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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.

SOUTHWEST TORONTO.

The Liberal victory in Southwest Toronto on Monday in a bye-election for the Ontario Legislature is an event of more than ordinary political significance. Away back in the year 1890, a Mr. Tait, a Liberal, was elected for a Toronto seat, but ever since that time the electoral divisions of the city have sent Conservatives to the Legislature, usually by majorities running up into the thousands. Only two years ago the constituency which on Monday elected Mr. Dewart returned the late Hon. J. J. Foy by the substantial majority of 3,763. Mr. Dewart's majority was 643, which means a turnover of upwards of four thousand votes. There were four candidates in the running, but Mr. Dewart polled sixty more votes than the other three combined. Mr. Dewart's victory is all the more remarkable when it is considered that he entered the field only eight days before polling, and with no organization. He rallied the young men of the constituency to his support, and addressed two or three meetings nightly, vigorously assailing the policy of the government. As he himself expressed it, "he woke up the seven sleepers in Queens Park," meaning the members of the Hearst government. Premier Hearst is absent in England, but two of his colleagues, Attorney General Lucas and Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, threw the weight of their influence into the contest on behalf of Mr. Norris, the Conservative candidate, and made frantic appeals in his behalf. The Conservative candidate made a strong bid for the liquor vote and expressed himself as being favorable to a wine and beer license. The members of the government assured the electors that they had their ears to the ground and intimated that they were willing to modify the prohibition act of last session, providing the constituency returned Mr. Norris. The Liberal candidate declined to make prohibition an issue and the brewing interests rallied to the support of Mr. Norris in his beer and wine policy.

A Toronto despatch says of the election: There were two opinions on the streets tonight as to the significance of the result. "The Hearst Government is gone," said a former president of a Conservative ward association, frankly, "and unless the Camp Borden and Hughes-Allison mess is cleaned up, the Borden government will go after it." The people have lost confidence in the government and several Conservative workers were outspoken in their demand for a speedy reconstruction.

While the election was run largely on provincial issues, Sir Sam Hughes, ex-Col. John Wesley Allison, and Camp Borden came in for considerable attention, and no doubt were the means of turning many votes for the Liberal candidate. Mr. Dewart was counsel for the Liberals before the Davidson commission, when the sale of small arms ammunition to the Imperial government was investigated, and he was in possession of an abundance of material which he made good use of in his campaign speeches. A rather invective comparison which Sir Sam, in a moment of weakness, made of Allison and the Liberal counsel undoubtedly proved a good vote getter for Mr. Dewart.

The result of the election is likely to cause the Ottawa government to sit up and take notice. When the Conservatives cannot elect a candidate in a bye-election in Tory Toronto, what possible chance have they of carrying a majority of the other constituencies when the next appeal is made to the people?

A SPLENDID SHOWING.

Ald. Reid, chairman of the civic finance committee, City Treasurer Perkins, Chief Assessor Sterling and the citizens who came across with the money, are all deserving of hearty congratulations on the remarkably good showing made this year in the matter of tax collections. The large sum of \$84,909 was collected on the current year's assessment before the expiration of the discount period, breaking all records. It is doubtful if any city or incorporated town in the province ever made such a creditable showing. The payment of such a large sum in taxes indicates that citizens are taking a more practical interest in civic affairs than ever before.

While taxes are a sure crop, they only have to be paid once a year, and if people only get the habit it is just as easy to pay them in August as it is to wait until the following February. The city has need of the money, and prompt payment means a saving in interest charges to the corporation.

The discussion on tax collections started by Ald. Reid at the last meeting of the City Council undoubtedly was the means of stirring up a number of citizens who in former years had not exercised undue haste in calling on the city treasurer. It goes to show that a little publicity of the right kind is often of great value.

Commenting on the victory won by Mr. H. H. Dewart, the Liberal candidate in Southwest Toronto, the St. John Globe says: "His election to the seat carried in the general election by the late Attorney General Hon. J. J. Foy, with a majority of 3,696, will prove a powerful rallying cry for the Liberals and will be accepted throughout Canada as additional proof of a change in popular opinion due to war graft and other exposures."

Chatham World, Con.: The government campaign has been begun in Carleton by attacks on Mr. Carvell. It is Mr. Carvell's sins and not Mr. Smith's virtues that are held up before the eyes of the electors. This is not as it should be. The electors should be asked to consider only the claims of the new Minister and the Government on the confidence of the constituency.

ON THE SIDE.

The civic tax payers broke a speed record on Monday.

The Libs certainly have a cinch on war-time by-elections.

Fredericton taxpayers seem to be trying to do their bit.

The wild waves have nothing on the gurgle of a soda fountain.

Again the French are in Fleury and the Germans in a flurry.

Look before you leap. Gaze first under the picture hat.

"Wins Farm for 25 Cents." Perhaps it was mighty dear at that.

The Highlanders, when they go out to start something on the mountain tops should take care that it is not a forest fire.

Returning from the war front, the Kaiser called at Cologne. To get freshened up after Verdun and the Somme, no doubt.

No doubt the citizens who didn't pay are hoping the civic financiers are so pleased at the big returns that they will not hurry with those executions.

So far no one has been warned to keep the news of the Highlanders' spectacular recruiting stunt from the Germans. The reason no doubt is that the Germans are believed to have a very dull sense of humor.

The Russians have taken Kutly and Brody and have had Mush now for quite a while. The Bulgarians have just taken Kastoria—their next dose should be either paregoric or chloroform.

CANADA'S WEALTH.

Canada's great wealth now centres in the Western harvest fields. The next excursion to reach Winnipeg will be from the Maritime Provinces. Government representatives and farmers will be on hand, and months of employment with good wages is assured. If the great demands now being made on Canada in the matter of good products are to be fully met, it is the important duty of every man that can possibly do so to lend assistance in gathering and taking care of the enormous crops now at the point of maturity.

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London, Aug. 22.—The Daily Mail quotes from the Berliner Tageblatt's description of Hamburg, written by a recent visitor to that port.

"If anyone wants to realize the picture of Hamburg as a sleeping beauty he need only take a run around the docks. The sound of sirens, the groaning of cranes and the clanking of anchor chains is heard no more. Only from the shipbuilding yards come occasional sounds of blows of hammers. Through the silence of quays and ship everything is completely still. Before the war boats made an uninterrupted chain right to the mouth of the Elbe, but now the tenants of the villas on the banks tell me they rush to the windows every time a ship goes by.

The whole place is deserted excepting for some warehouse caretakers, a sentinel guarding the margarine depot and a few women packing salted cod-fish.

The Imperator—one of the largest passenger steamers ever built—lays in her dock empty. Strange to say, the brass porthole fittings of this ship are untouched. The ship has 2,000 portholes and the weight of brass is 75 tons, but it is too much trouble to remove."

WANT BY-ELECTIONS
CALLED ON AT ONCE

Papers Served on Hon. Dr. Landry at Instance of the Opposition Organizer.

Andover, N. B., Aug. 22.—Hon. Dr. Landry, clerk of the crown in chancery, and provincial secretary-treasurer, was served with papers Monday at Buctouche at the request of the provincial Opposition organizer, E. S. Carter, calling upon him under the provisions of section 173 of the election act passed last session, to issue writs for the vacancies in the city of St. John and in the counties of Albert, Kent and Gloucester.

The best legal authorities are of the opinion that the demand of Messrs. Dugal and Pelletier, members of the Legislature, must be complied with within a reasonable time, failing which the Opposition could apply for a mandamus of the court calling upon the provincial secretary-treasurer to show cause why he ignores the request of these members.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Douglas Coburn, of the staff of the Royal Bank, Havana, is spending his vacation with relatives here. Miss Minnie O'Leary, of Lynn, Mass., is visiting friends in the city.

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