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MR. F. B. CARVELL'S GREAT SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT

Eloquent Member for Carleton Makes a Strong and Convincing Appeal for National Unity—Is in Favor of Conscription But Would Like One More Effort Made on Behalf of Voluntary Enlistment—Condemns the Government's War Methods.

OTTAWA, June 27.—A dual appeal—an appeal for war winning and for national unity—couched in serious words and delivered with impressive earnestness, made today's sitting of Parliament memorable. It came from F. B. Carvell, of Carleton, N. B. Parliament knows Mr. Carvell as a sturdy Liberal. It esteems him as a man of fearless integrity and strong constitution. It has wholesome respect for his rugged and ruthless pursuit of propriety and dishonesty. It remembers his victims—the Morins, the Flemmings, the DeWitts, the Fosters, the Garlands, the J. Wesley Allisons and others whom his relentless thoroughness has exposed and banished.

But today, "Fighting Frank," as he is dubbed in Parliamentary corridors, was revealed to his fellow members as patriot and peacemaker. The hard, resonant tones of the public prosecutor changed to the persuasive plea of a citizen deeply concerned over his nation's part in the world struggle.

Liberals cheered Mr. Carvell as they have often done before, but the stalwart New Brunswicker received his most significant tribute in the applause from Conservative benches that hitherto anathematized his very name.

Mr. Carvell declared for the principle of the military service bill, and opposed the referendum. His position was taken with characteristic thoroughness. He had no apologies for his past arraignments of the government's partizan and dishonest war administration. He stood by his criticisms, but he proffered his whole-hearted support of measures really calculated to strengthen Canada's participation in the struggle.

Mr. Carvell reiterated the plea of Mr. Pardee that before putting conscription into actual operation it would be well to "make a last mighty appeal" to young Canadian manhood.

A Plea for Unity.

But Mr. Carvell was perhaps most impressive when he addressed himself with unmistakable earnestness to the provinces of Quebec and Ontario. He spoke of the spirit of confidence and camaraderie that existed between the United Empire Loyalists and the French Acadians of his own province, and pleaded for leadership along lines similar in the two large provinces of Confederation.

His tribute to the life purpose and the present position of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was most impressive, and provoked repeated cheering. When he sat down the big New Brunswicker was surrounded by political friends and opponents who warmly extended their congratulations.

Sir Herbert Ames.

Quite in line with Mr. Carvell's patriotic utterance of the afternoon was the speech of Sir Herbert Ames, of the Conservative side of the House. Although he holds pronounced imperialistic views, Sir Herbert professed respect for the opponents of conscription at this time, and said the arguments presented in the House in opposition to the bill had been marked by "logic, reason and sincerity."

He agreed that the country was not ready for conscription, but intimated that it would not be enforced until a campaign of education had done its work.

More unfortunate in tone were the speeches of Dr. Edwards, of Frontenac, and Mr. Devlin, of Wright. Dr. Edwards made a vicious attack on Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Quebec generally, while Mr. Devlin, angered by these and other references, declared that Quebec would never consent to a measure forced by such men as those hurling insults at the citizens of that province.

No Words Wasted.

Frank B. Carvell of Carleton, N. B., in resuming the debate on conscription, said he intended to state in the simplest and shortest language possible the views which he entertained and the vote he intended to give on the passage of the measure.

"I find myself, perhaps," he said, "in the most peculiar position of any member of the house from the fact that for the past two years and a half no man in the house has criticised the conduct of the government in the management of the war to the same extent that I have done. I honestly believe in the criticism and I am convinced that I had good ground for making every criticism which I made. I believed that partisanship was running rampant all over the Dominion of Canada in the conduct of this war, and as a member of parliament to whose knowledge these matters have come, I felt it my duty to make them public, and I made them public in as forcible a manner as I knew how."

"I only wish to say that in the future notwithstanding the attitude I may take today, if, in my judgment, the conduct of this war by the government is such that it requires criticism, I hope I will have the courage to perform the duties for which I was sent to this parliament. I have taken a very serious view of this war from the beginning. It has been in my thoughts constantly, and I think it will be until the closing scenes of this great drama. I was attending court in

St. John on August 4, 1914, and on the morning of that day I read in the newspapers that war had been declared and I immediately sent a telegram to my chief, telling him that in my judgment he should offer the government his full support in anything that was necessary in order that Canada should do her duty in the conduct of the war. I have taken that attitude both privately and publicly ever since that time and I still take the same attitude.

"The prime minister, who is charged with the responsibility of conducting the affairs of this country at the present time, came back from the seat of the empire a month or six weeks ago and he made the statement that they needed more men at the front, and he also stated, it is said, without consultation with his friends—and I know without consultation with my friends—that the way to get those men was to introduce a bill for compulsory service."

The Call for Men.

"The prime minister of this country declared we need more men. Every responsible official, both civil and military, of the two great nations, France and England, who are really waging this war from the 4th day of August down to the present time, have sent out the cry 'we need men and more men and still more men.' That cry has gone forth today in the United States and all over the civilized world, every country which is fighting against the Hun today—we are told we need more men. The prime minister says that on the 1st day of January, 1916, he promised the Allied governments that Canada would send half a million men by the 1st of January, 1917. He regards that as a pledge. I do not so regard it, but I really believe that Canada stands pledged from the day this war began to the present, and will stand pledged until the final conclusion of this great conflict, to send every man who can be possibly spared from the ordinary avocations of life. I do not care whether the number be 50,000, 75,000 or 100,000 or more."

Mr. Carvell said he did not believe that recruiting in Canada had had a fair show. Party patronage had been exercised to an extent to which even members of the government must be heartily sorry for. However, the prime minister said that we must have a more forcible measure of obtaining men, and when the premier took that view the speaker had not the nerve to say that he was wrong.

Mr. Carvell said he was not one of those who were always willing to take their hats off and bow down to every Englishman they happened to meet on the street, "but I take my hat off to 150,000 British born who threw up their jobs, threw down their tools and joined the colors the moment war was declared."

"I do admire British institutions and I believe I am as loyal a British subject as any man in Canada. I do admire British laws, British sense of justice, British literature."

"I admire the way the British people do things in the world; I feel that I am, in the judgment of every member of the house, when I say that ideals that have gone forth from the British islands have been the foundation of the liberty of the world. But I do not concur with the view of the man who says that Canada is fighting for England or because England wants her to fight. I do not support any other view than that we are doing our duty as Canadians."

Reaping the Whirlwind.

After expressing considerable sympathy with the position in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier is placed, Mr. Carvell said he knew that certain English-speaking Canadians in 1910 and 1911 spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to sow broadcast throughout Quebec the doctrine that they owed nothing to England and that the whole pol-

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