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LIBERALS WILL NOT JOIN THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT

The Premier Will Now Make an Effort to Bring About Reorganization Within the Party Ranks--Some Divergent Views At a Liberal Caucus--Wealth Should be Conscribed.

Ottawa, June 12. — A second Liberal caucus on the conscription issue was held today. It lasted for three hours, and, after another full and frank exchange of views on all the varying aspects of the question, adjourned to meet again a little later in the week. Meanwhile a committee was appointed which will endeavor to crystallize the views expressed into resolutions outlining suggested amendments to the bill now before the house.

The more the bill is studied and the more all the national considerations involved in the immediate adoption of a bill limited purely to military conscription are canvassed, the more apparent it becomes that members on both sides of the house are unconsciously differing from one another as to the wisest course to pursue.

In the Liberal caucus today there was again a cleavage of opinion as to whether or not the conscription principle should be at once adopted, or whether it should be delayed until the voluntary system had been given a final testing under proper conditions, until a wise educational campaign had been conducted and until the people had been consulted.

"Conscription All Around."

There were advocates both for and against immediate endorsement of the principle at least of the government bill. The divergent views were expressed without the least sign of acrimony, and at the last it was agreed that failing any common ground on which all could stand, every member should be left free to vote on the bill, at its final stage, as his convictions dictated.

There was a general consensus of opinion that, in any event, Liberalism should stand for equality of war sacrifice and war effort so far as possible, and that if compulsion was to be adopted

in the case of military service, it should also be made applicable to wealth and war service generally.

Owing to the fact that the bill was not distributed until this morning, members had not time to take more than a cursory survey of its many provisions before the caucus met. During the next two days there will be a careful scrutiny of each clause, and it is certain that some amendments will be proposed, either in the way of additional clauses or in the way of making the machinery provided less cumbersome and less open to the exercise of the political manipulation should the partisan administration now in office attempt to exploit its provisions for political advantage. Meanwhile, Sir Robert Borden is understood to be attempting cabinet reconstruction, without relying further on the hope of effecting any coalition with the Liberals in parliament. For the reasons already given, Sir Wilfrid Laurier definitely turned down the premier's coalition proposals last week. Since then, Hon. George P. Graham and Messrs. Carvell, Pardee and MacLean, have definitely declined another offer to enter a coalition on a pro-conscription basis. Knowing all the facts of the case and realizing the motives and methods behind the new scheme, they have not hesitated to decline the prime minister's offer.

They are Liberals by conviction as well as win-the-war enthusiasts. They do not believe that they should be called upon to sacrifice their Liberal convictions by combining with a Conservative-Nationalist government, and they do not believe that they could work in harmony with the personnel of the present administration which would still be retained in the cabinet under Premier Borden, in dealing with issues which must come up apart from conscription.

AN ILLUMINATING SPEECH BY WESTMORLAND MEMBER

(Continued from page 7.) as they were here they must be provided for. It would be necessary for the government with the assistance of hon. members to provide ways and means of taking care of the expenditure in order that the financial integrity of the province might be kept above par.

Mr. Pinder Heard From.

Mr. Pinder said that he had listened with some amusement to the discussion on matters that had come before the House. He agreed with the hon. member for Northumberland that in carrying out the road policy the Government should not work in the interests of automobiles and tourists, to the detriment of people living in remote districts. He was much afraid that something of that kind was going to happen. Provision should be made for the care of roads in a parish such as North Lake in his own county. It had been stated during the debate that the Government took office as a business government, but it did not seem to him that they were conducting the business very well. The hon. member from Moncton appeared to be doing the greater share of the work and this being so the Government should get along with four or five members.

The Southampton Railway.

Reference had been made to the Southampton Railway and perhaps he should say a word or two upon the subject. This road had been built on a bond issue from the province of \$155,000. If hon. members consulted the auditor general's report they would find that the province was entitled to the sum of \$4,207.19 from the C. P. R. as its share of receipts up to January 1st, 1915. Since that time there had been large increase in traffic. The railway had been built up to the specifications of the C. P. R. and the company had inspected it thoroughly before taking it over on a 40 per cent basis. He thought instead of being abused he should get credit for doing something for the development of the province. The hon. premier was interested in the St. Martins and Hampton Railway and had tried to sell it to the

Federal Government before it went out of office in 1911.

All he (Pinder) got for the Southampton Railway was \$16,500 a mile. The other side of Fredericton there was another road recently built, the Minto Railway. That was constructed to help the coal owners to deliver their coal. It was part of a system for which friends of the members of the present government used to vote two or three hundred thousand dollars every session or so with the idea of getting it completed to Fredericton.

The late government deserved a lot of credit for building the railway to open up the coal mines and the road cost \$23,000 a mile to build, yet eminent engineers who had been over both roads said that the Southampton is the better built of the two. That being the case he did not feel that he need feel very sore about it.

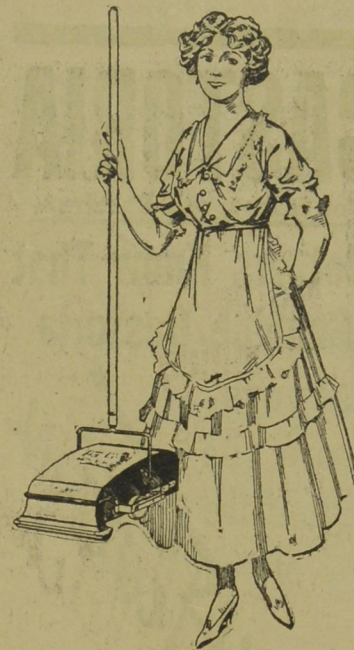
GERMAN BELLS MELTED DOWN

Copenhagen, June 13.—Hamburg has just bidden a touching farewell to the noted chimies in two principal churches, St. Nicholas and St. Peter's, from which the bells have been expropriated under a general order commanding all German church bells to be melted into cannon.

Great crowds assembled around the churches and joined in hymns which were played for the last time on the bells. The chimies are composed of 43 and 50 bells respectively and will provide about thirty tons of metal.

To Command 236th Depot.

Lieut. A. C. Baldwin, who has been acting officer in charge of the publicity department during the absence of Capt. Percy F. Godenrath, will remain in Fredericton for some time after the departure of the 236th and will command the depot to be established here for the reception of the American recruits for the battalion.



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OF SOCIAL INTEREST

Mrs. Mae Hamilton of St. John, is visiting Mrs. Wood at Government House.

The Messes Smith of Coverdale, are spending the week here and are the guests of their brother, Mr. Lewis Smith, M. P. P., at the Barker House.

Mrs. A. M. Gibson is entertaining at tea this afternoon at her home Waterloo Row.

Fredericton Bills Considered.

The Municipalities Committee of the Provincial Legislature this morning considered the bills promoted by the City of Fredericton. Four were agreed to but further consideration will be given to that imposing a license fee upon residents of the county of York who follow occupations within the city. If this is finally rejected the city will continue to impose fines upon the incomes of such non-residents.

Visiting the Schools.

Dr. C. C. Jones, Chancellor of the University of New Brunswick, is visiting the various high and collegiate schools of the province this week in the interests of the University.

Returned from Recruiting Duty.

Sergt. H. B. Whitteet of the 236th Battalion, who has been on recruiting duty in Moncton, has rejoined the battalion here.

Indian Policeman Resigns.

Chief Solomon Brooks of the St. Mary's Indian Reserve, who has been policeman and truant officer on the reserve for the past ten years, has tendered his resignation to Indian Agent Griffiths and says that it is in effect already. Sol says that the combined jobs were worth much more than he was getting out of them and that they interfered with his other occupations. He was appointed under the late Indian Agent Farrell. The reserve is now without a policeman.