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On Monday Comes OUR Opportunity to Aid OUR COMRADES in The Trenches

**There is One—and ONLY One—
Election Issue to be Considered
—SHALL WE SEND RE-
INFORCEMENTS TO THE
FRONT? If we shall aid
our Comrades, Vote
UNION. If we shall
DESERT our Com-
rades, Vote An-
other Way.**

The Soldiers' vote will play an important part in the approaching election. It is fitting that this should be so, since upon the issue of this election will depend so much that is not only of interest but of the most vital importance to the soldier. It is a wartime election, and the vote has been extended to the soldier because the question of providing adequate reinforcements bears directly upon the welfare of the soldier.

The coming election is unique in two respects. It is being fought upon one issue, AND ONE ONLY, —that of compulsory service by the selective draft system.

“Hold On” or—

There are no other issues, because no other issue is big enough to intrude itself, or be forced upon the consideration of men who are called upon to determine whether Canada is to hold her share of the line or drop out.

That is one of the unusual features of the campaign now in progress. The other is to be found in the disappearance (for the time

being, and in the face of this great issue) of the old political parties in Canada.

With the exception of a small section of the opposition party, which still maintains its position as an opponent of compulsory service, the two great political elements, so long divided in Canada, have coalesced for the carrying on of the war.

Opposition Wants Delay

It is pointed out by the Union Government that the suspension of the Military Service Act, pending a reference of the whole matter to the people, as proposed by the opposition, would involve a year's delay, during which time the Canadian Divisions, with their glorious record, would be unable to maintain their strength as a fighting force.

Prior to the reorganization of the Government on Union lines, the scale of pensions allowed to Canadian soldiers and their dependants was substantially increased, although the old scale was, as compared with pension rates in force elsewhere, a generous one.

“Union” Increased Allowance

Public sentiment in Canada favors the best treatment that can be given to the soldier, financially or otherwise, and the same spirit has found expression in the act of the government with regard to pensions. Within the past few days

the present Union Government has gone even further in announcing a liberal increase in the separation allowance paid to the dependants of soldiers on active service.

The fact that the new Government is representative of both of the old political parties, makes the

recognition of claims, in connection with separation allowances, a much easier matter than if the change was introduced by one political party and subjected to criticism from the other.

The soldiers' interest in the
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YOU YOURSELF will SOON be standing in his place: when that time comes you will be praying God that your “relief” may not be too late in coming up. NOW is your LAST—your ONLY—chance for ensuring that YOUR relief will be there.