

HOW A MEMBER OF THE "UNION" GOVERNMENT IS CONDUCTING HIS CAMPAIGN IN QUEBEC.

"Come with me, and I shall see that you are exempted permanently until the end of the War. You will be relieved of all further trouble."

"This is the language used by one of Mr. Sevigny's organizers in Dorchester, in order to swing young men to the support of the Government."

"It is not an isolated case by any means. Conservative agents swarm all over the constituency, go from parish to parish, calling out, 'If you do not want to go to war, vote for Mr. Sevigny.' One with keener imagination than the rest got this little spiel off his chest."

"Sevigny has promises from Borden, that he can have anyone exempted that he chooses but, of course, to do that, he must remain a Minister, in order to retain his influence."

"These show what kind of work is being carried on in Dorchester by the agents of the Government; it is a fitting parody of the farmers, campaigns of 1910 and 1911. At that time Mr. Sevigny was shedding tears over the poor cherubs which the Laurier Navy destined to ruthless destruction, or that campaign of January last, when he swore, upon his honour, and the honour of Borden, that there was no question of Conscription and could not be."

"So far, Mr. Sevigny himself, his agents, or his paper have shamefully deceived the public. The indications are that he will continue to do so, and he may even have the effrontery to use the Military Service Act to serve his political ambition."

"Will conscription be made the object of patronage and odious favoritism?"

"Indications seem to point out to it."

Translation of an article appearing in Le Soleil of Quebec November 10th, 1917.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN ADMITS HE DID NOT ASK SIR WILFRID'S ASSISTANCE IN VOLUNTARY RECRUITING.

At Sydney, C. B., November 17th, 1917, Sir Robert Borden stated that on two different occasions he had asked the assistance of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in voluntary recruiting.

On November 21st, 1917, Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that he had no recollection what ever of being asked by Sir Robert Borden to cooperate in connection with voluntary recruiting.

Sir Robert Borden replied at St. Mary's, Ont., on November 23rd and acknowledged that the invitation had not come from him to Sir Wilfrid but from the Recruiting Committee of the Canadian Club in Hamilton. This proves that the Government never had any organized plan of voluntary recruiting but depended entirely upon local Associations, and Sir Robert admits he never asked Sir Wilfrid's assistance in voluntary recruiting. Had Sir Wilfrid Laurier endorsed every plan placed before him by various organizations he would have made it very embarrassing for the government.

CONSCRIPTION OF MEN—NO CONSCRIPTION OF WEALTH.

The police have begun their undignified campaign to round up the desertiers under the Military Service Act. This unwholesome situation reveals the weakness of the Act and the short-sightedness of a government that failed to appreciate the disinclination of Canadians to be forced into the campaign. Laurier has said all along that the principle of voluntary enlistment in Canada had never been put properly to the test by the government and that in Canada men could be got for the army by persuasion when attempts at force would be resented.

One thing that goes against the government, either when Conservative or, later, when Union, in its failure to go for men as it has gone out for money. The amount of Government advertising, energy and organization of the most elaborate description that has accompanied the launching of the Victory Loan surpasses anything of the kind ever attempted in Canada. And yet the government could have conscripted money at little more expense than its attempt to conscript men. They relied on voluntary contributions, but voluntary only as a result of a great boom and a persistent and careful canvass. This all goes to show that if the Government had gone out for men long ago as it is out for money now, the cessation of voluntary enlistment could not have been used as an election device.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not changed his platform, and his supporters, almost to a man, are in favour of more pay for soldiers. They agree that it is unfair for some men to receive a minimum wage for the hardest and most dangerous work in the world and for others, working safely at making munitions, to receive the maximum. They agree that while more men are needed, the men need more money.

SOME MORE UNNECESSARY APPOINTMENTS UNDER UNION GOVERNMENT.

In a recent issue of the *Liberal Weekly* we gave a list of recent Tory appointments which showed that the Government service had been loaded up recently with unnecessary appointments totalling an annual expenditure of over \$80,000.

In the list given there are some omissions which added to those made this past week, are as follows:

Dr. Adam Shortt, ex-Chairman of the Civil Service Commission to a remunerative position in the Archives Branch at a salary of \$5,000.

Mr. M. E. Nicholl, half-brother of the Hon. Sir Thomas White, to a position as Director of Public Information at a salary of \$2,500.



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