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NO TIME FOR PARTISANSHIP

It is the duty of every man who gets a national service card to fill it out and return it to the government. The responsibility will then rest upon the government to make the national will effective. To do less than is asked might be held to justify in the eyes of the government Mr. Bennett's assertion that conscription now might mean civil war. Whether the people believe the return of the cards will be followed by any effective action or not they cannot do less, if they really want Canada to do her duty, than respond promptly to the new national service cards permit.

To be perfectly frank about it, nobody seems to expect definite action until there is a truly national and non-partisan government at Ottawa. The Montreal Financial Times, like Canadian Finance of Winnipeg, and other non-partisan journals, is very outspoken on this point. In its issue of Saturday it says: "We have not, we regret to say, the slightest expectation that next week's campaign will lead to any important advance in the direction of national efficiency for the war, or even to any real knowledge of the available man-power of the country and the extent to which it can be displaced and re-supplied. Nor have we found anybody, possessing a vestige of economic insight or business experience, who has any more cheerful expectations in regard to this amazing piece of voluntarism than we have."

The attitude of organized labor towards the whole affair was until Thursday at least uncompromisingly hostile; and all things considered, we do not know that that attitude is a matter for any great surprise. To have the right to the unhesitating support of Labor in the process of economic conscription (conscription to work though not to fight), a government must be able to present substantial claims to be regarded as a National Government. It must be much more than an aggregation of the local and national leaders of a single party. And it must show a positive and determined disposition to act as authoritatively and as exactly with Capital as it does with Labor. The present government is no more a national government than it was the day before the war. It is pretty well supplied, like all other Canadian governments, with representatives of various forms of Capital, but it has absolutely no representation from Labor. It has done nothing, and shows no desire to do anything to interfere with the absolute freedom of Capital to behave as it likes, except for a very moderate taxation scheme involving only that capital which is earning abnormal and excessive profits. Therefore it is not, in our opinion, at all surprising that Trades and Labor Councils all over Canada have been resolving that this Council calls upon the Trade Congress and its affiliated bodies to stand by the declaration against registration and conscription, and that a committee of seven be appointed as an anti-registration committee; and, be it further resolved, that the Trades and Labor Congress be requested to issue a circular to all its affiliated bodies calling upon them to support the resolution adopted at Vancouver and Toronto by opposing in every way possible the proposed registration.

On Thursday the representatives of organized labor, having been assured that the National Service scheme would not really do anything effective towards National Service; would not, that is, exact any compulsion on anybody to work for the state rather than to work, or loaf for his own pleasure, proceeded to "recommend" that union men fill in the cards "according to their conscientious opinion." We venture to predict that that "conscientious opinion" will not provide many affirmative answers to the question: "Would you be willing to change your present work for other necessary work at the same pay during the war?" There is a widely prevalent feeling that to answer "Yes" to this query means signing up a contract with the government and abdicating the precious right of labor not to labor if it doesn't want to. It ought to mean precisely that, or rather it ought not to be necessary for anybody to sign a paper to abdicate a right that may at the moment be dangerous to the state; but we feel confident that it does not really mean anything of the kind or indeed anything in particular at all.

The card campaign will go through next week, with the passive disaffection or active opposition of large numbers of the very people whose services are most needed. It will have very little effect on the economic organization of the country, but it may do some good by causing some Canadians to think. It is late in the day to start thinking about our economic organization during a great war, but better late than never.

This is remarkably plain talk, but not more so than that of Industrial Canada, which says in effect that the Ottawa government needs as a shaking up as was lately given to the British government. The situation is quite serious for partisanship. If Sir Robert Borden is not of that opinion he is not the man to lead Canada in this crisis.

Conservative papers in Canada are laying great emphasis upon the importance of Sir Robert Borden's attendance at the

proposed Imperial conference. As a matter of fact it is much more important that Sir Robert remain at home and organize this country for war, or give place to someone who can perform that urgent duty. It appears to be extremely doubtful if the premier of Australia will attend the Imperial conference, because he is more needed in Australia than in Canada. In Australia as in Canada, there is a demand for a truly national government, and negotiations are now said to be proceeding with a view to the formation of such a government, with a new war policy. In Canada the Conservative government appears to think it rules by Divine right, and its organs pay no heed whatever to the voice of the independent press and the financial journals which are calling for a truly national and non-partisan government. Apparently the government would throw the country into the turmoil of an election campaign rather than abandon the patronage committee and the profiteers. If this is really true, the sooner the elections are held the better, in order that leaders may be secured who will give the country a truly national government.

In the meantime, however, let every man fill out his national service card and return it, as an evidence that he is ready to respond at any time to the right sort of leadership in this crucial hour in Canada's history.

Lady Aberdeen is a welcome guest in St. John. During the period when she and her distinguished husband graced Rideau Hall by their presence they were deservedly popular throughout Canada; and since then, whenever occasion offered, they have shown themselves warm friends of Canada, and through their accurate knowledge of the conditions of life in this country they have been enabled to do it valued service. Lady Aberdeen's deep personal interest in all humanitarian movements entitle her to the kindly regard of men and women everywhere.

THE BAPTIST MINISTERS.

(Maritime Baptist.)

Rev. R. A. Barrow is meeting with much encouragement in his pastoral work at Eglis, N. B. A Christmas concert was held on Christmas night, and \$35.50 raised for purchase of new hymnals.

Our sympathy is extended to Pastor and Mrs. H. D. Worden, of Penfield, Charlotte, N. C. Their infant son, Chandler, nearly five months old, who died on Wednesday, December 19. This child was the third of seven children in this home who have been called in early years to enter into the eternal home.

Rev. J. B. Ganong, superintendent of home missions for New Brunswick, spent Sunday at Hillsborough assisting Pastor Schurman in a roll call service.

Major G. B. Cutten (we know him better as Dr. Cutten) has been advanced to the position of chief recruiting officer for Nova Scotia. We know no one better fitted for such a position. While he was doubted, disappointed in not being permitted to go to the front with his "boys," perhaps he can render an even larger service to his country through the work which now is assigned to him.

We have received tidings of the death of West Sumnerland, Emma B. Crawley, wife of Dr. Everett W. Sawyer. The many who know Mrs. Sawyer in Wolfville will learn with deep regret of her passing.

Rev. Frank O. Erb, Ph. D., pastor of the Free Street church, is meeting with the success to which his industry and ability entitle him.

Rev. W. R. Robins, pastor of the Ludlow street church, St. John West, received a pleasant surprise during the Christmas season, when the members of his congregation presented to him a purse of gold. He is now in his ninth year as pastor, and has been carrying efficiently the work of his pastorate he has given much time to social reform work, particularly in connection with the children of the city. He is grand scribe of the Sons of Temperance, and secretary of the Children's Aid Society.

Rev. J. M. Smith has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Yarmouth North (Millon) church. He will return to Port Rowan, Ont.

Rev. Gordon C. Warren, pastor of the church at Bridgetown, N. S., has been called to the pastorate of the Brunswick street church, Fredericton, N. B. Mr. Warren is but a young man, having graduated from Acadia in 1910.

At the closing of the Grammar School at Campbellton a few days ago two members of one of our Baptist families carried off two medals. Whitney Waters Stevens, now at the U. N. B., received the governor-general's medal for highest standing in the county for matriculation, and Miss Muriel Gray Stevens received the lieutenant-governor's medal for highest marks in High School entrance. She not only led the county, but the province, making 879 out of a possible 1,000. This young man and his sister are son and daughter of Deacon Isaac W. Stevens, of the Campbellton Baptist church.

GLOOMY OUTLOOK FOR PARTISANSHIP

(From the Kansas City Star)

It is a gloomy prospect for party organization that there is no hope to offer the voters but the old traditions and the memory of their fathers. The independent voter who clings to the party fence and has been ranging in pastures now is not to be wooed back on any easy terms. He has grown to like his freedom and there is every sign that he means to keep it. The party that hopes to win hereafter must capture this independent vote, and only the party that can make some claim of independence itself—that is independent of boss and time-worn policies and the dictation of special interest—can have any chance of capturing it.



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His Status
"Are you head of the family?"
"Not exactly," replied Mr. Meekton.
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Willie—"I guess my dad must have been a pretty bad boy."
Tommy—"What makes you think that?"
Willie—"Because he knows exactly what questions to ask me when he wants to know what I have been doing."

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Kind Friend (to composer, who has just played his newly-written revue masterpiece)—"Yes, I've always liked that little thing. Now play one of your own, won't you?"

Breaking the News
"Can you hear it if I tell you something serious?" ventured the young husband.
"Yes; don't keep anything from me," gasped the bride.
"Remember, this does not mean that my love for you is growing less."
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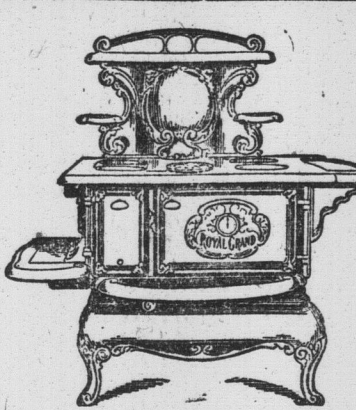
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Every person who has catarrh in any form should give this recipe a trial.

Painful Swollen Veins Quickly Relieved and Reduced

Mrs. R. M. Remner, of Federal, Kansas, writes an interesting account of her success in reducing a severe case of enlarged veins that should be encouraging to others similarly afflicted. She suffered with badly swollen and inflamed veins (in fact one had broken), for more than seven years before she became acquainted with "Aloesin" and used it. Besides carrying efficiently the work of his pastorate he has given much time to social reform work, particularly in connection with the children of the city. He is grand scribe of the Sons of Temperance, and secretary of the Children's Aid Society.

ENTITLED TO A NON-PARTY GOVERNMENT

(From the Toronto Star)

It is out of the question for Sir Robert Borden to expect that he can go on year after year receiving an extension of the life of parliament and of his administration at the hands of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal party if the use he proposes to make of that favor is to go right on conducting an out-and-out party government down to the smallest and meanest particular.

The party victory won in 1911 has been outlived. It is by virtue of the content of the opposition in parliament that the premiership of Sir Robert Borden at present continues, and the moment its existence became dependent on that content the country was entitled to a non-partisan administration. Only on the offer to furnish a national and non-partisan government should Sir Robert Borden ask or expect an extension of his period of office. On no other terms is he justified in asking it. Unless he volunteers to be, at this time, the leader, not of a party, but of the whole people, he has no right to expect the whole people to unite and confer on him that grant of further office and authority which his party cannot procure for him without the hazard of a general election.

MISSIONS AND THE WAR.

Missions and the Present Struggle was the subject of the sermons delivered last evening in the week of prayer services of the Evangelical Alliance of the Protestant churches. Rev. John Hardwick spoke of the Telemachus church group 1 churches, Rev. J. H. Jenner to group 2 at Carmarthen street Methodist church, Rev. P. H. Westworth to group 3 at the Carleton Methodist church, and Rev. F. S. Dowling to group 4 at St. Luke's.

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(Canadian Finance)

As a people we need still to be reminded of these things we have left undone. Frankly, there is reason for disappointment that the premier of Manitoba at last week's National Service meetings dwelt upon how much the west had done (inferentially compared with the east) than upon how much more Canada as a whole has still imperatively to do.

Would that every public man in Canada—and every full private too—could be got to read, with an earnestness akin to prayer, "Mr. Britling Sees It Through." Sir Robert Borden's message might then take on a more ringing note. Nothing more meaningful, so inciting to constructive analysis, as this novel has been evolved by the war. In reading it others may find themselves—as H. G. Wells has manifested found himself in the writing of it.

Months of war have lengthened into years and still (as Mr. Britling only too clearly found in Britain after the first months of that conflict) "We do struggle confusedly, with pitiful leaders and infinite waste and endless delay." Still there prevail "our indisciplines and our tricks."

Nor have we left behind us the time when "the politician still intrigued," nor altogether passed from the condition of "the ineffectives still directing." What the crisis calls for is that we should "reason out the possible methods of government that would give a stabler, saner control."

Like Mr. Britling, we must "believe still in democracy," but, like him, we are realising more and more that "democracy has yet to discover its method. It has to take hold of the consciences of men, it has to equip itself with still informed organizations."

Only a non-partisan national government will dare deal effectively with the urgent problems of national service. The majority of those who have heard Mr. B. Bennett outline the government's "Fryon-glass-kind-sir plan for a voluntary card indexing of the Dominion's man power must have been struck with incidental signs of his own impotence at it.

Unless backed by real authority in the making, two million question cards distributed through the mails will have as much practical effect upon the mobilizing of Canada's man power as the questionnaires contained in the "albums" of the early nineties. Or was it in the eighth that school girls in pig-tails asked one to fill out over his signature twenty or more blanks as to favorite flower, prettiest poem and such like all-important vital statistics?

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