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RETURNED SOLDIERS WANT REPRESENTATION

During the past two weeks there has been an active movement among returned soldiers of Carleton County and elsewhere pressing their claim to representation in the Legislature. A committee has interviewed the Local Government and they say the government is willing to accord them the vacant seat in Carleton if the other parties will agree to allow their candidate to take his seat by acclamation. The name of S. G. Barter of Hartland is mentioned as the candidate most likely to be selected at a Convention to be held in Woodstock, Jan. 14. Mr. Barter contributes the following letter, but he has given The Observer no intimation that he was after the nomination, or would accept it, or would be in line for it. On the contrary he named several other returned soldiers who could capably fill the seat. The letter is interesting. Read it.

To the Ladies and Gentlemen Electors of Carleton county: I am writing this letter to you on behalf of the returned soldiers of this grand old county of Carleton, and I trust you will see the justice of our request in a matter of such vital importance to us returned soldiers, and also note the minor importance of the question to the political parties of the county.

Friends: When the call came for volunteers to defend our liberty, home, country and loved ones, we came forward voluntarily and went forward and took part in the most terrible war that was ever known. We passed through hell on earth, and we, who were spared, have come back to you, and we are now getting back into our old places, or re-establishing ourselves as citizens once more.

The Federal Government has passed and placed before us a Farm Settlement Bill to enable returned soldiers who wish to farm to obtain farms, and now the Provincial Government of New Brunswick has notified us that they are preparing a Bill to come before the next session of the provincial parliament to help the returned men who do not wish to farm, to secure small lots of land up to 25 acres and to help them to build homes and in this way returned men who follow other trades will be placed in a way that they may have homes quickly and pay back in an easy way. Now this is a vital question to us and as we look over the present house we find that there are no returned soldiers sitting in the provincial parliament. When the government wants information from us they must send to us outside the house; we have no representative in the house to voice our wishes. Now looking over the province we see only one seat vacant, and this vacancy is in the county of Carleton, so we returned men are now petitioning the government to call a bye-election for this vacancy, and give us returned men a chance to elect a returned soldier to represent us in the next sitting of the Prov. Parliament. We have every right to expect our petition to be granted, so we will call a convention of returned soldiers to meet on Jan. 14, to choose a man to represent us and we sincerely trust there will be no opposition offered to our candidate. This is a very vital matter to us and let us reason together over the matter.

SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL

Will be Held Tomorrow Evening When Yearly Reports will be Given

The meeting called for last Friday evening for the purpose of asking the town fathers to give account of themselves and to urge new candidates had only a meagre attendance—which is a compliment to the old Council. During the week The Observer has heard less of new candidates than last week, and the people are coming to the conclusion that the out-going Council had no small job in the new Town's first year. If not a contest between two full tickets, it looks as though there would still be more candidates brought forward than the Council will need to complete its Board, and hence an election is likely. Some of the old fillers declare they will not again offer, some may need to be coaxed, and others openly say they're comin' back.

As many ratepayers as possible should be at the meeting tomorrow night, and at the next session of the Council on Monday evening. Any person who stays away has no right to criticize afterward. The official notice calling for the annual election will be found elsewhere in this paper, and it will be noticed that nominations will be received by the Town Clerk up to Friday, Jan. 9, and the polls will open at 10 on Monday, Jan. 12 and close at 4.

Notice of Meeting

Notice of meeting of Carleton Co. Rifle Association. On Jan. 12nd at the Armory, Woodstock, a meeting is called for all interested in Rifle shooting from the clubs of the County Meeting; 2 o'clock p.m.

Col. W. W. Melville,
F. R. Semple,
represent officers of County Assn.

question so vital to us and a question minor to the three parties who would aloft their banners in this county. We hope no man will allow his personal ambition to run to such an extent as to allow himself to place or cause himself to be placed in opposition to us. We are aiming to keep clear of partizanship; we aim at choosing one of our comrades who will be strictly independent, and who will faithfully help to promote any measure beneficial to our county. We returned men turn confidently to our own people and ask your support; we ask for the friendly hand, and not for opposition.

Remember this is only a bye-election and Carleton county should have full representation in the house. Trusting this letter will be read and received in a kindly spirit.

Yours for com. of returned men.

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