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called to select a candidate to support a National government, and, prior to the convention, I was assured both from friends at Ottawa and Toronto that Sir Robert Borden would be able to form a National government, and that he would be able to get a number of Liberals in his cabinet to represent the Liberal party.

"It seems to me now abundantly clear that such a programme is impossible. Press reports and private information agree that neither the Liberal party nor any influential section of it, will join in Sir Robert's plans, and, while Sir Robert may yet succeed in getting some Liberals to come into his cabinet, they will not be there as representatives of their party, but solely as nominees of Sir Robert Borden. While this may be an improvement upon the old order of things, it is not what I was nominated to support, and I can see that it is not such a move as can prevent a straight party fight, and I made it plain, I think, to the convention that I had no intention of entering, and would not enter upon a straight party fight."

"I have canvassed the situation carefully amongst my Liberal supporters and Conservative supporters as well. It is plain that the whole Liberal organization is behind Mr. McColg for a straight party fight, and no alternative is left to me, should I stay in the fight, than to make use, if I could, of the Conservative organization. That I never have and have not now any intention of it, as it must have then got down to a straight party fight, and I have never subscribed to nor accepted that programme."

"I therefore wish to notify you that I must withdraw my candidature, and leave it to you to call another convention or take such other steps as you see fit. I cannot possibly remain in the field under these circumstances. Will you please make this public at your earliest opportunity."

Yours truly,
(Signed) "J. G. KERR"

Liberals everywhere are nominating a splendid type of candidate to support Sir Wilfrid Laurier's new win-the-war government to be formed within three months or so.

In East Lambton, Ont., last week, the Liberals held an enthusiastic convention. Major C. O. Fairbank, just back from the front on leave, was unanimously tendered the nomination, but being still on active service was forced to decline. He strongly attacked the unscrupulous Tory party for insulting by terming himself and other Liberals as "disloyal." Ultimately Neil McDougall, school inspector, was nominated. The convention declared its faith in Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and on the question of conscription called upon all citizens to loyally obey the law of the land as urged by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. There were some other interesting features in the report of the nominating convention, as follows:

The next most important demand upon Canada to that of sending men to represent Canada at the front was food production. "What has the Borden government done to encourage food production?" asked Mr. Pettypiece, a conscriptionist Liberal editor. "It has taxed the farmers of Canada \$700,000 in duties during the last four fiscal years on plows coming into Canada, while a million and a half dollars in drawbacks have been given to the implement manufacturers on raw material imported."

"Our leader is in a very difficult position today," said Robert Stirling, of Petrolia, who also declined the nomination. "Crucified in Quebec as a supporter of the Conscription Act and crucified in Ontario as an opponent of it, Sir Wilfrid is misrepresented in both provinces."

Blake Miller of Aylmer said he came from East Elgin to tell the Liberals of East Lambton that in his constituency



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Ontario Liberals Rally To Laurier

They Resent Charge of Disloyalty—J. G. Kerr's Striking Letter Explaining His Withdrawal in West Kent

(Moncton Transcript)

From information received and observations made, The Transcript is convinced that the political surprise of the general elections will be furnished by Ontario.

The situation in Ontario is disturbing to the Conservatives. They thought it was safe, but they find that is not so. The high cost of living overshadows the conscription issue—if it be an issue—in importance, and especially so with the women's vote. There is a peril there upon which the Tory politicians, not as a rule the purchasers for the dining or breakfast or supper table had overlooked or miscalculated. The situation is so desperate that a win-the-war candidate, who was nominated a week or so ago, has resigned, admitting the outlook is hopeless.

Major J. G. Kerr, who was so nominated as a winner, against A. B. McColg in West Kent, backs out in the following letter to the chairman of the convention:

Chatham, Ont., Sept. 15, 1917.

"My Dear Mr. Austin:—In view of the development at Ottawa since my nomination, I have had to carefully reconsider my position as a candidate in the approaching election, and have come to the conclusion that it is an impossible one, and that I cannot maintain it any longer."

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Sir Wilfrid Laurier was not discredited, Dr. J. H. Pickering, of Aylmer, also spoke in high terms of Sir Wilfrid. "He is so high above those who are accusing Liberals of disloyalty that they cannot see him," he said.

"All the hypocritical talk of Sir Joseph Flavelle and Sir Clifford Sifton and that bunch which is bleeding the country white will not make me yield my support for the grand old Liberal chief," declared Dr. Pickering. "The big interests," he said, "have even wound their tentacles around the press of the country until there is not a decent Liberal paper left."

Rev. Neil Campbell, of Inwood, said he was sure that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, if returned to power, would go back with a plan to fill the trenches with men.

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