

# FARMERS' CONVENTION AROUSED OVER M. S. A. ACT

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### TELLS FARMERS TO SAY SONS SHALL NOT GO TO BATTLE LINE

Anti-Union Govt. Speech at  
Farmers' Convention  
"Raises Roof."

NESBITT SCOLDS THEM

North Oxford M. P. Says He  
Is Sick of the Farmers  
Whining.

Toronto, Ont., June 8.—Disaffection over the lack of any tangible result toward securing the exemption of their sons from military service, prevailed among the delegates to the Ontario farmers' convention today. Several hundred delegates left before noon.

In spite of the appeals of some delegates for drastic action, even to using coercion to prevent their sons from being drafted, nothing was done by the farmers as a body beyond passing a resolution asking the government to amend the act so as to exempt one skilled man for every hundred acres and arranging for more thorough organization of the agriculturists and their interests.

Toronto, June 8.—"Let us put down our foot and say that our sons will not go to the front," declared C. A. Barwood of Owen Sound while the delegates at the final session of the farmers' convention this morning, roared their applause. Despite the fact that many of the delegates had left for their homes, the Labor Temple was filled when the farmers met for the final business day.

Before the meeting, a petition for the release of Isaac Bainbridge, who is under sentence for publishing articles in the Canada Forward calculated to hinder recruiting, was presented.

Mr. Barwood told the convention that Mr. Middleberry, M.P., had refused to speak to a farmers' meeting. "We should make a resolution today to take home to the boys tomorrow. As it is now, we go home discouraged. Let us make the right kind of resolution now." (Applause.)

"We are ready at any time that is named to organize and stand with the rest of you farmers," declared Oliver Reams of Essex County. "I hope I'll be able to go home happy tonight and say we have been something," he said. He explored the race and religion card that had been raised at the last election.

"PESTERED BY FARMERS."  
Kitchener, June 8.—At a business luncheon at Riverside Casino last night, E. W. Nesbitt, M.P. for North Oxford, delivered a stirring address on Canada's part in the great war. "I have become convinced," he said, "that the great mass of the Canadian people still fail to realize that there is a war on. Day after day I am pestered by farmers from all parts of my riding urging exemptions for their sons. Farmers do not seem to realize that their farms would be worthless to them if Germany should win this war, and if it is the first duty of all classes, business, commercial, workmen and farmers, to provide man-power to help win this war, I have become sick and tired of their sons should be exempted. It cannot be done, and must not be done." Mr. Nesbitt made a strong plea for united effort on the part of the Canadian people in their war efforts, taking as their example the union of Allied forces along the fighting front. His address aroused wild enthusiasm in the crowd, representatives being present from all parts of Canada.

WESTERN UNIONS  
SCORED BY LEADERS  
OF AMERICAN LABOR

Sharply Criticized for Refusing  
To Abide by Govt.  
Award.

St. Paul, Minn., June 8.—Sharp criticism of officials of the Western Union Telegraph Company for their alleged refusal to abide by the decisions of the national war labor board, and protection of labor's united support of the Government's war policy, were voiced today by officials of the American Federation of Labor speaking at pre-convention meetings. According to President Gompers and Secretary Frank Morrison, the action of the telegraph officials is in direct violation of the purpose of the board and has a demoralizing effect upon the morale of working people.

"This probably will result in President Wilson commanding the Western Union Telegraph Company, and enactment of legislation by Congress for taking over of all telegraph and telephone companies during the war," said Mr. Morrison.

The convention proper will convene Sunday morning and will continue for two weeks. More than 5,000 delegates are expected to attend.

### "BOUGHT AND PAID FOR!"

Astonishing Item in Election Bill of London Free Press  
Rendered to Member for London,  
Mr. Hume Cronyn.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Ottawa, June 7.—Many strange things in connection with Union Government, its inspirations and its methods, have come to light since that memorable December 17. But out of London, Ontario, where one of the warmest fights of the whole dominion centred, has come the strangest of all election sensations.

According to the sworn record of election expenses filed by Hume Cronyn, M.P., successful Unionist candidate in the London contest, he paid to the London Free Press the sum of \$1,033.33 for editorials which that newspaper printed during its campaign in his behalf. Newspaper editorials are supposed to be unpurchasable.

Precedent Hard To Find.

It is doubtful if there is another case on record where a Canadian newspaper made a similar charge, received payment for the amount, and gave a receipted bill. Major Cronyn has filed the bill rendered by the London Free Press, which is receipted with the company's official stamp and the signature of its cashier.

First of all appears in the bill for its patriotic fulminations, the routine advertisements, which amounted to \$466.67. Then comes the single significant word "Editorials," followed by the figures "\$1,033.33." It will be noticed that just enough money was charged for the "editorials" to bring the bill up to an even \$1,500.

Paid Hatred of Liberals.

No newspaper in the recent campaign used its editorials to abuse the Liberals with greater venom than the London Free Press. Those who observed the campaign will say that the service was cheap at the price. But the practice is most unusual. It is doubtful if there is another instance in the history of Canadian journalism.

Newspaper space is usually charged for on the basis of so much per line. The London Free Press charged for its routine advertisements in the ordinary way. But for "editorials" there was no space indicated. The sum was "lumped" apparently to make the whole account reach \$1,500.

A copy of the receipted bill from the Free Press, which Major Cronyn filed, is as follows:

THE FREE PRESS.										
THE LONDON FREE PRESS PRINTING CO., LIMITED.										
London, Canada, January 8, 1918.										
MR. HUME CRONYN.										
Daily					Weekly					
First	Particulars.				Words	Lines	Times	Words	Lines	Times
Ins. 17.	To	adv'g	Convention	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nov. 3	"	"	"	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	"	"	"	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	"	"	"	.....	140	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	"	"	"	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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13	Meeting	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	Mass	Meeting	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	"	"	"	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	Notice	to Motor	Owners	.....	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	Mass	Meeting	.....	.....	150	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dec. 1	Women	Workers	.....	.....	50	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	Mass	Meeting	.....	.....	50	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
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