criticism in this or that direction is nothing compared with the urgent need of filling the gaps in the ranks. The chief business of Canada today is war, and the war must be fought to a finish if it takes every man of military age.

### SIR WILFRID LAURIER

At the outbreak of the war Sir Wilfrid Laurier pledged his support and the support of his party to the Borden government in whatever measures and whatever expenditures were necessary to enable Canada to give her full measure of support to the British cause. That support has been given heartily for more than two years. There has been perfectly justifiable criticism of the government from time to time, but never a suggestion that either men or money should be withheld. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has taken an active part in the recruiting campaign in the province of Quebec, and Liberals everywhere, though they were not blind to the fact that gross government and its officials all over the country, gave their sons and their influence and their money to uphold the honor of Canada.

These statements are indisputable. And now, in the third year of the war, the basic element of the government press is pouring its venom upon the honored head of the Liberal leader, charging him with responsibility for the partial failure of recruiting in Quebec province. It is a thing for which Sir Wilfrid Laurier should hang his head in shame. He knows who are responsible for whatever indifference there is in Quebec province to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's appeals. The Nationalists are responsible. And who are the Nationalists? Several of them have been or are members of the Borden cabinet. Their leaders are Bourassa and Lavergne, the latter of whom boasts that he named members of the Borden cabinet and could himself have been a member.

What have Borden and his Nationalist colleagues done to stimulate recruiting in Quebec? How many speeches have they made? What evidence have they given that they desire to cooperate with Sir Wilfrid Laurier in arousing a new interest in recruiting in the province—or in any province?

Does Sir Robert Borden believe that by turning his yellow press loose upon the honored leader of the Liberal party he will serve the cause of Canada and the Empire? It is safe to say that Sir Sam Hughes has done more to injure the cause of recruiting, by his repeated assertions that there would be no difficulty in getting all the men needed, than could be offset by the most earnest appeals of recruiting committees all over the country.

Happily for Canada the Liberal leader and his party are broad enough to disregard the attacks made upon them. They will not less earnestly appeal for men and for the full performance of Canada's duty in the war. Had Sir Robert Borden been broad enough at the outset of the war to declare that he stood as the leader of all Canada, and that so far as he was concerned partisanship was to be thrown aside until the war ended, a very different story would have been written, and Canada today would not be humiliated by the knowledge that she has less men in the ranks of her army than she had two months ago.

Let the responsibility be placed where it belongs. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is entirely blameless in the matter.

The Serbians have regained some more of their own territory from the enemy, the Romanians have gained further success in Dobruja and also in Transylvania. Altogether the Balkan situation appears more favorable for the allies.

### MR. THOMAS ADAMS

A visit to St. John by Mr. Thomas Adams, town planning expert for the Commission of Conservation, is always welcome, and it will be more so next week because he comes to spend the week in conference with the Town Planning Commission. St. John's town plan is to be considered and a beginning made of the work necessary to make it of practical benefit. This is the first Canadian city to have a comprehensive town-plan, although Nova Scotia leads in the adoption of a general town-planning act, which is described by Mr. Adams as the best yet enacted. When the war is over the questions of town-planning, better housing and better streets, with provision for recreation centres and playgrounds, will be of new importance, for an active period of civic growth may be expected within a reasonable period after the termination of hostilities. The questions of public health and public recreation have assumed a new importance in cities everywhere during the last few years, and they will continue to attract an increasing degree of attention. A proper town plan lies at the base of successful civic development, and there are few living men who have a wider knowledge or finer appreciation of the subject than Mr. Adams. He is much in demand in American cities, where his addresses have attracted a great deal of attention among people interested in better town-planning. But Mr. Adams is also a good-roads enthusiast and what he may have to say on that subject is certain to be not only of interest but of practical value in a city and province where the bad state of the roads has become a subject of the most lively discussion. The rule to apply in the case of Mr. Adams is this: When you get hold of a man who has practical information to give, get as much of it as possible and try to make use of it in a practical way.

### UNCLE SAM'S TROUBLES

The United States does not enjoy responsible government. If President Wilson were defeated in November he would still be president until March, and the remarkable situation in which this would give rise is thus explained by the Springfield Republican: "The immediate result of Wilson's defeat would be chaos in our diplomacy for no less than four months after election. A president is elected by the people in November, but no president takes office until the following March. Defeat Wilson and the White House throughout the coming winter might as well be a marble tomb so far as its occupant's influence with any of the beligerents or any of the foreign powers is concerned. No precedent for such a situation can be found in our diplomatic history. There never was such a war before; never in any previous war abroad has it been so important as in this that the diplomacy of the United States government should not be utterly paralyzed for a period of one-third of a year while a defeated president waited for his successor to assume the responsibilities of office. Had there been no issue raised as to the government's foreign policy, such an embarrassment would not necessarily arise in case of a change of presidents were decreed, but in this instance we could not escape a confusion of possibly deadly significance, because Mr. Wilson as president could not go to his successor for instructions, nor would that successor suffer himself to assume responsibilities in the slightest degree before he possessed himself of the realities of power."

The Springfield Republican, ignoring its own name, or regarding it in a broad sense, is a supporter of Wilson, and it conjures up grave foreign complications as certain to follow the election of Hughes to the presidency. It is surely a humiliating situation. The people are told that they must not elect the man they may possibly want, because after they did it he would be helpless for four months in a critical period of the nation's history. We do much better in Canada.

Germany is said to be short of guns, aeroplanes, and war materials. Let us hope the report is true.

The drive toward Constantinople does not appear to have been more than a faint. The Roumanian army that invaded Bulgaria is said to have withdrawn.

### A NOTABLE BATTALION.

(Moncton Transcript.)  
One of the battalions which recently visited Moncton had a formation that could do any city justice. This battalion was recruited in Medicine Hat. The men were of a noticeable physique, and on the final medical examination only twenty men were turned down by the medical board. The unit visited Moncton with an almost complete officer commanding, Lt.-Col. Nelson Spencer, was a former New Brunswick mayor, attracted command of Medicine Hat and a member for the province of Alberta. Besides the mayor, many other city officials enlisted, including the city clerk, treasurer, assessor, cashier, one of the aldermen, chief of police, storekeeper, auditor, one of the city's engineers, park superintendent, besides representatives of the city's carpenters, firemen and other branches of the city work. A city boasting of this honor roll would certainly deserve a place among the red spots on the map.

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"Are any noted actresses in the company?"  
"Really, I did not notice."  
"Strange! What was the play?"  
"The play was—let me see. Too bad! I forgot to look at the programme."  
"You don't know what the play was?"  
"No. You see, I was with a theatre party."

"Was the public dinner you went to a success?"  
"It was the best dinner I ever attended. Every speaker who was down for a speech on the programme had something to say."

He—Was your father very angry when you told him of our engagement?  
She—Not particularly. He said he had been rather fortunate in the Stock Market of late and figured it was about time for his luck to turn.

### NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS

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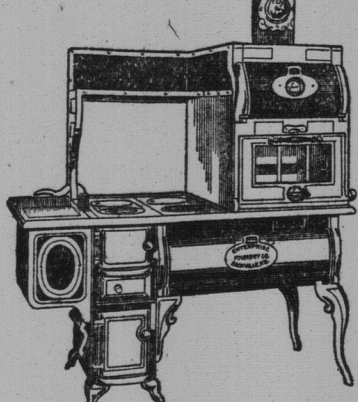
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### SIR WILFRID'S PLEA

#### FOR CONCILIATION

(From Montreal speech.)

"These problems, gentlemen, are of great importance, assuredly, but there is also another which is perhaps more agonizing at this moment at least, that is the future of our country from the point of view of the relations between the different elements composing our population. It is evident that amongst these elements there is at the present time some friction, some misunderstanding. There is nothing new in this. These conditions are periodical amongst us. They date back then to the time of the constitution of 1841, after the rebellion of 1837 and 1838."

"But there then rose up a man who, by his goodness, his moderation, his tact, and his judgment, became the savior, not only of his race, but of the whole country, that man was the one whom you have honored by giving his name to one of your most beautiful parks, that is Louis Hippolyte Lafontaine. It was he who lifted up his country, bleeding as she was from the wounds received in the rebellion and the reprisals which followed it. It was he who placed her on her feet, dressed her wounds, restored her dignity. It was he, finally, who opened a new highway in making appeal to all good will amongst all the races, which appeal has brought the country to the high position which it occupies at the present time."

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"Gentlemen, do you believe that Lafontaine, no matter how strong he was, could obtain this result by his own efforts? Do you believe that if he had been alone at the head of a minority he could do what he did? No. If Lafontaine was able to accomplish the reforms which he did accomplish and draw his country out of the unfortunate position into which she had fallen and make her enter upon a new era, he owed it to the co-operation, the help of Robert Baldwin and of the Liberals of Upper Canada. If Lafontaine had said at that time: 'No, we want no conciliation, no alliance. We want all or nothing; what would have happened? If Lafontaine had taken that stand, God knows what would have happened, but I know that we would not be today the free race that we are.'

"The constitution of 1841 was full of defects. It was unjust on many points, contained glaring injustices, and there were not lacking men, even the most eminent, who told Mr. Lafontaine that he ought to accept it. He did not follow this advice. He did accept it, and with the help of Baldwin and the Liberals of Upper Canada he drew out of it unhelped for results. In fact of following this line of conduct Lafontaine had said: 'No conciliation, no alliance, everything or nothing; what would have happened? The reply is easy. We have had the proof of it in recent events.'

### No More Corns

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"If Lafontaine had followed this line of conduct there would have happened what most always happens in cases like that. If a minority—mark well my words, my compatriots of the French tongue, my compatriots of all races—if a minority takes for its motto, 'No conciliation, no alliance, nothing, nothing, nothing,' the results will always be the same, nothing, nothing, nothing."

"Here is the lesson which we should draw from the life of the illustrious man L. H. Lafontaine. It is a lesson which we must follow. Like him, let us remember that there is no absolute right in this world, that the rights of each individual are limited by the rights of others. Following in his footsteps let us try, and on every occasion, for all time, to be firm in our purpose, moderate in the means of attaining and generous in the expression of our views."

"This, gentlemen, is the line of conduct which I have endeavored to follow from the first day I entered public life—and that is over 40 years ago—and this motto which I learned from him whom I consider as the greatest of all the Canadians, no matter to what race they belong, I have always put into practice, and if it is permitted to me to say, my fellow-citizens, if it be permitted me to use an expression which has become historic in this way, I will close by saying that I will follow this motto to the end, to the end, to the end."

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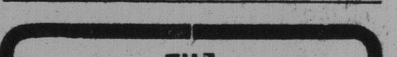
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