

Nationalism of Le Devoir, of Messrs. Bourassa and Lavergne more disloyal today than that of Messrs. Blondin and Patenaude yesterday?

Is it because Messrs. Lavergne and Bourassa and *Le Devoir* never suggested ripping the Union Jack to shreds, or because the true Nationalists stood by their creed rather than trade their principles for 'titles,' 'honors' and the cajoleries of a venal press?"

Lavergne Sticks to his Nationalism.

The true meaning of Nationalism was demonstrated in striking fashion by Armand Lavergne, the right hand man of Bourassa and the enthusiastic confrere of Messrs. Pelletier, Coderre, Blondin, Sevigny and Patenaude, when on November 2nd, he publicly refused the request of Major General Sir Sam Hughes that he should undertake the recruiting of a regiment for overseas service. The regiment was to be recruited at Montmagny, which place Mr. Lavergne represents in the Quebec Legislative Assembly, and he was to be the commanding officer.

In an open letter addressed to Sir Sam Hughes, Mr. Lavergne declines the proffered honor, explaining "As you know I am and always was opposed to the participation of Canada in the wars of the Empire. This principle which is not for me to discuss now, is my absolute conviction and consequently I cannot assume the responsibility of asking Canadians to take part in a war which is not solely for the defence of Canada."

Proceeding to declare that it is the duty of the government to recruit the troops as the government thinks that Canada should participate in the war, he points out that "the military law furnishes the means for filling the ranks" and concludes this reference to conscription by saying "If I was of opinion that Canada should take part in the war, I would not hesitate to favor conscription." He then goes on:

"During my public life that has always been the well-known policy of the Nationalist party to which I belong, and I have seen the same principles shared in and defended with force, talent and conviction by numbers of people past and present, among them Hon. Mr. Monk, who remained faithful to them to his death, and Messrs. L. P. Pelletier, B. Nantel, Louis Coderre and the new Minister of Inland Revenue, Mr. E. Patenaude."

DIARY OF THE MONTH.

1915.
October.

- 1 **DAVIDSON COMMISSION** on War Contracts opens Submarine enquiry at Victoria, B.C.
- 2 **HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN**, Solicitor-General of Canada, sworn in at Ottawa as Privy Councillor, becoming member of cabinet without portfolio.
CARIBOO (B.C.) LIBERALS, in convention at Ashcroft, nominate **HON. JOSEPH MARTIN** of Vancouver.
Manitoba Government appoints Chief Justice Mathers as commissioner to investigate contract for new Law Courts in Winnipeg.
- 4 **NORTH TORONTO, (Ont.) CONSERVATIVES**, annual meeting, election of officers, etc.
BAGOT, (Que.) LIBERALS, in convention at St. Liboire, nominate the sitting member, **J. E. MARCILE, M.P.** Convention addressed by **HON. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX** and others.
- 6 **E. L. PATENAUDE, (M.L.A. LaPrairie, Que.)** sworn in as **MINISTER OF INLAND REVENUE**. **HON. P. E. BLONDIN** transferred from Ministry of Inland Revenue to that of **SECRETARY OF STATE**, succeeding **HON. LOUIS CODERRE**, appointed Judge of Superior Court of Quebec.
Dr. R. G. Brett, Banff, Alta., appointed Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, succeeding Lieut. Gov. Bulyea, term expired; Richard S. Lake, QuAppelle, former M.P., appointed Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, succeeding Lieut. Gov. Brown, term expired.
- 7 **SIR ROBERT BORDEN** at Valcartier.
HON. W. T. WHITE addresses Board of Trade, Toronto.
- 8 Preliminary hearing of Manitoba Ex-ministers, Sir Rodmond Roblin, Messrs. Coldwell, Montague and Howden, concluded at Winnipeg. Accused committed for trial on charge of conspiring to defraud.
HOCHELAGA, (Que.) CONSERVATIVES formally tender nomination for vacancy created by resignation of Hon. Mr. Coderre to **HON. E. L. PATENAUDE**. Meeting addressed by Hon. Messrs. Doherty, Casgrain, Blondin and Sevigny.
DAVIDSON COMMISSION at Vancouver, B.C.
- 10 **HON. T. C. CASGRAIN** at Cabano and Notre Dame du Lac, Que.
- 11 **SIR SAM HUGHES** at Alexandria, (Glengarry County) Ont.
- 12 **SIR SAM HUGHES** at London and Galt, Ont.
- 12 **HON. G. P. GRAHAM**, recruiting address at Peterboro, Ont.
- 14 **HON. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX** before Montefiore Club, Montreal, address on "The Aftermath of the War."
WESTMINSTER DISTRICT, (B.C.) (New riding) CONSERVATIVES. Organization meeting at Chilliwack.
- 15 **HON. E. L. PATENAUDE**, Minister of Inland Revenue, declared elected by acclamation for **HOCHELAGA, Que.**
- 16 Hon. David MacKeen, (Senator) appointed Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, succeeding Lieut. Gov. McGregor, term expired.
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION appointed by Government, consisting of **SENATOR LOUGHEED** (Chairman), St. J. B. Roland (Montreal), W. Smith, M.P. (South Ontario), Dr. J. G. Rutherford, J. C. Watters (Pres. Dominion Trades & Labor Council), William Farrell (Victoria, B.C.), E. N. Hopkins (Moose Jaw, Sask.), J. W. Flavell (Toronto), Senator W. B. Ross (Middleton, N.S.).
- 17 **HON. T. CHASE CASGRAIN** and **HON. E. L. PATENAUDE** at Hebertville, Que.
- 19 **SIR ROBERT BORDEN** at St. John, N.B.
- 20 **SIR ROBERT BORDEN** at Halifax, N.S., laying corner stone of new Ocean Terminals.
SIR SAM HUGHES at **CANADIAN CLUB**, Ottawa.
SIR GEORGE FOSTER at recruiting meeting, Chatham, Ont.
DAVIDSON COMMISSION at Regina, Sask.
- 21 **SIR ROBERT BORDEN** at Halifax, public meeting.
Winnipeg Conservative Association, annual meeting.
Ottawa Reform Association, annual meeting.
- 22 **HON. J. D. HAZEN** at Bathurst, N.B., inspecting harbor work.
BURRARD, (B.C.) LIBERALS, annual meeting; nomination of candidate deferred.
- 23 **HON. E. L. PATENAUDE** at St. Henri, (Hochelaga).
- 24 **HON. E. L. PATENAUDE** at LaPrairie, Que.
- 25 **DAVIDSON COMMISSION** at Winnipeg.
SIR SAM HUGHES at Toronto (Arena).
- 30 **HON. E. L. PATENAUDE** at St. Louis de Mile End, Que.
- 31 **HON. E. L. PATENAUDE** at St. Jerome, political demonstration under patronage of Conservative Association of Terrebonne.

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