

The number of votes cast "Yes" or in favor of conscription was.....1,084,918  
 The number of votes cast "No" or against conscription was.....1,146,198  
 Thus it will be seen that a majority was recorded against conscription of..... 61,280

Probably in no country, and on no issue was ever such tremendous influence brought to bear upon the electorate, as was exerted in this Australian referendum on conscription. The leaders of both political parties were in favor of the principle. The churches irrespective of creed, united in their appeals for it. And yet the measure was defeated decisively. Comment, or reflection upon the people's decision is unnecessary.

Considering what Australia has done to assist in this great War, in supplying ships, equipping and sending forward her soldiers, the sacrifices at Gallipoli and in France, contributing her money for all necessary purposes, nobody can think for a moment

that her decision in this matter of conscription is due to indifference to the cause for which she, the Empire, and the Allies are fighting.

In view of the efforts that were made, of the pressure that was exerted by the political Leaders of the Commonwealth, and from outside by outstanding personalities, it is evident that the instinctive feeling of democracy against compulsion must have a tremendous hold upon the people there.

There is no more democratic country in the world than Australia. The people cherish free British institutions under which their Constitution is formed. They are a thinking people who reason and decide for themselves. When they rejected conscription they did so, because they felt it was the proper action to take in a free democratic country. They may also have resented what might well be considered as outside interference.

The whole Empire can well take a lesson from their decision.

DIARY OF THE MONTH.

October, 1916.

- October.
- 1 HON. E. L. PATENAUE at Conservative rally at Berthierville, Que. Other speakers were SENATOR BEAUBIEN, J. A. BARRETTE, M.P. (Berthier), and A. BELLEMARE, M.P. (Maskinonge).
- HON. P. E. BLONDIN at Ste. Genevieve de Batiscan, Que. Farewell meeting to P. E. LAMARCHE at Nicolet, Que. Addresses by Mr. Lamarche and H. Bourassa.
- 2 Meeting in interests of Roch Lanctot, M.P., at St. Remi.
- 3 NORTH TORONTO CONSERVATIVES elect officers.
- 3 HON. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX addressed recruiting meeting for Jewish Company at Montreal.
- 5 VANCOUVER, B.C. LIBERALS annual meeting addressed by Joseph Martin, M.P.
- 8 SIR SAM HUGHES arrived at Halifax from England.
- 8 Meeting at Drummondville, Que., addressed by SENATOR BEAUBIEN and others.
- Meeting at Quebec addressed by HON. T. C. CASGRAIN.
- Meeting at L'Assomption, Que., addressed by Oscar Gladu, P. A. Seguin, M.P. and others.
- 10 SIR GEORGE FOSTER at banquet in his honor at Winnipeg.
- 11 LIBERAL CLUB FEDERATION OF ONTARIO annual banquet at London. Addresses by SIR WILFRID LAURIER, N. W. ROWELL, K.C., HON. GEO. P. GRAHAM, S. W. JACOBS, K.C. and HON. T. C. NORRIS.
- 12 SIR WILFRID LAURIER addressed Women's Canadian Club, London, Ont.
- 13 Organization meeting of VERDUN (Que.) CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION, addressed by HON. C. J. DOHERTY and HON. E. L. PATENAUE.
- 14 REFORM CLUB OF MONTREAL luncheon in honor of HON. SYDNEY FISHER, addressed by MR. FISHER, HON. T. C. NORRIS, HON. W. S. FIELDING.
- 15 Meeting at Ottawa ("Education and Patriotism") presided over by SIR WILFRID LAURIER.
- Meeting at BEAUHARNOIS (Que.), addressed by HON. E. L. PATENAUE.
- Liberal rally at Vercheres, Que., addressed by J. L. Perron, K.C., Mr. Thibaudeau, K.C., A. Beaudry, M.L.A., and Oscar Gladu.
- 16 Liberals at Vaudreuil (Que.) addressed by G. BOYER, M.P., L. J. GAUTHIER, M.P., JOS. DEMERS, M.P. and others.
- 16 HON. WALTER SCOTT resigned Premiership of Saskatchewan. Meeting at L'Isle Bizard, Que., addressed by J. S. A. Ashby, M.P.P., D. A. Lafortune, K.C. and others.
- 18 HON. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX before University Club, Ottawa.
- 19 W. M. MARTIN, M.P. accepted Premiership of Saskatchewan.
- 20 MOOSE JAW (Sask.) LIBERALS in annual meeting, addressed by W. E. KNOWLES, M.P., HON. G. A. LANGLEY and HON. W. F. A. TURGEON.
- HOCHELAGA (Que.) LIBERALS form association at Ste. Cune-gonde. Addresses by Oscar Gladu and Severin Letourneau, M.P.P.
- 21 COL. HUGH CLARK, M.P. (North Bruce), appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary for External Affairs.
- 22 HON. P. E. BLONDIN at Grand Mere, Que.
- Meeting at Valleyfield (Que.) addressed by L. J. Papineau, M.P. (Beauharnois), Jos. Demers, M.P. (St. Johns), and Mr. Oscar Gladu.
- 24 SIR THOS. WHITE addressed Halifax Board of Trade.
- WESTMOUNT (Que.) CONSERVATIVES annual meeting.
- 26 OTTAWA REFORM ASSOCIATION, annual meeting, addressed by HON. SYDNEY FISHER, H. B. MCGIVERIN, ex-M.P., C. M. GODDARD and AUGUSTE LEMIEUX, K.C.
- 27 HUGH CLARK, M.P. (North Bruce), sworn in as Parliamentary Under-Secretary for External Affairs.
- 28 MONTREAL REFORM CLUB addressed by MR. F. B. CARVELL, M.P.
- LIBERALS of united counties of Montcalm-Assomption and of

- Two Mountains-Laval met at St. Jacques l'achigan and chose Federa candidates: P. A. SEGUIN, M.P. (Assomption) for former, and J. A. C. ETHIER, M.P. (Two Mountains) for latter.
- Meeting at St. Eustache (Que.), addressed by G. BOYER, M.P. (Vaudreuil) and others.
- 29 SIR GEORGE FOSTER addressed congregation St. James Methodist Church, Montreal.
- Conservative meeting at Vercheres (Que.), addressed by J. H. RAINVILLE, M.P., HON. T. C. CASGRAIN and HON. E. L. PATENAUE.
- 30 SIR GEORGE FOSTER addressed Canadian Club, Montreal.
- LACHINE (Que.) LIBERALS rally in honor of J. H. Ashby, M.L.A. Speeches by SENATOR CASGRAIN, SENATOR BOYER, D. A. LAFORTUNE, M.P. and J. A. C. ETHIER, M.P.

November, 1916

- November.
- 1 SIR WILFRID LAURIER addressed meeting at Convocation Hall, Toronto.
- SIR GEORGE PERLEY appointed Canadian Overseas Minister of Militia.
- 2 TODMORDEN (Ont.) CONSERVATIVES annual meeting.
- 3 HON. A. E. KEMP at Ward I, Conservative Association, Toronto.
- 5 HON. E. L. PATENAUE addressed meeting at St. Jean Chrysostome, Que.
- 6 SIR GEORGE FOSTER addressed Canadian Club, Toronto.
- HON. J. D. HAZEN addressed Board of Trade, St. John, N.B.
- 7 QUEBEC LEGISLATURE OPENED SESSION.
- SIR GEORGE FOSTER at Empire Club, Toronto.
- HON. ROBERT ROGERS addressed meeting for Jewish Company, Montreal.
- 9 SIR SAM HUGHES addressed meetings in Metropolitan Church and the Empire Club, Toronto.
- 10 SIR SAM HUGHES addressed Ward Three Conservative Association, Toronto.
- 11 Conservative Association of Montreal, addressed by HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN, HON. C. J. DOHERTY and HON. E. L. PATENAUE.
- THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE arrived at Halifax.
- 12 HON. E. L. PATENAUE addressed meeting at Ste. Rose, Que.
- SIR GEORGE FOSTER addressed meeting at St. John, N.B.
- 13 HON. W. J. ROCHE addressed Canadian Club, Cleveland, Ohio.

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