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The Bye-Elections

In the two bye-elections for the Legislature, held on Wednesday last, July 25th, the candidates of the Provincial Government were admirably sustained. Premier Arsenault and Mr. J. D. Stewart being elected with splendid majorities. The Liberal Party and their organ, the Patriot, made a tremendous effort to win one or both of the constituencies; but, despite the desperate tactics to which they lent themselves, they ignominiously failed. For the last week or ten days before the election the Patriot crammed its columns with all manner of false and misleading statements, printed in large type, in the hope of deceiving some of the electors, we may be sure. In the fury of its opposition to the Government, our contemporary made a ridiculous exhibition of itself. The attitude assumed by the Opposition speakers at the public meetings was most illogical, and their position untenable in the last degree. But the people were not to be fooled; they know when they have good government and no amount of sophistry and inconsequent vaporing have any weight with them. After a tornado of innuendo, misrepresentation and falsehood, the Patriot and its friends are now obliged to sit back and chew the cud of disappointment. Before the election the Patriot declared the Liberal prospects to be exceptionally bright; but after the battle it becomes as mild as a cooing dove and starts in to congratulate itself and its friends because the Conservative majorities were somewhat reduced. It is true that the vote polled in each district was not quite as large as at the general election in 1915; but that is almost invariably the case in bye-elections. In the Georgetown district Premier Mathieson's majority in 1915 was abnormally large, for many reasons; but the majority secured by Mr. Stewart is more than normal. In Premier Arsenault's district, making allowance for the slight reduction of the vote in the different polls, the majority is practically as great as at the general election. We heartily congratulate Premier Arsenault and Mr. Stewart on their election with such handsome majorities, and trust they may long continue to administer good Government for Prince Edward Island. Following are the returns for the bye-elections and for the general elections in 1915:

THIRD DISTRICT OF PRINCE

	A. E. Arsenault	J. E. Arsenault	A. E. Arsenault	Dr. DeLaney
1915 vote	74	50	62	41
St. Gilbert's	84	85	71	71
Arlington	112	65	108	57
Egmont Bay	72	27	74	27
Cape Egmont	89	37	97	44
Fifteen Point	66	40	65	39
Wellington	51	93	47	94
Central Lot 16	47	58	48	52
Indian River	76	79	65	85
Prin'ton & R'ty	49	64	47	67
Spring Valley	720	597	684	585

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FIFTH DISTRICT OF KING'S

	J. A. Mathieson	H. Nelson	J. D. Stewart	W. W. Jenkins
1915 vote	104	26	79	43
Georgetown	85	46	77	62
Red House	68	25	47	37
Woodville Mills	38	27	35	27
Launching	66	36	68	36
Sturgeon	62	51	47	61
Murray Har. N.	423	211	359	266

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Australia and The Referendum

One of the stock arguments in favor of a referendum on the question of conscription in Canada is that in Australia the people were given an opportunity to express their views on it and Canada should not be less democratic. That Australia realizes the mistake made in ever submitting the question to referendum is illustrated by the comment of the Morning Herald of Sydney, which says: "That a blunder was made in ever submitting the conscription issue to the people must now be readily accepted by all. A nation, in seeking such powers as that sought by the Federal Parliament should have taken counsel of the 'braves,' of its fighting men, only it should have been a question put to men of military age only, and put in another form. Instead of that it was decided by the women's vote, and the vote of old men and women, frightened by the tales put up by the unscrupulous Laborites, who didn't hesitate to put their great organization to work to accomplish the downfall of those so far from the political world, not for the sake of principle, but for the sake of office. The loafer and shirker only too readily followed their lead, and they, together with those who studied only their short-sighted, selfish ends, gave them the victory for the time being." It is not inconceivable that Australia's experience might also have been the experience of Canada if the Laurier idea had prevailed and the conscription question had been submitted to the people by means of a referendum. Fortunately there was a sufficient number of loyal Liberals, who, understanding the urgency of reinforcements for the boys at the front, repudiated the Laurier policy of delay, and gave the Government a majority so large as to leave no doubt of the sentiment of the Canadian people. As a result the conscription measure has passed the Canadian Commons and will be enforced.

A Complete Vindication

Newspapers which were so ready to condemn Hon. Robert Rogers when Mr. Justice Galt's report was made public, should, in all fairness, be equally as willing to exonerate him now that the McLeod-Tellier Commission has found that the Minister of Public Works was guilty of no wrong, but that, on the contrary, Judge Galt's findings were not in accord with the evidence submitted at the investigation over which he presided.

It is not necessary for any newspaper to refer to the character of the McLeod-Tellier Commission. The fact that Sir Ezekiel McLeod, Chief Justice of New Brunswick heads it is sufficient guarantee that its finding is absolutely in accordance with the facts of the case and that the exoneration of Mr. Rogers is a real vindication, not an application of whitewash. The commission has been in session in Montreal from early in June until a few days ago. They went exhaustively over the evidence submitted before Judge Galt and met to call witnesses but only Hon. Mr. Rogers appeared. This in itself was good evidence of the weak case possessed by the men who, for political purposes solely, sought to besmirch the character of the Minister of Public Works.

In connection with Hon. Mr. Rogers' vindication it is only necessary to state that no other member of the Borden Government has been made the target for so much malicious and unwarranted slander. His unscrupulous political enemies have left nothing undone in their efforts to paint as a man unworthy of

public confidence or esteem. He has, however, successfully answered every insinuation against him and today enjoys the satisfaction of a complete exoneration from even the suspicion of wrong doing.

Utterly Selfish Men

"What will be the issue? What is the alternative policy to winning the war? There is only one possible answer. It is 'Winning the Elections.' If we analyze these things down to the bottom, we are compelled with all charity to conclude that this election is being forced on at this time by a refusal of extension, with a view, not to helping the war, not to saving the Empire, but to exchanging the people who are in office for those who are opposed to them for the purpose of securing the sweets of office. In other words, those who are notoriously doing least to win this war are forcing the country into the turmoil of a general election, when the world and all that is best in it are being animated by the spirit of service, of sacrifice and of unselfishness, and those people are doing so for the most selfish of all reasons—the satisfaction of petty, personal ambitions, when the safety of the world and civilization is at stake.

"I, Sir, should hesitate to stand as one of a group of the only utterly selfish men to be found in the British Empire or in the civilized world at the present time."

[Extract from a speech recently delivered in the Canadian House of Commons by Dr. Michael Clark, Liberal member for Red Deer, Alberta.]

Four new Senators were appointed by the Ottawa Government on Thursday last, and two more on Friday. Those appointed on Thursday last are: Richard Blaine, M. P. for Peel, Ont.; J. H. Fisher, M. P. for Brant; D. O. Lesperance, Chairman of the Quebec Harbor Commissioners, and former M. P. for Montigny, and L. McMeans, K. C., ex M. L. A. for South Winnipeg. Those appointed on Friday were: Mr. Smeaton White of Montreal, President of the Gazette Printing Company, and Mr. George G. Foster, K. C., of Montreal. These appointments bring the Conservatives to 45, against 39 Liberals.

Dominion Parliament.

Ottawa, July 24.—The conscription bill passed the Commons this evening, 102 to 44, a majority of 58. It will now go to the Senate where the debate upon it is not expected to be protracted. There were no amendments to the third reading, and there were fewer speeches than anticipated. Only J. G. Turriff, Hugh Cuthrie, Fred F. Pardee, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Arthur Meighen took part in the debate, and of these Sir Wilfrid alone opposed the bill. Mr. Turriff was in the west during the debate on the second reading and had no previous opportunity of declaring his views, while Mr. Cuthrie and Mr. Pardee spoke today merely to give the lie direct to the statements made by Hon. George P. Crahan after the convention of Ontario Liberal members and candidates at Toronto on Friday that the gathering had been unanimous in its decision to follow the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his war policy. They made it clear that their attitude was exactly what it was when they spoke on the second reading of the bill and that they were absolutely and materially opposed to the Laurier policies.

Ottawa, July 25.—Political interest for the moment has shifted from the conscription bill to the income tax proposals of the Government and the cost of living situation. The bill to give effect to the taxation proposals will be gone on with today and the cost of living will, it is expected, occupy interest from day to day.



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