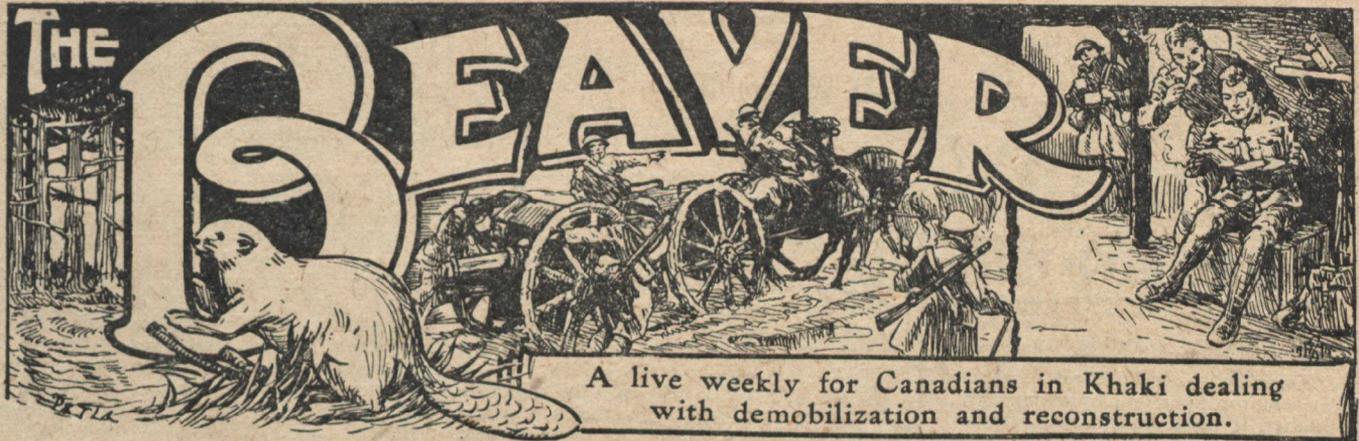


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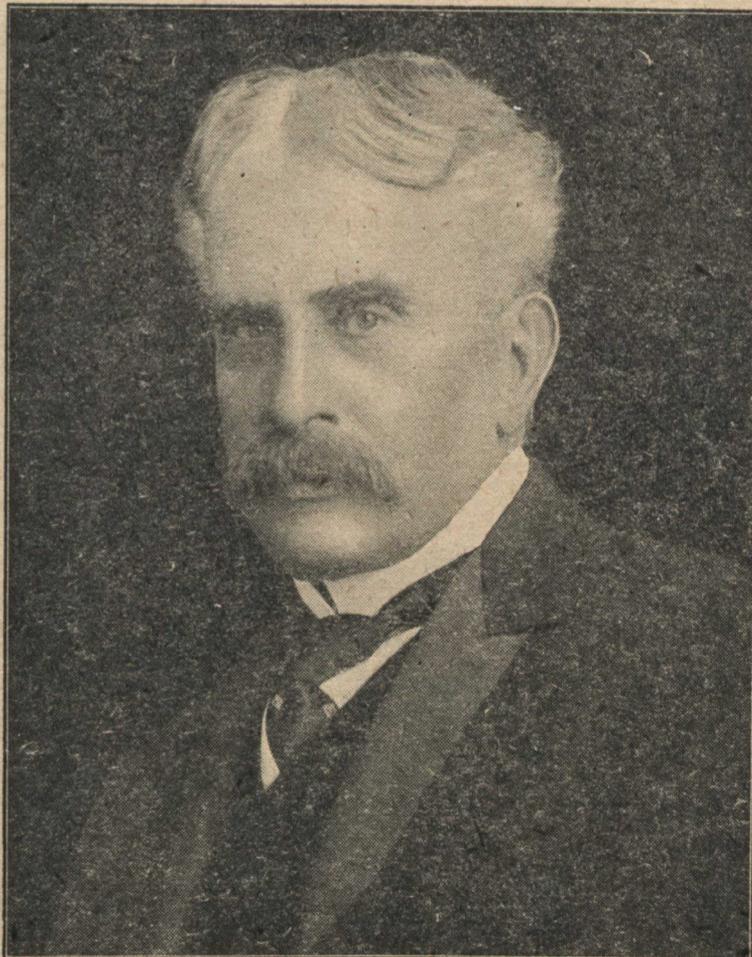
**S**IR ROBERT LAIRD BORDEN, Prime Minister of the Dominion, comes of U.E. Loyalist stock, and is therefore British to the backbone.

From a little village within the verge of the weald of Kent his forbears left for the new world in 1638. For a century and a quarter they lived in New England, but on the Declaration of Independence they followed the old flag to Canada, settling in Nova Scotia, where they have lived for a century and a half.

These intrepid colonists converted from a wilderness to a garden, the beautiful and fertile Annapolis Valley, and at the same time kept alive the New England spirit, the New England ideal, and the New England conscience, as well as the New England instinct of self-government. In this atmosphere the future Prime Minister grew up, and it explains, to a very large degree, his career.

Born at Grand Pre, in Evangeline's Country, after completing his studies in Canada and the States, he became a professor in Glenwood Institute, N.J., but returned to Canada, studied law and was called to the bar in 1878. He entered political life as member for Halifax. In 1911 he was called upon to form his first Cabinet. With prophetic vision he saw the war cloud, then not much bigger than a man's hand, in the European sky, and his first duty on taking office was to

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**THE RT. HON. SIR ROBERT L. BORDEN, P.C., G.C.M.G.**

**Who has arrived in London for the peace negotiations.**

present a Naval Bill for the creation of a Canadian Navy. "While the clouds are heavy," he said, "and we hear the booming of the distant thunder, and see the lightning flashes above the horizon, we cannot and we will not wait and deliberate until the impending storm is upon us in fury and with disaster."

The proposals for the Navy were not realised, and the Rainbow and Naobi comprised Canada's Grand Fleet when the storm burst. Immediately a conflict appeared to be imminent, Sir Robert offered, on Canada's behalf, "every possible aid in the event of war." That offer was "gratefully accepted" by the Imperial Government, and Canada's magnificent fighting force is the result.

Sir Robert is an outstanding figure among Overseas Ministers. His strenuous example and warm advocacy have helped Canada to take an active part in the world's war.

The formation of the present Coalition Government, and the sweeping majority with which the Conscription Bill proposals were carried raised Canada's oversea forces to 500,000.

Always a pioneer among the younger nations of the Empire, the name of Canada has during the war been lifted on to a higher plane, and now she takes her proud place among the nations of the earth, her generals and her fighting men holding their own with the finest troops in Europe.