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KAISERISM IN CANADA.

The brief speech of Mr. W. A. Buchanan of Medicine Hat in parliament yesterday, on the Prussian franchise bill, the Borden government, cannot but arouse a feeling of bitter indignation against that government in the heart of any man or woman who has ever boasted about Canadian freedom. Mr. Buchanan's biting words should burn themselves into the consciousness of every citizen who prizes liberty and hates oppression. The eloquent western member, many of whose loyal constituents are to be disfranchised by this shameful measure, said:—

"Upon this bill I feel more deeply than I can express. Since war has raged I have repeatedly appealed to my western constituents of alien origin. I have urged service. I have pleaded for patriotic causes. There has been a generous response. I have told them again and again—told them with Canadian pride—that Canada and the empire were fighting for freedom, for liberty, for justice, the highest of all, for national honor and the pledged word. I cannot go to them now. I publish a newspaper in the west. Through my paper and with all my endeavors I have tried to serve these great ends. My ambition has been to create a national sentiment. I look with my confidence that the position I took was right, and that I could appear with assurance upon that issue to those whom I represent and for such a noble cause. I cannot do that now. This government has repudiated the pledged word of Canada. It has brushed it aside as a scrap of paper. It has repudiated the independence of conscription liberalism. Those of us who left our party because we believed it our duty to support the government in a war measure for the national advantage find now that this government is not so concerned in war measures for national advantage as it is in election measures for party advantage."

The whole explanation of the government's course is found in the last sentence. It is ready to trample upon the rights of the people to get another lease of power. All of Sir Robert Borden's fine sentences for three years past concerning the duty of Canadians to fight for the honor of Canada and for the pledged word are mocked by his present action and the action of his party. Democracy is betrayed and Prussianism rules. If the people are willing to stand for such a national crime they should bring the soldiers home, and take in every sign that boasts of Canada's allegiance to the cause of justice and righteousness.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

The Montreal Financial Times pays a high tribute to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and declares that "Canada now stands as a unit in regard to Empire war effort. The change that has come about is thus described:—

"The last two or three weeks have seen an extraordinary change for the better in the national attitude of Canada towards the war. At the beginning of August it looked as if the efforts of the most patriotic Canadians to keep the country aligned upon a united front up to the point of maximum exertion when the Conscription Act would be foisted, and the Dominion would be split in two in a sectional and factional strife of unprecedented fury. Today the opposition to the enforcement of the act has dwindled to an insignificant rabble, equally devoid of authority or leadership and definiteness of purpose, and without the slightest hold upon public sympathy even in quarters where the war excites the least enthusiasm. All apprehension of serious difficulty in the enforcement of the act is at an end; for a spirit of calm and reasonable acceptance of the decisions of parliament has been evinced by all responsible citizens of every class. The fact is that Canadian nationality is emerging triumphantly from a very important test, and a test which many even of its friends feared might prove destructive."

Of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's splendid contribution to the cause of national unity, the Financial Times says:—

"It is impossible to avoid the conviction that the language of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in counselling peaceful acceptance of the legislation enacted by parliament, was one of the most important influences towards this highly satisfactory issue. And in this light it is not difficult to conclude that Sir Wilfrid was thus making a greater contribution towards national unity than he could have done by supporting conscription in parliament, whether as leader of the opposition or as a member of a non-partisan war government. For by supporting conscription he would necessarily have sacrificed some at least of his power over his French-speaking fellow-citizens, who would not have failed to charge him with treachery to their interests, and would have felt a strong impulse to desert him (as so many of them did in 1911) for those who claimed to be leaders more truly devoted to the French-Canadian cause. Politics in Canada, especially in those matters which concern the particular feelings and aspirations of particular elements of the population, such as the Province of Quebec, are necessarily a matter of compromise, and it is Sir

Wilfrid's chief achievement that during fifteen years of power he so dexterously practiced the art of compromise that no serious national divisions became apparent. It is the habit of some writers and some politicians to denounce compromise as a dishonest political attitude, but it is difficult to see how it can be eliminated as a most important element in the politics of this country, at any rate until Canadians develop a much greater degree of mutual sympathy and comprehension and a much more definite national ideal than they have today."

The Financial Times believes that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, if in power, would have put a conscription law into effect, "though, needless to state, in a more bland and diplomatic manner, and with more concessions to the feelings of those who take no interest in anything outside of Canada." Not being in power, he felt that he could best serve his country by pursuing the course he did.

The Financial Times sees no cause for concern over the failure to form a coalition government, for it says:—

"Such a coalition, from the moment when Sir Wilfrid Laurier refused to enter it, would have meant merely a permanent splitting of the Liberal party for a merely temporary advantage to the existing government; and the destruction of the Liberal party, with the setting up of an extremist faction in Quebec and possibly another in the west, would have been a greater loss to the country than any gain that could have resulted from the adhesion of a number of Liberals to the present administration. A true coalition, such as might have been formed had the Liberals been approached before the government determined on its conscription policy instead of afterwards, has apparently never been possible."

The course the government has pursued in regard to the Canadian Northern Railway, and especially in regard to its iniquitous franchise bill, shows the wisdom of the Liberals in refusing to agree to a coalition with the men who are now at the head of affairs. The defeat of the Borden government is a necessary preliminary to the formation of a really national and win-the-war administration.

What would be the condition of affairs in New Brunswick today if the Fleming government could have framed and passed an election law to defeat the will of the people and give themselves a new lease of power? This business of tampering with the rights of the people in relation to the franchise strikes at the very root of democratic government. Sir Robert Borden has much to answer for in connection with the government of Canada since the beginning of the war. The last outrage upon the people's rights is the worst.

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Cornwall Freeholder:—Is this a time to fling away millions into the bottomless pit of the Canadian Northern? From one end of Canada to the other is heard the appeal of the government to save every newspaper is telling householders to reduce their living expenses and invest their savings in war securities to help win the war. This is good advice, sensible advice, but what inducement is there for the average man to save dollars when the government throws away millions? It is saving with a teaspoon and wasting with a scoop shovel.

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Why should the franchise be limited to the female relatives of soldiers who have gone overseas, while at the same time all other women, no matter what may be their intelligence or war effort and sacrifice, are barred? Can anyone give a reason?

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Gag-rule prevails at Ottawa. The Borden government forces its measures through by closure. It is at war with the best interests of the Canadian people and adopts Prussian methods to attain its objects.

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Only today is ours to live, beneath death's shadowing wing.

The crystal mirror of our hopes foretold no vale of tears,
The roscate hall of youth's dreams gave magic to the years
Which stretched before us through the mists—now sunshine turns to rain.

The swift-winged irony of Fate, pregnant with Grief's refrain,
Is circling round the war-crushed Earth—the common tongue of those
Who never spoke one kindred word—yet share the common woes
Of stricken hearts, and empty arms, and homes made desolate—
The long, long Vale of shadowed lives, whose fruiting comes too late.

—Frances Layland-Barratt, in Westminster Gazette.

LIGHTER VEIN.
Spilling the Children.
Mrs. HIVE—"Why are children so much worse than they used to be?"
Mrs. BEE—"I attribute it to improved ideas in building."
Mrs. HIVE—"How so?"
Mrs. BEE—"Shingles are scarce, and you can't spank a boy with a tin roof."
—Awgwan.

How to Repel Tramps.
"Don't you want to hire a feller to keep the tramps away?" demanded Mrs. Sublin.
"How can a little fellow like you keep the tramps away?" demanded Mrs. Sublin.
"E-nough," replied the boy. "I kin eat up all the pie an' cake an' things mott' let 'em 'judge."

Held to Her Word.
She (perky)—You men haven't a monopoly of courage. For my part I'm not afraid of anything that wears shoe leather.
He—Nonsense! Why, I saw you the other day scared of a tiny mouse.
She—Well—er—a mouse doesn't wear shoe leather.—Boston Transcript.

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Charlottetown, Sept. 9.—C. A. Hayes, general manager C. G. R. H. H. McLean, passenger traffic manager, and G. E. Smart, foreman car builder, inspected the car ferry works at Port Borden last week, and held a conference with the Board of Trade here. Mr. Hayes said that the car ferry steamer which has been waiting at Montreal all summer to go on today. She will return to the Island on the sixth instant, bring over material for transfer shed at Point Borden and begin her regular service between the Cape and October 10. Present service between Charlottetown and Point Borden and Summerside and Point du Chene will be continued probably till the close of navigation. Car ferry will make two round trips daily between Point Borden and Cape Tormentine. Freight rates between island and points west of Montreal will be adjusted so as to give shippers here through rates on same basis as mainland shippers now have. Last rates were

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Asked when the Island railway was to be standardized, Mr. Hayes said he could not tell. When the car ferry begins running, freight will be transferred at Point Borden from wide gauge cars to narrow and vice versa.

New Brunswick Men Win Honors
Military medals have been conferred on soldiers from all parts of the Dominion who distinguished themselves during the recent hard fighting. The few cases in which reasons for the award can be cited are only typical of hundreds of others.
Among the awards is the Military Medal to Private Henry William McLean, of the New Brunswick regiment for picking up, at great personal risk, an enemy bomb which fell among his section during the advance, and throwing it into nearby trenches, where it exploded. By doing this McLean saved many casualties in the section.
Another gallant New Brunswick soldier, who gets the Military Medal, is Pte. Crawford Bailey, a machine gunner, who, although severely wounded in the face at the beginning of the advance, carried on to the objective and was responsible for the capture of six of the enemy.
Sergeant Fred Kaime gets his medal because, when his platoon commander and sergeant became casualties, he took over and reorganized the platoon, led mopping-up parties, captured many of the enemy and their consolidated positions and won and maintained it against many strong counter-attacks during the next two days. This New Brunswick soldier is specially praised for displaying the greatest coolness and good judgment.

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