

POLITICAL NEWS

UNION CANDIDATE MUST BE UPHELD

Earlscourt Meeting Decides to Support Candidature of W. F. Maclean.

A well attended meeting in the Great War Veterans' Hall over the Belmont Theatre, St. Clair avenue, last night, endorsed the candidature of W. F. Maclean in South York. Alexander Gordon presided, and among those on the platform were John R. Robinson, J. B. MacNicol, Mr. Henry Parfery, Dr. J. J. McLaughlin, Dr. Munna, Clifford B. Blackburn, J.P., and Ernest Cook.

The chairman said that the purpose of the meeting was to decide upon a candidate to be supported by the men and women of Earlscourt at the coming election. This was necessary because the nominees of the Conservative convention held at the Labor Temple on Nov. 17 had withdrawn from the field.

J. R. MacNicol was given an enthusiastic reception when he rose to speak. He thanked the many women of Earlscourt who had supported him at the recent convention, and said that he had been elected. He said that he had intended to support the nominee of the convention, but as matters now stood they had no choice but to work and vote for W. F. Maclean. Mr. MacNicol said that he was the candidate of the Union government, pledged to uphold the policies of Sir Robert Borden, and to reinforce the Canadian soldiers at the front. To vote against him would be to vote for Laurier, and any man who voted for Laurier was a traitor.

Mr. Robinson was also given a hearty reception. He said that he might be arrested if he said all he thought about the forces that were called into play to procure the withdrawal of the official candidate. He blamed it on Hon. Mr. Rowell and Hon. J. D. Reid. These two gentlemen, he thought, had acted very unwisely in opposing soldier candidates in Parliament and East York. There was no reason why the friends of the Union government should not support Major McCormack and Major Chubb, but in South York the choice was between W. F. Maclean and Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He therefore appealed to all returned soldiers and the female relatives of soldiers at the front to rally to the support of W. F. Maclean.

Brief addresses also were delivered by Mr. Cook, Dr. McLaughlin, and Dr. Munna. There was some difference of opinion among them as to the propriety of the "official candidate" having withdrawn his name at the request of the premier, but all agreed with Mr. Robinson and Mr. MacNicol in saying that it was the duty of every patriotic elector in South York to support and vote for W. F. Maclean.

FOLLOWS THE CALL

Mayor Robinson of Paris Speaks on Behalf of Liberal Candidate.

Special to The Toronto World. Brantford, Ont. Nov. 29.—Mayor C. B. Robinson of Paris, a stalwart Conservative, spoke for John Harold at Brantford this afternoon, and again at Paris tonight. The mayor had two sons enlist. One was killed at Givenchy, and the other has been in the trenches for two and a half years.

He has written to Senator J. H. Flaher, stating in part that "Premier Borden had effected Union government and he has called upon us to support him and I feel it my sacred duty to respond just in the same manner as my two sons responded to the call of our country. Moreover, I feel that if Mr. Doran is elected the responsibility will be placed upon our shoulders."

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QUEBEC'S OWN FAULT.

Arthur VanKoughnet Says That Province Will Have Herself to Blame.

Arthur VanKoughnet was the speaker at a meeting of men and women held last night at 310 Yonge street. He stated that the Union government, according to the promise of Sir Robert Borden, would be on the basis of fifty-fifty. Another labor representative would be elected, and it would be Quebec's own fault if she had not a larger share.

The speaker told of a returned soldier who went to a committee room and said he would vote for Laurier because "Borden had cut off his head." When told that this had not been a Dominion affair, he replied that had not been the information given him.

The main issue, said Mr. VanKoughnet, is: "Whether shall we follow the government or follow the opposition and desert and betray our splendid soldiers? When the boys come home it will not be what did we do to win the war, but what did we do to win the election?"

A banner, "Unionist Win the War Before," will be hung out from this centre, Mr. VanKoughnet stated, as an appeal to back up the men.

LEAVES FIELD TO MURPHY.

Ottawa, Nov. 29.—In consequence of the protest made by Hon. Chas. Murphy, the withdrawal from the fight in Russell County of J. B. Charette is announced. Mr. Charette was nominated as an independent candidate. The contest is now a straight one between D. C. Merkeley, Unionist, and Hon. Chas. Murphy, Liberal. Announcement of Mr. Charette's retirement is contained in a letter he has written to John E. Askwith, returning officer for Russell County.

CHAMPAIGN DROPS OUT.

Ottawa, Nov. 29.—According to a telegram received here this morning, Albert Champaigne, one of the Unionist candidates in Battleground, Sask., has dropped out of the fight, leaving H. O. Wright, Conservative-Unionist, and W. G. Gourley, Liberal, still in the field.

CANVASS TO EDUCATE FOUND NECESSARY

There is one man in Toronto who believes that the house-to-house canvass is a means of education for women. This man was doing a little canvassing himself the other day in Parkdale, in the interests of the Unionist government candidate, and at one house he found a woman who did not know there was an election on, had never heard of Sir Robert Borden, and did not know anything about conscription. He spent some time explaining it all, and she listened attentively and earnestly to all he had to say. Then she asked:

"Well, well, well, Tommy Church, be elected, do you think?"

MAJOR H. M. MOWAT ADDRESSES WORKERS

Unionist Candidate for Parkdale Talks to Employees of Gutter Percha and Rubber, Limited.

Eight hundred employees of Gutter Percha and Rubber, Ltd., testified yesterday their intelligent appreciation of the importance of the issues involved in the present federal elections by the close and undivided attention that they paid to an address by Major H. M. Mowat, K.C., the official Unionist candidate in Parkdale.

Major Mowat first addressed the women inside the factory and then the men in the open air, a large percentage of the first audience also joining the speaker to hear the second speech. The Unionist candidate was introduced by C. N. Candee, president of the company, and paid a warm tribute to the workers for their magnificent subscription of \$19,000 to the Victory Loan.

He took it as an earnest token of their deep interest and emphasized the fact that it was essential that the government should be given absolute support in order that it might carry out its plans for a vigorous prosecution of the war by providing the troops at the front all that they required in the way of supplies and reinforcements.

"Have you the support of the Great War Veterans?" queried one of the audience.

"I understand," replied Major Mowat, "that the executive of the Great War Veterans' Association has passed a resolution declaring that they will support only the candidates who are officially recognized by the Union government."

This evidently satisfied the audience, and no further questions were asked, the audience evidencing their full support of Major Mowat's outline of his position.

TO TAKE SOLDIERS' VOTES.

Montreal, Nov. 29.—Sheriff L. J. Lemieux of Montreal and Mayor Joseph Broussais of Montreal North are leaving Montreal today for Europe where they will act as representatives of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the casting of the soldiers' votes at the front.

CAPT. LANDRY RETIRES.

Quebec, Nov. 29.—Capt. Ambrose Landry, anti-conscriptionist candidate in Bonaventure County, retired from the campaign today. His last dates remaining in the field are Hon. Charles Macell, Liberal, and Mr. F. Furets, Unionist candidate.

PARTY'S FUTURE OF NO ACCOUNT

Compared With the Present Need of the Country, Says Borden.

ADDRESS AT MILTON

Robert McKay, K.C., a Life-long Liberal, Stirs Audience by Strong Appeal.

By a Staff Reporter. Milton, Nov. 29.—Citizens of Halton County contributed their support to the Union government by attending the war-policy, at Milton, this afternoon, when it extended a royal welcome to Premier Sir Robert Borden. They met the prime minister at the station and greeted him with ringing cheers when he stepped on the platform and vigorously applauded Sir Robert's statement that he was determined to stand to the last by Canada's brave volunteers in the trenches.

Two meetings were found necessary to accommodate the citizens anxious to hear the Union policy expounded by the premier and the town hall and the Princess Theatre were taxed to capacity. Great numbers of women were present, and that never in the history of the world was there such a crisis that called for the dropping of the Union policy. The premier, in his address, stressed the importance of the war, political and military, in order that a firm and determined front could be presented to the enemy.

and keeping themselves warm and comfortable—and even amused—than upon their existence as a nation? In denouncing the idea of a referendum, Mr. McKay said he would not trust his former leader on his own war policy. He hoped to be the last to question the good faith of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, but on the question of compulsory service he was entirely astray.

Many people, he said, had criticized the formation of the Union government, but none of those he had met had been able to offer anything better. And the only Union government that would be suitable to some Liberals, he declared, amid cheers and laughter, was one composed of about 20 fine and robust Liberals and one Conservative weighing about 120 pounds, a consumptive and anaemic.

Warden Charles Redhead was the chairman at the Princess Theatre meeting.

Union Government Endorsed At Wilson Meeting in Dundas

Special to The Toronto World. Hamilton, Friday, Nov. 30.—Union government was strongly endorsed at a well attended meeting held in Dundas yesterday afternoon in the interest of Gordon C. Wilson, Unionist candidate for Wentworth. Mrs. (Cassie) Plummer, of Toronto, and Sergeant-Major Anderson, M.C., urged those present to support the fusion government of Sir Robert Borden and the candidates whom he had endorsed, irrespective of their party sympathy or personal feelings.

They pointed out that in union there was strength, and that never in the history of the world was there such a crisis that called for the dropping of the Union policy. The premier, in his address, stressed the importance of the war, political and military, in order that a firm and determined front could be presented to the enemy.

SHAME TO CANADA IF SHE DRAWS BACK

Sir George Foster and Ex-Mayor Oliver Address Meeting at Galt.

Special to The Toronto World. Galt, Nov. 29.—Galt armories were taxed to capacity this evening to hear Sir George E. Foster and Ex-Mayor Jos. Oliver of Toronto speak on behalf of F. S. Scott, Unionist candidate. It is estimated that over 2,000 filled the hall.

The chairman of the meeting was T. A. Rutherford, a prominent Unionist-Liberal, who has a son at the front and who announced his conviction that Union government was the only one which could enforce conscription. On the platform were prominent local Liberals who have rallied to the support of the local Unionist candidate, Ex-Mayor Joseph Oliver and F. S. Scott, both receiving a rousing welcome, the latter stating he was convinced of the necessity of conscription.

The feature address of the evening was by Sir George E. Foster, who received one of the greatest ovations ever accorded a politician in this city in eloquent manner and graphically outlined the seriousness of the war situation and impressed the necessity of conscription in Canada. If he was to do her part in the final and greatest effort, Sir Wilfrid Laurier should possibly be as successful if it would mean the withdrawal of those remaining in Canada's army in France, which would be a shame and disgrace to Canada.

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Sir George also dwelt on the administration of the Military Service Act, its fairness to families who have given members to the cause, and how the farmers had been protected. He appealed to the women to prepare to do more in the cause, as their sisters in France and Great Britain have done.

A meeting of women in the Opera House this afternoon was addressed by Mrs. A. L. Clayton, of Listowel, and Sir George E. Foster. A win-the-war organization was formed, with Mrs. R. O. McCulloch president, Mrs. S. S. Evanson vice-president and Mrs. G. A. Gobbie secretary.

GIVE-GIVE-GIVE.

Hamilton, Friday, Nov. 30.—Three million dollars stand between the citizens of Hamilton and a coveted place on the Victory Loan roll of honor. Three lines of defence stand between the citizens of Canada and the Union. In order that those lines will never alter, there must be dollars to back up the boys holding those thin red lines. Hamilton has already given liberally to the extent of \$9,000, but \$1,000,000 more must be subscribed today and tomorrow. The call is urgent. The time is short. If your heart is with your boy or with your neighbor's boy, you will give, give and give some more. Hamilton's reputation is at stake, and surely her citizens will uphold her honor in the same measure of sacrifice that her sons have upheld her honor on the crimson field of battle.

BORDEN TOUR OF EAST.

Ottawa, Nov. 29.—Tentative arrangements for Sir Robert Borden's campaign in the maritime provinces have been made. The following dates have so far been fixed, although it is possible that some changes will yet be made: St. John, December 3; Albert, December 6; Charlottetown, December 6; Picton, December 7. The prime minister is expected to leave on Sunday afternoon, returning probably at the end of the following week.

"The Kewpies," the new comic, appears for the first time in this week's Sunday World. Printed in four colors, it is the greatest of the many best comics that have appeared in any newspaper. Do not disappoint the children in the city, as well as the most adults, will enjoy it. The Sunday World is for sale everywhere for 5 cents the copy.

UNITE CANADA TO SUPPORT SONS

N. W. Rowell and W. F. Maclean Address Meeting at Paris.

Special to The Toronto World. Paris, Ont. Nov. 29.—An earnest appeal to candidates to abandon partyism and to unite to preserve the honor of Canada was given tonight by W. F. Maclean of Toronto to the electors of Brant. The gathering was one never before witnessed in the stormy political history of this riding. It was held in the Paris Methodist Church, with the pastor opening the meeting, and with the audience singing, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," as an introduction.

The number of women was large, and they piled the knitting needles as they listened to Mr. Maclean and Hon. N. W. Rowell, former bitter political opponents, who stood on the same platform, and made the same appeal, for the uniting of the Canadian nation in support of the men in the trenches of France. The furnishing of adequate reinforcements.

Mr. Rowell appealed to the electors of Brant to support John Harold, irrespective of party feeling, and to those of Brantford to support W. F. Cookshutt, M.P., on the same ground, the former a Liberal and the latter a Conservative, having been endorsed by the Union government.

Addresses were given by ex-Mayor J. M. Patterson and Mayor C. B. Robinson of Paris, both Conservatives, and both strong supporters of Union government, and of John Harold, Union government candidate; Scott Davidson, M.A., who declared that he thought Col. Harry Cookshutt was a traitor to the cause, because of his action in remaining a candidate, and by Hon. N. W. Rowell and W. F. Maclean.

The president of the privy council made the declaration that he feared that even the men of the first draft were called at once, trained at once, and rushed to the trenches even before they were fitly trained, before that time the Canadian reserves would be depleted. There was no time to wait, with civilization hanging in the balance, he claimed, and he asked what answer Canada would give to the world, believing that it would be for a fight until a God-given peace and the downfall of Prussianism were brought about.

THIRTY DAYS' RESIDENCE ENTITLES ONE TO VOTE

One Year in Province and Month in Electoral District Gives Right to Be Listed.

The unusual situation arising out of a wardens' election concerning the preparation of voters' lists and the work of the enumerators appointed for this purpose is giving no little trouble in the rural districts. A case in point is that of Rev. A. Truethood, Methodist minister, who was stationed at Courtland, in Norfolk County, ever accorded a politician in this city in eloquent manner and graphically outlined the seriousness of the war situation and impressed the necessity of conscription in Canada. If he was to do her part in the final and greatest effort, Sir Wilfrid Laurier should possibly be as successful if it would mean the withdrawal of those remaining in Canada's army in France, which would be a shame and disgrace to Canada.

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THOUSAND BOYS AT BANQUET.

St. Thomas, Ont. Nov. 29.—A three-day boys' work conference was inaugurated here tonight at a banquet at which nearly a thousand boys from five neighboring counties sat down. Many big problems in connection with spiritual and moral development will be discussed at the conference.

FIFTY-TABLE EUCHRE.

Proceeds from a fifty-table euchre game held at home of Mrs. Jas. Casey, will go towards the patriotic work of the Women's Liberal-Conservative Association.

SUPPORTS UNION FOR SAKE OF BOYS

Laurier and Bourassa Leading a Retreat.

FREE SPEECH DENIED

Mr. E. T. Malone Tells Why He is for the Government.

Very touchingly and tellingly does Mr. E. T. Malone give his reasons for supporting the Union Government. They are reasons which will strike a responsive echo in thousands of Canadian hearts and homes.

"You ask," he said, "why I, a lifelong Liberal, an ex-president of the Toronto Reform Association, for over 43 years in close touch with the leaders of the Liberal party, am now found supporting the Union Government."

"I draw your attention to the photographs of my two sons which hang on the walls of my office. Those boys, with their classmates and chums, saw their duty to King and country, and on their departure from the shores of the land they loved heard the noble, inspiring and encouraging words of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to the effect that the manhood and resources of Canada would be with them until the war was won and the doom of Prussian militarism was an accomplished fact. Those boys of mine are one of the principal reasons why I support Sir Robert Borden and the Union Government. The younger is buried on the battlefield of Flanders. If my daily prayer that the other of them will be permitted to return to me is to be answered, an assurance of something more satisfactory than a referendum must be offered. Sir Wilfrid's referendum and Germany's scrap of paper are to me interchangeable terms."

With a full knowledge of the spirit of Quebec on the war question, he affronts the intelligence of the Canadian people by offering them a referendum, with all its delays and uncertainties, instead of the much-needed immediate action.

Laurier and Bourassa.

"I am a Liberal of strong convictions, and feel proud in throwing in my lot with the leading men of the Liberal party, who, for patriotic reasons, sever the ties which join them to their old leader and join forces with Sir Robert Borden in the formation of an alliance not against any country, class or creed, but for the winning of the war. Politics play no part in my decision. There is only one issue before the country in the present juncture, namely, the winning of the war. Canada sent her sons into the struggle for humanity and civilization with the distinct promise that they would receive adequate support. To whom in the light of recent events can I look for a speedy fulfillment of that promise? Laurier and Bourassa (to quote from The Kingston Whig), 'now in alliance leading the way to an ignominious retreat from the fields so dearly won by Canadians in France and Flanders, or Union Government formed to help the Canadians in the best and quickest way? There can be no choice between honor and dishonor. The greatest national disgrace can give the men at the front the spring drive is the assurance that reinforcements will be provided for.'"

Freedom of Speech Denied.

"The men and women of Canada must wake up. The Hun is within our gates, carrying on his nefarious work. Freedom of speech, the right to live and act within the law, is in jeopardy, not only in Quebec, but in the Province of Ontario. It is high time that we sink political differences and by our vote for Union Government prevent the fair name of Canada from becoming a by-word and reproach among the civilized nations of the world."

"I have no apology to make for my course of action. The call for aid, of my children and of those of my intimate friends and fellow-citizens, is constantly ringing in my ears. I would be a vile craven if for political advantage I ignored the call of the dead."

"Take up our quarrel with the foe. To you from falling hands we throw The Torch; be yours to hold it high. 'I've break faith with us who die. We shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders' fields!'"

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