

Mr. H. F. GADSBY DECLARES FOR UNION GOVERNMENT

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 regardless of the fact that he was previously labelled Liberal or Conservative. Union government is very much in earnest about the matter. Its paramount desire is that the party spirit shall nowhere mar the high aims and objects which union government has at heart. As a guarantee of good faith spirit has been abolished in all departments under the government control. The party patronage list is a thing of the past and he who has wares to sell to or a job to seek from this Dominion of Canada now must do so on his merits.

A Modern Miracle.

Only the other day I witnessed this miracle, a Liberal worker of long standing bearing in his hand a letter signed by a Conservative cabinet minister and telling a certain department that Mr. Blank had a proposition for the good of Canada which deserved attention. This letter was the last straw which convinced Mr. Blank that union government was putting the good of the country above party and from now on he is a staunch disciple. From other quarters comes the information that the vis intertia of the various government departments is being overcome and now that a man's party pull has no longer to be scrutinized, quick action is the order of the day.

Conscription.

Conscription is perhaps the smallest question union government has to deal with. It is a shadow and presently it will be gone but the other problems which I have faintly indicated are of longer duration. To work them out is no brief task. Speaking in the large the problem union government undertakes is to clean up the litter which this war and the fallibility of human judgment beclouded by party strife, has let this country of Canada in for. No party government would dare to do the things and tread on the toes which union government must dare. Timid souls will be inclined to count the cost but the indisputable fact is that Germany won, if the Union Jack disappeared from the seven seas if the democracies of England, the United States and France were permanently injured, if Canada became vassal to the Hun, there would be no counting of the cost because their would be no cost to count. We would have lost everything that makes life worth living. Responsible government an untrammelled franchise, the right of the individual to all the liberty he can enjoy without trenching on the liberty of others—these are our treasures, to have and to hold, and from time to time we must pay in blood and gold to make them secure. And the men who have paid in blood must not be left in the lurch by those who stay at home and pay in money.

Still a Liberal.

Conscription is the last question, I repeat, but it is at the back of Union government. It was conscription that first made union government necessary. For three years I pleaded a brief for the Liberal Party and I did with real pleasure as long as the party was united on Liberal measures. Moreover, I am a Liberal yet and I cherish great hopes that union government will take what there is best of Liberal ideas and Conservative sentiments and mold them over into a concinnate whole which will make for the progress and prosperity of Canada. If it doesn't I am willing to go back to the party system and thresh the truth out in the old way when real issues develop. Meanwhile so long as the issues are the good faith of Canada in this war and her good health afterwards I pin my faith to union government.

The Old Chieftain.

Perhaps the hardest wrench men like Carvell, Pardee, Charlton, Nesbitt and other prominent Liberals experienced was parting from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the leader they had loved, admired and followed for so many years. Friendship, of course, does not cease but leadership does. Sir Wilfrid would be the first to laugh at sympathizers who should pity him as stripped of friends in his old age. Sir Wilfrid has as many friends as ever, as many admirers, too, who think of him as the Grand Old Man of Canadian politics. But he is stripped of a certain number of party followers who do not see eye to eye with him on a question of tremendous importance to Canada. The British Empire and the world at large. Such defections on matters of principle a smiling philosopher like Sir Wilfrid will admit are part of the game.

Liberals like W. S. Fielding have parted from Sir Wilfrid Laurier on

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