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MR. IRVINE'S REASONS

In his address to a private meeting of the executive of the West Calgary Liberal Association, John A. Irvine, the opposition candidate, defended his action in declining to support the union government, by giving three reasons.

The first was that Sir Clifford Sifton and the big monied interests in Canada had largely organized and put through the union government, and were attempting to get control of Canada in the guise of patriotism.

This is a very important statement from one who has the responsibility of being a candidate for one of the biggest cities in Western Canada.

Mr. Irvine further says he is opposed to union government because he does not believe in arousing race against race.

Mr. Irvine also says that he is opposed to union government because he does not like the way that the union government is selecting its candidates.

The fourth reason given is that Mr. Irvine does not want to join in supporting a government made up partly of Conservatives.

October, with its premature winter, has been a disagreeable member, soon to depart. It has not interfered with business in these parts.

"Serious, but not disastrous," is the way that they describe the reverse in Italy. That sums it up. It means greatly increased activity of the other allies.

Mr. Cross' thoughtfulness in sending his able lieutenant, M. Lucien Boudreau, to comfort and advise the men in Calgary, shows the remarkable tact of the leader of the anti-conscriptionist opposition in Alberta.

The Macleod convention is the sample of many other conventions which will be held throughout the province during the next few weeks.

Many politicians are opposing union government, but the people themselves are sympathetic with the principle of union, and have confidence in the men in the union government.

SELECTING CANDIDATES

There is much resentment throughout Alberta at the report that the union government is giving orders that a Conservative shall run in this place and a Liberal in some other place.

It has been explained that the soldiers' voting act will make it impossible or very difficult to have two unionist candidates run in one riding.

On the other hand, it is thought advisable to have as nearly as possible a fairly equal division of candidates from the old parties.

The members of the union government have given their advice in the matter. They have not set down any definite rule in the matter. They do not say that the unionists of this city or this riding shall have this man or that man, or of this party or of that party.

There is nothing autocratic about it. The nomination is still in the hands of the people.

And here let it be said that all this and many other difficulties would be solved if we had a proper system of voting at elections.

Before there is any extension of the term of office of the mayor and commissioner, the recall must be made somewhat more workable.

And while this question is under consideration, does Mr. J. A. Irvine's connection with the insurance business link him up with the Big Interests in the Dominion?

The Italian collapse, or partial collapse, means that neither the United States nor any other country can afford any unnecessary delay in getting troops to the front.

The next thing on the program is the Victory loan. You can kill two birds with one chunk of gold or its equivalent.

One of the serious features of the collapse in Italy is that it has occurred at the very time that Giolitti, former dictator in the Italian parliament, and at one time pro-German, has regained control.

The world is now looking for the United States to do its part in the great world struggle.

Level-headed George Lane looked at the union government from all sides and angles. He is a business man, who is interested in developing the resources of the country.

And now the report is that R. B. Bennett will not run in Calgary or any other place, after all, after all.

There is nothing mandatory in the suggestion of the Alberta members of the government about the candidature in the different ridings.

Distance lends enchantment to the cooking that mother used to do. If you had to eat her indigestible dough and drink her muddy coffee today you would raise Cain.

Our surroundings are cosy and nice, and we are shielded from all harm and care.

Each is the son of some mother. Each knew the love of a friend who cheered them away; they expect us today.

Is each of us doing his bit? Are we cheering them still on their way? For they need all the help they can get.

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KITCHENER And Other Poems

By R. J. C. STEAD

Gilbert Parker gave us prairie scenes in his tales of Pierre; Mrs. McClung and Ralph Connor have added to the literature of the prairies, and Robert W. Service has been the Kipling of the Yukon.

In their various spheres these authors have made valuable additions to Canadian literature, but it remained for Robert J. C. Stead, a quiet Calgary author, to write books and poems that make Western readers involuntarily exclaim, "This is the living truth, and a story of mine own people."

Many of the poems included in this, Mr. Stead's new volume, have appeared in the leading newspapers in Canada and England.

"Kitchener," is already well-known wherever the English language is spoken. It was eulogized by the London Spectator, was reprinted by English admirers for distribution in the army hospitals, and subsequently found its way around the world in the press of east and west.

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A lot of men don't realize that there was a thing as the high cost of living until whiskey jumped from a dime to 15 cents per snort.

When you see a fellow trying to get drunk, it is hard to tell whether the girl threw him over or married him.

It doesn't help a narrow-minded man any to wear padded shoulders in his coat.

Some men have such poor memories that if they could live their lives over the chances are that they would make the same mistakes.

It is hard to make a prince believe that some day she will be so old that she will want to lie about her age.

Some morning Lovey is going to forget to crush Dovey to his heart and carry her fondly before he leaves the house in the morning and will merely peek at the side of her face with his lip.

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PROF. ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL

The inventor of the telephone, who says, people may some day be able to see as well as hear over the telephone wire.

ORIGINAL FIRSTS SHOULD BE GRANTED LEAVE TO CANADA

Late C.P. Representative to Allied Front Urges Petition; Believes War Will Be Won on West Front

Toronto, Oct. 29.—Stewart Lyon, lately representative of the Canadian Press, Ltd., in France and Flanders, returned to this city this morning.

"The people of Canada," he said, "ought very seriously to urge on the military authorities that leave to Canada should be granted to the 'original firsts.' It is the thing that the Canadian corps in France wants more than anything else.

"The number of the 'original firsts' as the men of the first division are called, is pitifully small. The highest number in any battalion is 110."

"There is no military reason," said Mr. Lyon, "why they should not come back."

As to conscription Mr. Lyon said that the feeling among the men at the front was overwhelmingly in favor of that measure. There were some, not many, who were opposed to conscription.

Where a family had made a sacrifice, where two or three boys were at the front and the father had left Benjamin at home, there was a feeling that they did not want to see conscription.

Commenting upon the general aspect of the war, Mr. Lyon said that it would be the shrewdest folly to try and minimize the Italian and Russian disasters.

"The Canadians have proved themselves really excellent shock troops. The fighting around Lens, at Vimy Ridge, Hill 70 and other places adjacent there involved considerable initiative on the part of the troops.

This is particularly applicable to the suburbs of Lens. Among the ruined tides there it is quite easy for men to hide themselves until led forward by their commanders. It can be said with a great deal of confidence that all the Canadian troops needed was restraining rather than leading when a battle was on.

The experience of the arms of the men at home 'out on their own' was also invaluable when it came to fighting in the cellars, often in the dark, or crawling from shell hole to shell hole to stop the Boche.

To this more frequent use of initiative is due, very largely the reputation the Canadian troops, British-born and native-born, have acquired in the various assaults launched this season. In the early part of the war they showed up their tenacity in holding positions in the Somme that they were equally valuable.

Morale Splendid "The morale of the men is splendid. That the utmost confidence is reposed in them by the allied leaders is evidenced by the fact that they were utilized as shock troops around Ypres. The relationship between the Canadian and British troops is cordial. Closer contact between the two has led to a better comprehension and appreciation of each other's abilities. The British troops are ardently admired by the men of the Dominion as courageous and un-

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Proper repairs cannot be made by the City Paving Department after frost has entered the ground. The present schedule of prices for service installation will also be withdrawn on that date. CALGARY GAS CO., LIMITED

This diagram illustrates the course of the harvest moon by the black lines and white moons, and shows the different curve followed by the moon of the other months by the fainter line and the grey moons. In September we have the full moon nearest the autumnal equinox.