

WHOM DOES *the* NATION NEED?

First Shots at the Selection of Strong Canadians Worthy to be Included in Any National Cabinet Capable of Giving This Country the Government it Deserves. Four Out of the Six Chosen as They Came in the Mails Nominate Dr. Michael Clark Who Failed to Get His Party Nomination at Red Deer

1. I believe that Michael Clark should be a member of any Canadian Cabinet able to give this country the government it deserves. I would add also, Borden, White, Foster, Meighen, Cochrane, Crerar, Currie, Pitblado, Hudson, George Bury (C.P.R.), White (Montreal, late Customs Officer), Hugh Guthrie.

Sir Robert Borden, Sir Thos. White, Sir George Foster, Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. Frank Cochrane I would leave in the positions occupied by them to-day. Here are my reasons for picking the others:

T. A. Crerar (Grain Growers, Ltd.)—A big man in every way, as will be proved within the next ten years.

Col. Currie—I leave him in on his record.

J. Pitblado (of Winnipeg)—Honest and open. Also a "Win the War" man.

Hon. A. B. Hudson (of Winnipeg)—Another man who puts his country first, in hour of need, before politics.

Sir George Bury (C.P.R.)—No remarks necessary.

White (of Montreal, late Customs Officer)—Give this man a trial. He is a Canadian of Canadians, well known and respected by all who come in contact with him. **New Blood, Sir.**

Hugh Guthrie—Let him stand on his record.

Last, but not least, I come to our old "war-horse," Michael Clark, of Red Deer, a man who helped largely to pass Conscription; forsaking his own party, to help the State. A true Britisher, and one of the men whose help

we really need. We can't afford to pass over a man of his calibre and honesty of purpose at the present time. Michael Clark reminds me of the poem "Horatius":

"Then none was for a party,

Then all were for the State;

Then the great man helped the poor,

And the poor man loved the great."

Now, Mr. Editor, I have never met "Red Michael," but I must say, I admire him, especially for his bulldog tenacity.

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2. I believe Sir Thomas Shaughnessy should be a member of any Canadian Cabinet able to give this country the government it deserves. I would add, also, Sir Lomer Gouin, Martin, of Saskatchewan, MacLean, of Halifax, Carvell, Kyte, Oliver, Laurier, Gouin.

B. J. GERIN, Grandmere, P. Q.

3. I believe that Hon. Clifford Sifton should be a member of any Canadian Cabinet able to give this country the government it deserves. I would add also N. W. Rowell, Michael Clark, W. J. Hanna, F. B. Carvell.

(Name not for publication).

Fort Francis, Ont.

4. I believe that Sir Wilfrid Laurier should be a prime member of any Canadian Cabinet,

able to give this country the government it deserves. I would add also, Rodolphe Lemieux, E. L. Patenaude, Sir Thomas White, Sydney Fisher, Meighen, Doherty, McLean, of Halifax, McDonald, of New Brunswick, Shaughnessy, of the C. P. R.

PAT NOLAN, of Toronto.
(Pen name).

5. I believe that Sir Robert Borden should be a member of any Canadian Cabinet able to give this country the government it deserves. I would add also, Sir Thos. White, Sir Geo. E. Foster, Hazen, Doherty, Sir Sam Hughes, Crothers, Sir Jas. Loughheed, Martin Burrell, Meighen, Sevigny, Rowell, Michael Clark, H. Currie, Carvell, F. K. McLean, Premier Murray, W. S. Fielding, Hon. T. C. Norris, Hon. J. A. Calder, Hon. C. W. Cross, H. C. Brewster.

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6. I believe that Sir Robert Borden should be a member of any Canadian Cabinet able to give this country the government it deserves. I would add also, R. B. Bennett, Sir Thos. White, Sir Sam Hughes, Dr. Clark (Red Deer), T. A. Crerar, Sir Geo. E. Foster, Sir Jas. Loughheed, Dr. S. G. Bland (Winnipeg), Blondin, Sevigny, Hugh Guthrie.

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A CAMPAIGN OF POPULAR INTEREST

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COMING down on a street-car this morning, a friend of the Editor was suddenly interested in a man whom he had never seen before. He became so much interested that he wondered the other man had not risen to ask him what he meant. It was all over a pair of trousers.



Five years ago the Editor's friend bought a grey tweed suit with an extra pair of trousers, one of which he still keeps for gardening overalls; the other pair he gave away to a washerwoman on behalf of her husband. In the three years during which the suit did service, the owner had never seen another like it. The destination of the odd pair of trousers, given away to the washerwoman's husband, he had entirely forgotten until this morning.

And the man on the street-car had them on. No mistake. The odds were a hundred to one. Here were two men who had never met before, and may never meet again, given a common interest in life by means of a pair of trousers. The Editor's friend was so much interested in

the other man that he felt like following him round town to trace him home again. Very likely if they had met they would have become friendly. Any two men who can wear the same pair of trousers should be able to overlook all ordinary points of difference for the sake of what they have in common.

And this trousers episode is mentioned here because it illustrates the sudden interest which thousands of people all over Canada take in the affairs of thousands of other people all over Canada, through the medium of a paper which covers the country. It's common interest that brings and holds a people together. Political doctrines and trade theories and vague sentiments about patriotism are all useless without the common national interest. Unless people know about one another they are not likely to be interested. The more they know the greater the interest. Week by week the interest in the Canadian Courier grows along with the circulation and the common knowledge that people are getting of one another and of various parts of the country. The local interests of one man may be as different from those of another 3,000 or even 300 miles away as the Editor's friend was different from the man who wore his trousers. The paper that goes into every kind of community of Canada is the common link of living interest that unites them.

There's no other way to do it so well. The one great reason for the Canadian Courier's existence is the interest it gives a great number of people in the communities of other people. The older the paper gets and the greater its circulation, the greater the interest.

