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 who attempts to throw down the Old Chief. It may as well be recognized first as last that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is the only man who can lead us to victory, and for my part, I am out to win under Laurier, and against conscription. I don't care who knows this, as I will announce these views publicly just as I am doing so privately here today. There is no use beating about the bush, and it is high time that our newspapers and our Parliamentary friends recognize just what the situation is. It is the greatest mistake in the world to think that the people approve of divided counsels. They do not approve of such thing, and, today, as a result of these divided counsels, you have the people confused and groping about not knowing what to do. A straight, strong lead would cure this at once, and I pledge my word that the people are against conscription and against the Borden Government. They want an election; and they want it soon.

CANDIDATE HYSLOP (Huron):-

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 Like other gentlemen present, I came here expecting to hear an explanation of why some of our Leaders at Ottawa broke away from the Party, but while I have listened to them, I have not heard any explanation. I came here in a confused state of mind, and my present condition may be described as one of confusion worse confounded. I think that the situation brought about by the position taken by our friends Graham, Pardee and Guthrie is a most deplorable one. I don't know how they got into it, but the opinion in our part of the country is that they must have been soft heads to allow themselves to take the attitude they did. There is no use in mincing matters on this subject, and I don't propose to do so. The people are prepared to support the Liberals in the next election if the people are given a proper understanding of what the Liberal platform is, and for my part, as I am opposed to any policy except that laid down by my leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, it is on that policy that I intend to ask support from my electors. The sooner our friends recognize that their course at Ottawa is not approved by the people at large, the better for themselves, and for the party. United action is necessary, and it cannot come too soon.

At this stage Mr. J. A. McMillan M.P. was asked to speak.