

in favour of Union Government." Signed by Major James McCara, President, a strong appeal was made for popular support. The Regina body worked hard to elect Dr. W. D. Cowan and held a mass-meeting in his behalf on Dec. 3 while Pte. Harris Turner, the blind M.L.A. and returned veteran, spoke throughout this Province for the Unionists. In Vancouver South the Unionist nominee was Major R. C. Cooper who was also endorsed by the G.W.V.A. Other soldier candidates were Major Aimé Chassé, Quebec; Lieut.-Col. Sam Sharp, N. Ontario; Major B. R. Hepburn, Prince Edward; Col. C. R. Peck, Skeena, B.C.; Brig.-Gen. W. A. Griesbach, D.S.O., Edmonton; Capt. R. J. Manion, Port Arthur; Lieut.-Col. Norman Lang, Humboldt; Lieut.-Col. James Arthurs, Parry Sound; Dr. J. L. Chabot, Ottawa; Dr. Peter McGibbon, M.C., Muskoka; Major J. W. Margeson, Lunenburg, N.S.; Capt. J. W. Brien, S. Essex; Col. H. F. McLeod, York, N.B.; and Capt. C. G. Power, a Laurier supporter in Quebec.

Meanwhile the Elections had been proceeding. So far as the Government was concerned the arrangement of candidates in constituencies, as between Conservative and Liberal Unionists, was an essential point. In the East there was no exact rule with a succession of compromises according to local conditions and subject to certain obvious hitches—the lack of Government endorsement for Labour candidates, largely because of the absence of Unionists amongst them, and the unavoidable endorsement of some party candidates against soldiers. In the West, however, Sir James Lougheed and Mr. Burrell with Messrs. Caldwell and Sifton had the matter largely in hand, and, after many conferences with other leaders and politicians, a general agreement of fifty-fifty for the 56 Western seats was announced on Oct. 25. In the country, as a whole, there was (1911) a Conservative popular majority of 60,000 to 625,103; in 1908, 1904, 1900 and 1896 there had been a Liberal popular majority averaging 60,000 in the four Elections; to this popular vote a part of the women now were added. In the late House the members totalled 221; in the new one they would be 235. The deferred elections were Halifax (2 seats), Nelson, Manitoba, (a new seat) and the Yukon. Nominations took place on Nov. 19 and 18 acclamations were announced, including Hon. W. S. Fielding in Nova Scotia, John McMartin in Glengarry, Robert Cruise in Manitoba and J. A. Maharg, with three others, in Saskatchewan—all Liberal Unionists; Hon. Martin Burrell (Cons.) in British Columbia and Hon. H. S. Béland, who was still a German prisoner, with 9