

ARE FARMERS TO BE EXEMPTED?

The announcement by Sir Robert Borden that farmers and farmer's sons would be granted exemption from service under the Military Service Act, backed up by the statement of the Minister of Militia that if the tribunals did not exempt them he would, is being interpreted as an effort to arrest for political purposes the tide in favor of Laurier in Quebec and to offset in rural constituencies elsewhere the growing impression of high-handedness on the part of the Government. In any case it strengthens the opinion that the Act is not for conscription but for exemption. It must be cold comfort for all young farmers who have offered themselves for the glory of their country to find now that all other of their own class are allowed to go scot free. And what about artisans and workers in munition factories whose votes the Government regards as generally in its favor? The answer is that after passing what the Government claimed was a measure fair to everybody the line of class distinction is drawn in favour of one and against the other. Why was the exemption of farmers not put in the Act in the first place? Have conditions changed in a month or two, or is the Government alarmed at the demonstrations made at rural meetings in favour of Laurier's candidates? These are questions that the average voter is asking.

HAS MR ROWELL BURIED HIS PRINCIPLES?

In 1915 Mr. Rowell said the German settlers in Canada were loyal citizens, to-day he is assisting in the enforcement of an Act which stamps them as disloyal.

"Canada, like the American Republic to the south, has thrown open its doors to men of all European races. Some of the first German settlers came to this continent after the revolution of '48, to find an asylum and place of refuge from the persecutions in their own land, because they were lovers of liberty and of free government. They have been followed by thousands since that time, the majority of whom have probably come to better their material condition. Those who have come to us have entered into the life of our country and nation; they have been progressive, prosperous and law-abiding citizens. To-day, they and their sons share with those who came from Great Britain and other lands, and their descendants, the privileges and responsibilities of Canadian citizenship, and whatever may be the ties of sympathy and affection which bind them to the land of their fathers, they have frankly, fairly and honorably recognized the duties and responsibilities of Canadian citizenship." — *Mr. Rowell, Speaking at Kitchener, Ont. on November 18th, 1915.*

TORY ECONOMY.

For years Dr. Adam Shortt has been Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, drawing a salary of \$5,000 a year. Dr. Shortt was recently transferred to a position in the Archives Branch and the Hon. W. J. Roche, Minister of the Interior, appointed Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, vice Dr. Shortt. The salary, however, was changed, \$5,000 was not enough for Dr. Roche so the Government boosted it a thousand to \$6,000 a year. Then hear them preach economy and grind the soldier and his dependents down to the last cent

MILITARY VOTERS ACT.

F. B. Carvell speaking in the House of Commons on August 22nd, (see Hansard, page 5082):

"I have not had an opportunity of taking part in the discussion of this Bill, on account of absence; but going over it hurriedly this afternoon, it seems to me that paragraph 5 of section 8 is a very very serious departure from the recognized principles necessary in holding elections in Canada.

"It is an absolute violation of the principles of decency and honesty to allow a man under any circumstances to go around and take votes under conditions which he might say were all right, but under conditions in which there would be no opportunity of having anybody present to watch him. I hope the Minister will consider clause 5 very carefully and that he will either eliminate it or throw some protection around it, so that there cannot be any possibility of fraud."

To the Canadian Soldiers

"Vote for HERBERT HORSEY, INDEPENDENT LIBERAL candidate for PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY, ONTARIO, BY NAME in space for that purpose on ballot, as he stands for all round national service of every citizen of Canada to supply reinforcements of men to maintain your ranks and to keep up the greatest possible production of war supplies and necessities until victory is decisively won. The only certain way to have vote counted for MR. HORSEY IS TO WRITE HIS NAME PLAINLY UPON THE BALLOT PAPER."

Soldiers of Leeds and Brockville
Vote for Arthur C. Hardy

Avondale Farm

Opposed to the Borden
Government

Vote for a RESIDENT of your
OWN RIDING

Not for a Toronto intruder representing
The Big Interests and Pork Barons

If you want the Trusts and Pork Barons to rule, Vote Borden