



REV. J. J. WALSH IS NEW VICAR-GENERAL

Pastor of Holy Trinity Named as
Successor to Very Rev. W. F.
Chapman.

St. John, January 24th—
The new vicar general of the diocese of St. John is Rev. J. J. Walsh, pastor of Holy Trinity church. The appointment was announced today by His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc. For more than twenty years the new vicar general has been the beloved pastor of Holy Trinity, and today, on his promotion to this office and dignity and honor, he will be the recipient of hearty congratulations from his congregation and citizens of St. John in general regardless of creed, who entertain towards him feelings of highest regard. He has been an able priest, and a zealous worker, and the honor accorded him in the elevation to the vicar-generalship will be acclaimed as richly merited and decidedly popular.

On Dec. 22 last Very Rev. Father Walsh was 56 years of age. The son of Captain John Walsh, he was born in West St. John where his younger days at school were spent. Later he attended the school conducted by the Christian Brothers, and in 1877 when they left St. John he went to the Grand Seminary in Montreal where he took a two years' course in philosophy and a three and a half years' course in theology. Among his fellow students were Rev. Father Collins of Fairville, Father Carney of Fredericton, and others well known in this diocese.

His ordination to the priesthood took place on Dec. 23, 1882, and his first mass was celebrated at midnight, Christmas Eve, and his first sermon preached in cathedral here on December 31. For a month he was stationed in West St. John and then returned to the cathedral. He became senior priest in the cathedral in 1884, and so remained until, July, 1892 when he became pastor of Holy Trinity where he has since remained and where his labors have today been crowned with his elevation to the office of vicar general, as successor to Rt. Rev. Monsignor Chapman. Rev. Father Walsh is noted as a speaker and theologian and a kindly zealous priest.

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THE DUTY OF PARLIAMENT AT COMING SESSION

The duty of parliament when it meets early next month lies plainly before it. Canada is at war, and the representatives of the Canadian people should lay aside all party strife—as the members of the British Parliament have done—and become the nation's Advisory Council for the prosecution of the great task upon which Canada's very existence depends. There is need for money to equip and maintain the troops of the Dominion at home and in Europe. Parliament should be in a position to consider, free from party bias, the measures to be submitted by Mr. White for the financing of the war. There is need for the stirring up of patriotic feeling so that recruits may come more freely to the colors. The leaders of both parties, from their seats in the chamber and by addressing public meetings throughout the country could do much toward rousing the ardour of young Canadians. That supreme duty of statesmanship will be left undone if the coming session becomes an occasion for reaping party advantage from the proceedings in the house.

Above all, there is a need when Parliament meets, for a very frank non-partisan discussion of the whole question of war supply contracts and the management of the Militia Department during the past few months. The Globe can say most sincerely that nothing has been done by Liberals since war began to hamper the work of General Hughes and his staff. Criticism therefore has come almost entirely from Conservative papers and politicians. Liberal members and Liberal newspapers have been studiously reserved in their expressions of opinion. The demand for the removal of the Minister of Militia was launched entirely by the Conservatives, as Sir Robert Borden well knows. When Parliament meets, however, it is inconceivable that Liberal members shall sit silent in face of the many well authenticated cases coming before the public as to defective supplies for which extravagant prices have been paid. In Great Britain the chief journalistic critic of the Supply Department of the War Office is also the chief supporter of the Asquith Government. Other Liberal papers and members have spoken out boldly against extravagance and shoddy workmanship. There should be opportunity in Canada for similar criticism, but if Liberals and Conservatives have to speak with the possibility before them of an immediate election there will not be that freedom of party bias without which the value of the discussion will be materially lessened.

To advise and to criticize measures for the prosecution of the war should be the supreme duty of Parliament during the coming session. It is disquieting to learn from the Government leader in the Senate, however, that there is a possibility of party strife of the pre-election sort. Senator Loughheed has been making what is spoken of as a "fighting" speech at Calgary, in the course of which he said that an election might come "like a thief in the night." Only the introduction by the Government, of some highly controversial issue—such as Canada's future policy respecting naval defence—which has no bearing on present war conditions, could lead to an impasse requiring dissolution and an appeal to the country. If the Government is determined upon an election occasion will be found for it, but at a time of crisis when great national interests are at stake, the leaders of public opinion in the Dominion should be slow to put party first.

There are Liberals who would welcome an immediate election because

they know that hard times always tell against the Government in power. The cry of "Laurel and the return of prosperity" would be a potent one in Canada today, far more effective than the cry of 1911 to "let well enough alone." The odds are by no means so greatly in favor of the Borden Government surviving an appeal to the electorate as some of its journalistic flagmen imagine. But why an election before there is need through the expiry of Parliament's mandate? Are we to play politics while the Hun is at the gate? Is that what Senator Loughheed meant when he told the Calgary Conservatives that an election might come "like a thief in the night."—The Globe.

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