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"You were asked (by the Borden and Meighen "Governments) to add to the tax in money the "tax in blood, that of your children who were "torn from your firesides." Her Lucien Cannon at Ste. Claire, Dorchester County, as reported by Le Soleil of Quebec, August 30th.

"The Blues tell us not to talk of conscription, "saying it is an old game, that it is forgotten. "Very well, we shall not speak of it, but on Sep-"tember 14th at the polls we shall think of it."—Ephraim Bedard, Quebec, at L'Ancienne Lorette, as reported by Le Soleil, August 30th.

"Speaking of the dissolution, he declared that "undoubtedly it has been refused to Mr. King be"cause he was too Canadian, adding that the pre"ference of the Governor-General had to help "rather an Imperialist of the stamp of Mr. "Meighen, author of the Conscription Act and the "War Time Election Act, who had learned French "the better to deceive the Province of Quebec."—
Le Soleil's report of a speech by Dr. J. Reid, Mayor of Chateau-d'Eau, at L'Ancienne Lorette.

"If the Canadian people sanction the precedent "of 1926, that forms the present constitutional "question, one of our Governors-General will be "able to decide, according to his fancy, on our "participation or non-participation in war."—Mr. Cannon at Donnacona, as reported in Le Soleil, August 30th.

"He spoke of the necessity of sending to the "Imperial Conference in London in October next "a man who would place the interests of Canada "first—Mr. King—instead of another who would "safeguard the interests of the Empire first and "those of Canada afterwards."—Mr. Cannon at Ste. Claire, as reported by Le Soleil.

"The Governor-General, it is said, is not to "blame. It is the man who advised the Governor." But I shall permit myself to say that the Gov-"ernor, if he could be badly advised, lacked "energy, and was not obliged to follow the had "counsel that was given him."—Ephraim Bedard, Quebec, at L'Ancienne Lorette, as reported by Le Soleil.

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