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But under the circumstances I determined that the Government was right, and I determined to place at its disposal whatever influence I had with my fellow-countrymen. I have loyally supported all the war measures of the Government, have appealed to all classes of my fellow-citizens to rise to the occasion and do their share, not only in contributing money, but in the ranks by doing battle for the great cause. And I am here today for the same purpose and object, to appeal to my fellow-countrymen of all origins to do their duty, and ask all who can go to take their places amongst those who are contending for the cause of civilization on the fields of France and Flanders.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Brome.

A QUEER BUSINESS.

Commenting on the Supreme Court vacancy in this province, and some developments in connection therewith, the *Amherst, N.S., Guardian* has this to say:

"A most remarkable proceeding has taken place in New Brunswick in connection with the filling of a vacancy in the Supreme Court of the Province. A deceased judge had scarcely been buried before a gathering of certain citizens was held to arrange for a meeting at which a successor should be 'nominated.' That meeting was held and a 'nomination' duly made. A day or so later a meeting of another group of citizens was held at which a second barrister was 'nominated.'"

"People have become accustomed to methods and deals in New Brunswick politics, but this 'nomination' of judges by meetings of citizens is a new thing—and it is grossly objectionable. "Open canvassing and wire-pulling in connection with appointments to positions on the Bench is contrary to British tradition, and has little of propriety about it. The very fact that he has been 'nominated' for a judgeship by a public meeting is no reason why a man should be put upon the Bench; on the contrary, it is probably a reason why he should not be appointed. The results of the American practice bear out this view."

A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN.

The local graft organ seems to be laboring under the belief that opponents of the Local Government in York are having difficulty in securing suitable men willing to allow their names to go before the convention. There is a whole lot of information on this subject which does not seem to be in the possession of the graft organ, and it would be better employed in discussing matters about which it has some knowledge. It might, for instance, explain what it meant when it stated a short time ago that Mr. B. Frank Smith "had already brought trouble enough upon the party." Mr. Smith has been selected for the post of Minister of Public Works, and the graft organ might tell which wing of the party in York the new Minister intends to recognize. Just for good measure, it might enlighten its readers as to which of the present members for York, if any, are on speaking terms.

THE B. C. ELECTIONS.

In the first week of August all the candidates were nominated for the Provincial Legislature, and the elections will be held on September 14th. Every constituency has its straight party candidates, and many of them have third and even fourth party men as well. Socialists are propounding their theories and the Prohibitionists have brought in Billy Sunday to stir things up, while the newspapers are indulging in the most fiery denunciations.

The government has been in power for twelve years and has certainly ruled with a high hand, but has latterly fallen on evil days and lost practically every by-election that has occurred. The government party are, however, making every effort to win, and will stop at nothing. All the British Columbia soldiers are to vote no matter where they may be. Thousands are at home training, a large number are in Manitoba, another lot at Valcartier, thousands are in England and thousands more in France. The military vote will not be fully counted until some time in October, which means that only 65 per cent. of the provincial vote will be known the day after the election, and candidates will

not know whether they are elected or not till a month afterwards. It is indeed a unique contest.

While several thousand persons attending the Oddfellows' Carnival at Ocean Park, Lynn, Mass., were watching, John Murphy, a 19-year-old professional diver, was hurled 30 feet to the ground when a cable parted while he was sliding down it, clinging by his teeth. Murphy was descending at a terrific speed when the cable broke. He struck the turf with great force. His right thigh was fractured and it is feared that he received internal injuries. The youthful victim demonstrated that he possessed remarkable nerve. He made no complaint other than to express regret that he had not landed on a tent. He was taken to the Lynn hospital.

Halifax Chronicle: Now that the Fourth Canadian Division has at last reached France, the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth should speedily follow. There are more Canadian troops in Great Britain and still more in Canada than in Great Britain. They enlisted to fight the Empire's battles in France and not to entertain Canadian politicians at holiday reviews in Canada. They should be sent to Great Britain and placed under the control of the War Office to be sent to the front as soon as they are deemed fit. It is high time for the Canadian politician to take his hands off Canada's military business. We have had altogether too much politics so far. Now it is time to get down to business and cut out politics.

Commenting on the government's plans to secure the soldiers' vote, the *Canadian Courier* says:

"The British Columbia government knows no shame. To interrupt the business of war to collect votes for Bowser, is cheek incomparable. Surely men who face death every moment should not be asked to listen to the appeals of would-be legislators and political bosses smoking cigars at home in British Columbia."

ON THE SIDE.

Love and reason are seldom on speaking terms.

One should never go out walking in a driving rain.

The wolf's reputation in this province has gone entirely to the dogs.

Cupid is a good shot, but he bags some poor game.

Many a ballroom gown in covering a warm heart reaches its limit.

An optimist says that good intentions are better than no payments.

Beauty may be only skin deep, but it's the swell looking chicken that gets the most joy rides.

A spinster says she loves cats because they are just as treacherous as men.

It's a safe bet that B. Frank Smith realizes that even patriotic potatoes need considerable "salt" to take away that green taste.

The man who marries a widow seldom says anything about his wife's first husband, but there are times when he regrets his demise.

"Plain English." The language the fat men use when the forecast says there is no relief in sight.

A woman has all the faith in the world in a man until she begins to have to throw out hints about money.

The trouble with our own farmers is that when they are hiring men they forget to tell them that work in their harvest fields is an excursion.

The "champeen" fisherman is not the feller that catches the big ones, but the feller that tells of the big ones that go away.

PERSONAL.

Dr. D. H. McAllister, ex-M. P., of Sussex, is here attending the races.

Vancouver World, Aug. 8: Mr. W. B. Farris, of Revelstoke, who has recently returned from a trip to New Brunswick, spent the week-end here with Mrs. Farris, who has taken a house in Kitsilano for the summer, and returned to Revelstoke on Sunday. His uncle, Dr. Hay, of Woodstock, N. B., who accompanied him on his return from New Brunswick, came on to the coast with him and has remained for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Farris.

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SUMMARY OF MORNING'S WAR NEWS

The French and British, striking with terrific force in three directions on the somme front, have stormed nearly three miles of German trenches driving forward at points to a depth of 200 to 500 yards.

Most important gains were made by the French and British troops striking north from the point where the Allies' lines met, Maupas and Clercy, two of the most important points held by the Germans in this sector. They have been flanked on both sides, according to the official statement issued by Paris.

The road has also been reached between Maurepas and Guillemont, the latter town being the immediate objective of the British. This advance, if maintained, brings the Allies directly in front of the large railway town of Comblès.

South of the Somme the French stormed the German trenches over a length of about three-fourths of a mile, driving forward in a southeasterly direction from Belloy-en-Santerre. Paris reports that a considerable number of prisoners were taken in these operations.

For the first time in many days no important action is reported from the Russian front, and the same dearth of news prevails in regard to the Italian operations. The most interesting item of news regarding the Italian advance against Trieste is contained in a despatch from Milan which says that German troops are to be employed in the defence of the big Austrian port.

If corroborated this means that Italy and Germany at last enter an active state of war.

The Allied forces on Aug. 10 captured the railroad station at Doiran, according to French War Office statements dealing with the Balkan front. In the fighting covering the period from Aug. 1 to 15, dealt with in the French official statement, the Allied forces also took four other points on this front.

AN OUTCOME OF THE FORD EXPEDITION

Stockholm, Aug. 16.—The neutral conference for continuous mediation resulting from Henry Ford's peace expedition, has decided to establish bureaux in Bern and Stockholm, and a headquarters at The Hague with Louis P. Lochner in charge.

Mr. Lochner will leave here within a few days. It is planned also to appoint committees of ten members each in Denmark, Holland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland, whose duty it will be to watch the political situation in the belligerent countries, with the object of promoting peace.

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