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Vote Once! Vote Wisely! Vote **UNION!**

There is no doubt in our minds that the majority of the men in the Depot today need no persuasion to vote for the Union Government.

These are the clear-sighted, right-minded individuals who can see the "writing on the wall," and understand.

Many of them have abandoned their party leanings in order to vote "for the soldier" and the Dominion's honour; many of them have realised that the present government, composed as it is, of both parties—of the best public men Canada has produced—with sound-principled cabinet members to direct its policies, is a government which deserves the entire support of the country at this critical stage.

To this man we have nothing to urge. We admire the courageous stand he is taking and know he is making no mistake.

There is the man, however, who has had the courage to don the uniform, who has given up his home and perhaps left a family there, who is contradictory to himself by offering his vote to the Opposition party.

How can he reconcile himself? It is a question we cannot answer.

He may be discontented with his lot as a soldier. But—did he expect to be as comfortable in army life as he was at home? If so, his judgment was at fault; and there is really no excuse for that, seeing we have been in the war over three

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— E. Carol Jackson - 1917 —

NO DOUBT IN HIS MIND.

years now; and there should be no misconception as to the soldiers' lot.

Does he feel that his freedom is limited to such an extent that it is irksome to him? If he does, his ignorance is the cause of this mistaken idea.

The army is evidently the first taste of discipline he has ever had, and if he cannot see that this rigid attention to discipline is an essential factor in the government of men for war, he is both blind and ignorant.

"A man convinced against his will is of the same conviction still"—is a well worn saying; and it is so often true that we feel it almost a waste of time attempting to put this individual in a frame of mind where his viewpoint can be enlarged beyond the narrow scope of party vision.

We hope, however, that at least he will read this and realise that he is inconsistent. Nothing is more contradictory than the attitude of a soldier in voting against the welfare of a soldier. He is practically a traitor to his comrades.

Does he realise that in voting for the opposition he is voting for a "party" which has nothing but rash promises to offer?

Does he realise that in voting for the opposition he is voting for procrastination, while our Canadian boys at the front are in need of reinforcements?

Does he realise in voting for the opposition he is protecting the sleek slacker, the miserable "skunk" who will shelter behind all manner of excuses rather than go out and do a man's work?

Does he realise that he is offering sanctuary to this class of individual who, if Canada was immediately threatened, would no doubt act in the same manner?

That is their cry:—"Canada is not in need of defence"—"Canada is not threatened by the Hun."

You poor shortsighted, misguided fools—small wonder you cry in that manner.

Your scope of vision is so narrow that it is piteous to believe man could be so puny.

Look at the issue—if you can—in a broad sense. If you are a Canadian you are one of a vast Empire—your Motherland took up the gage flung at her feet by the ruthless, brutal Hun for the protection of Belgium and France and the protection of the world at large.

Had Great Britain remained idle, do you think the Bosche would have been held at the Marne?—do you think for one moment the Kaiser's hordes would have been

satisfied with the Conquest of Europe?

Ask yourself these questions:—You know the answer.

Remember Edith Cavell, the Lusitania, the Belgian massacres! Remember Louvain and a thousand more acts of frightfulness.

Then, don't you realise that Canada, a rich prize, would naturally come within the purview of the Hun? The sons and daughters of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Australia, South Africa and Canada are now on the battlefields of France and Flanders to protect the WORLD from this aggressor.

You, as a soldier, as a part of

this great Empire, can only have one right point of view.

Sink your petty grievance, take a broader look at the situation, use your vote as a bullet against the Hun, and your duty will have been well done at the poll.

If you vote for the opposition you are not fit to wear the uniform:—you are not fit to live with your comrades:—you are a traitor.

The 10th Battalion went into action over 800 strong, and 3 hours later, only 23 answered at roll call. In honoring these, our dead, we honor the glorious Canadian Dead in all this great war.—Pte. C. V. Coombes, (pris. in G.)

BY GOSH!

A member of the band went to the M.O. with a plaintive story about a sore throat. "Sore throat—eh?" said the M.O. pleasantly. "Let me see. Oh, that's not very bad! A slight irritation—nothing more. You'll be all right in a day or two. I think you had better run no risk of renewing the trouble by using your throat, though; so I will recommend you for a fortnight's sick leave." Armed with the Doctor's certificate, the bandsman obtained his fortnight's sick leave. The fortnight had just come to an end, when he met the M.O. on the parade-ground. The bandsman saluted. The M.O. recognized the face and stopped. "How's the throat?" he asked pleasantly. "It's quite well, sir," was the answer. "That's good!" said the M.O. "You can get back to your duty without fear. By the way, what instrument do you play?" "The bass drum, sir!" replied the bandsman.

BATTLE of MENIN ROAD



Battle of Menin Road.—Infantry crossing the stream after having driven the Hun back.



Welsh battalions being conveyed to the front.—They fought magnificently in the storming of Zonnebeke—gaining a line of their objectives.

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HERE IS A GOOD MAN TO VOTE FOR MONDAY

J. H. Rainville, Esq., LL.B., M.P., is an attorney of some distinction. He is at present deputy speaker of the House of Commons, and is slated as a Cabinet member in the prospective "Union" Government.

He is one of three French Canadian public men who have had the courage of their better opinions in refusing to associate with the pro-German element.

Blondin, Sevigny and Rainville are names that will go down with fame and honour in the annals of Canada, when those who are today flocking to the Opposition banner, to protect the slacker and help the German, will not be able to lift their heads in decent society.

These men are for a real Canada

—a Canada for all; and, what is more to the point just now, they stand for UNION against pro-German:—for UNION, against slackers:—for UNION and the Soldiers' weal—at this critical stage of Canada's history.

J. H. Rainville was born in Ste. Angele, Que., March 8th, 1875, educate at the Seminary St. Marie de Monnoir, taking his degree of B.A.

He contested the Vercheres seat in 1908; and was defeated, but was elected for Chambly-Vercheres in 1911. He is a Lieutenant in the 85th Regiment, which appointment he has held for ten years.

Your vote can put this excellent French-Canadian in:—The UNION Government will be strengthened by the addition of this candidate. DON'T MAKE ANY MISTAKE.

NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO AVENGE KITCHENER AND SHERBROOKE.

In voting for the UNION Government at this election you will not only be providing for the soldier, but you will register your disapproval of the mob methods practised by the German and pro-German in Kitchener, and the slacker and pro-German at Sherbrooke.

Such mob methods are a disgrace to a country boasting of its democracy and which also allows the privilege of free speech.

Imagine, if you can, a country governed by such as these. With

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SPECIMEN BALLOT

Showing the ONLY Mark You Need to Make to Convert It Into a "Win the War" Bullet.

In the electoral districts of Ottawa, of Halifax, of South Cape Breton and Richmond, of the city and counties of St. John and Albert, and of Queens, P.E.I., two candidates may be voted for. For any other districts, there will be only one X on your ballot.

1 I vote for }
 Je vote pour }

2 I vote for the Government }
 Je vote pour le Gouvernement }



3 I vote for the Opposition }
 Je vote pour l'Opposition }

4 I vote for the Independent Candidate }
 Je vote pour le candidat Indépendant }

5 I vote for the Labour Candidate }
 Je vote pour le candidat Ouvrier }

SPECIMEN ENVELOPE, SHOWING HOW QUESTIONS MAY BE ANSWERED.

Certificate to be Endorsed on the Ballot-Envelopes.

1. What is your name?..... Thomas Atkins.....
2. What is your rank?... Sapper . What is your number?... 21144
3. In what force or service are you?..... Engineers C.E.F.....
4. Are you a British subject?..... Yes..... Have you previously voted at this election?..... No.....
5. Were you in Canada when you were appointed, enlisted, enrolled or called out in active service?..... Yes (or No.).....
6. Specify the names of the place or places in Canada (giving streets and numbers where possible) whereat you last continuously resided during at least four months of the twelve months immediately preceding your appointment, enlistment, enrolment or calling out on active service..... Cannot say.....
7. State if you can the electoral district wherein such place or places in which you so resided are situate..... Electoral district Cannot say..... Province
8. If you cannot specify as required by question No. 6, or state as required by question No. 7, then state in what electoral district or place within Canada (giving street and number where possible) you have resided at any other time than is referred to in question No. 6..... Cannot say.....
9. If none of your answers to questions Nos. 6, 7 and 8 specify or state as required thereby, to what electoral district do you desire your vote to be applied?..... Electoral district Chambly-Vercheres..... Province Quebec.....

I certify that the above named military elector did this day make to me under oath the preceding set forth answers to the preceding set forth questions.

Dated this Seventeenth day of December, 1917.

P. W. Coles, Capt. C.E.,
 Deputy Presiding Officer.

the reins of power in their hands we would be ruled by laws of brutality; we would have "Kultur" and mob violence, instead of sane progressive government.

Remember this when casting your vote. Remember your comrade when casting your vote—and—Remember that over eighty per cent of your comrades in France and Flanders have voted solid for UNION Government.

Go to the polls and register for UNION Government.

Russia has fallen down in her part of the work of licking the Hun. What is her fate? The German only can answer. What does the world think of Russia? She is looked upon now as a traitor to a righteous cause, and a renegade.

Canada without reinforcements for her firing line would look to the world at large in the same light. She would have to quit the fight after so gallantly doing her large share.

You, as Canadians, won't stand for that. As Canadians and for Canada and her honour—mark your ballot for the UNION Government. Your opportunity is here. NOW.

Pte. J. Chapman Kerr, a N.S. lad who won the coveted V.C., was the sole survivor of a bombing party. Armed with rifle and bombs he pressed on alone into a trench and compelled 60 armed Huns to surrender.

SOLDIERS' OPINION OF CANADA'S DUTY

View Entertained by Thousands of Hero Sons of the Dominion.

"Do you know what it would mean to me and to thousands of other Canadians here in England if conscription is not put in force? The ranks of the Canadian battalions have been terribly depleted and by some means they must be filled. If reinforcements do not come from Canada it means that thousands of wounded Canadians here in England will be discharged from the hospitals and sent immediately to France, many before they are fit. Is it fair that those who have done their bit should be deprived of their chance to recover from wounds taken in their country's cause in order that medically fit cowards may rest at home and earn big money and be in safety. Do you know what it means for battalions to go into the line under strength? If there are only 500 men where there should be 1,000, twice as much ground must be held by each man than his share, and twice as much work accomplished by him. To me a medically fit slacker is the most despicable human being alive and the hell of the front line is too good for him."

"Above is not an extract from the speech of any party politician or flag-waving patriot. It is just a fragment from the letter of Pte. Arthur Wood, an incapacitated Canadian soldier, to his father, at Erin, Ont., a letter

written from an English hospital, which the writer had no idea would gain wider reading than that of the family circle—a letter that speaks the mind of thousands of hero sons of Canada and puts in few and forceful words the inevitable results of the acceptance, instead of military service, of the Opposition's wait-a-while, no compulsion policy, the policy of timorous abandonment of brave men, sacrifice of heroic accomplishments, relinquishment of high ideals and essential principles of civilization's structure is to endure.

"It is only a private soldier's expression of his own and his comrades' opinion as to his country's crystal-clear duty towards those who have given incomparable proof of their devotion to its honor, and its interests."

—Toronto Paper.

UNNERVED AT FARNHAM.

A sergeant and a sapper were at the firing. The sapper was troubled with a cold and was continually sneezing, which rather annoyed and put the sergeant's shots off the mark. "Confound you!" yelled the enraged sergeant at length. "You made me miss again." "I didn't sneeze," protested the sapper. "Of course you didn't!" roared the sergeant. "It's the first time you've missed, and—I allowed for it!"

We in Canada know nothing of sacrifice. Here is a story of a Canadian soldier who fought at Ypres:—"With our eyes running from gas, and blood streaming from our wounds, and curses on our lips for the men who stayed at home, we HUNG ON, surrounded on all sides, until the two

lines had been entrenched and there was BUT 35 of us, out of 450, left, and 19 of them wounded." "The eyes of the world are on you, Canadians, HANG ON!"

BEST AUTHORITY.

Sergeant (to driver thrown from his horse?—"And where did you get orders from to dismount; headquarters, Eh?"

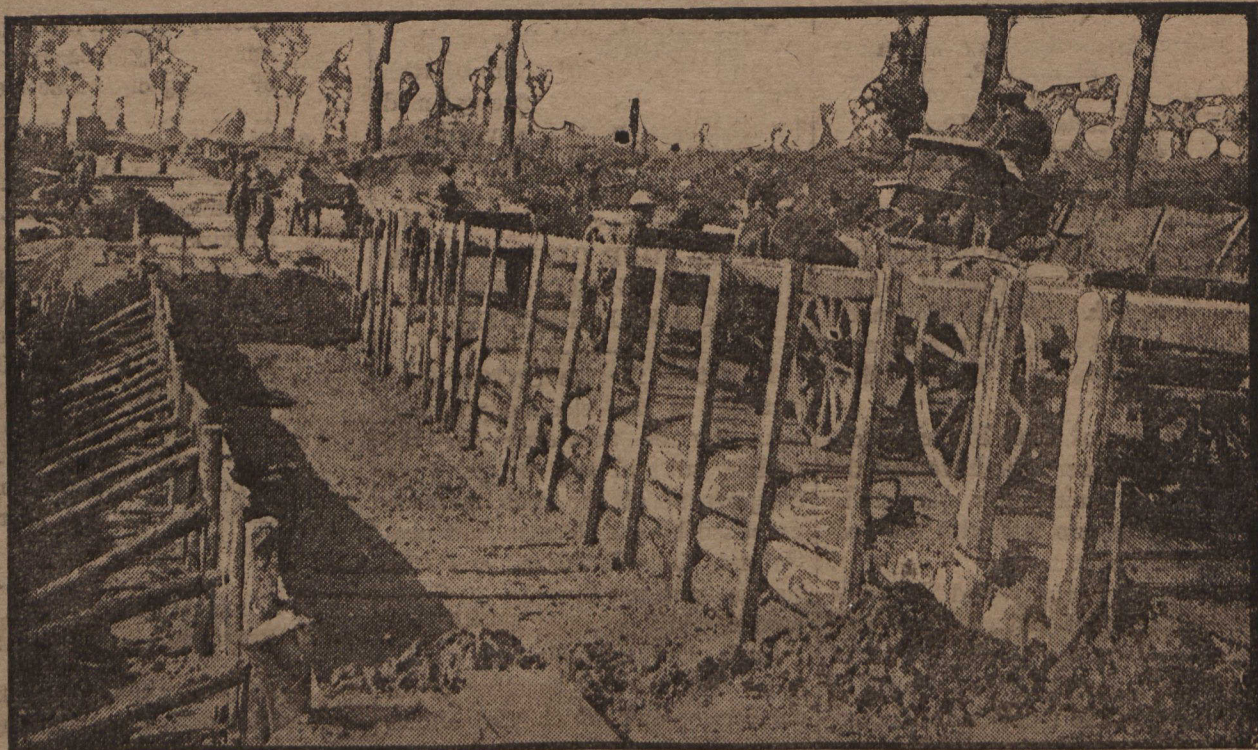
Driver (rubbing his elbows and others parts):—"No, hindquarters!"

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WITH THE FIGHTING BOYS IN FRANCE



On the British Front in France.—Everything at the front is put to some use. These trees are being used for road-making and strengthening dug-outs.



Near the Yser Canal.—Troops and supplies on their way to the battlefield.—Note the method employed of gradually building up the bridges to their proper level.

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