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A STATESMAN'S VIEWS

In describing the duty of Canadians in the present crisis Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in his great speech before the Montreal Reform Club a few days ago:

"We are a free people, absolutely free. The charter under which we live has put it in our power to say whether or we should take part in such a war or not. It is for the Canadian people the Canadian parliament and the Canadian government alone to decide. This freedom is at once the glory and honor of Britain, which granted it, and of Canada, which uses it to assist Britain. Freedom is the keynote of all British institutions. You find it from the lowest to the highest rung in the ladder. There is no conscription in Britain. There never was, there never shall be. We have heard it discussed by eminent authorities that Great Britain will be found to follow suit and have recourse to conscription like France, Germany and Italy. Conscription is repugnant to the British character. The Britishers are never inclined to go to war, slow always to go to war, never preparing until they are in it, but generally they manage to get on top at the end of it. There is no compulsion upon those dependencies of Great Britain which have reached the stature of dominions such as Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and such crown dependencies at India. They are all free to take part or not as they think best. That is the British freedom, which much to the surprise of the world, and greatly to the dismay of the German emperor, German professors and German diplomats, caused this rush from all parts of the British empire to assist the mother country in this stupendous struggle.

"Freedom breeds loyalty. Coercion always was the mother of rebellion. But even in these circumstances when we see the magnificent results of the British system of government complete, not only in the United Kingdom but complete throughout the British empire, men there are in this country, men there are in England, who believe that the present mode of freedom should be replaced by a system of concentration and obligation and to make obligatory what up to date has been voluntary. While there are men who preach this doctrine, there are others who believe that the British empire can be maintained only upon the lines upon which it has been founded, freedom and diversity. If we were not in a time of war, I would tell you that upon which of the two systems we Liberals have long ago taken our stand.

"But we are at war, and war-time is not the proper time to discuss problems of such magnitude and far-reaching consequences. At the present time the only thing we have to think of is to finish the war, and to adjourn to a future date those domestic problems which will have to be taken up later."

A BUSINESS PROTEST

The Financial Post of Canada is opposed to the holding of a General Election in the Spring. It says:

"The story is revived that a General election will be held early in the spring. This will meet with decided opposition from business interests of the country. This includes employees as well as employers.

For the last two weeks the first evidences in many months of an improved undertone to business have been felt but conditions are so delicately adjusted at the present time that an election campaign would not only stop any progress towards a return of confidence, but would be the cause of or excuse further economies, reduction in wages and dismissal of workers among the scores of concerns who are today foregoing part, if not all, of their profits in order to maintain their business connections and carry through their organization until conditions improve and sales improve."

ON THE SIDE

This is the season of the year when the outdoor sleepers get their money's worth.

You can teach a man how to dress a baby. But you can't make him remember to use the corn starch.

As to that converted German cruiser, the Preslau, now in the service of Turkey, we presume that it was converted to Mohammedanism.

However, any frequenter of moving picture shows must be convinced that we have a citizenry not only trained

to arms, but to broncho busting, la soing, high diving and train wrecking.

Washington Herald.—One thing seems quite certain. Mr. Irving Cobb neglected to get the censor to put his O.K. on the alleged interview with Lord Kitchener. Another thing that will strike most readers is that both Mr. Cobb and his paper displayed the story in a most amateurish way, giving preferred position to a lot of nothings that Mr. Cobb said to Lord Kitchener in reply to questions that were apparently intended to make the interviewer feel at home, and putting at the end the really significant alleged utterances that brought forth a denial from the British War Office. Mr. Cobb evidently labored under the misapprehension that he was giving information to the war chief, who no doubt depends on sources much nearer the front.

Mr. G. Earle Logan, Mr. John A. Barry and other great Tory patriots who are stumping St. John County in the interests of Attorney General Baxter, have thus far made no reference to the timber land steal, the Valley Railway scandal, the Foreshore's bill and Mr. Flemming's resignation. They apparently think that these matters are of no concern to the electorate at the present time. The Standard says that the meetings are "enthusiastic." What is there in the record of the present local government for any honest man to enthuse over?

LOCAL NEWS

FORTY HAVE ENLISTED.

Forty men employed on Lord Ashburnham's estate at Bitch, Sussex, Eng., have enlisted for active service at the front.

A BIG TRAFFIC.

The traffic on the Valley Railway brought a large number of passengers to the city today. To accommodate Christmas shoppers the train due to leave here tomorrow at three o'clock will be held one hour or until four o'clock.

GUIDES' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Guides' Association is being held at the Queen Hotel this afternoon, with a good attendance of members. The recent appeal made by President Allen to the guides of the province to contribute to a fund for the relief of the Belgians has met with a generous response. On account of the war the guides will forego their annual banquet this year.

A LARGE MARKET.

There was a large Christmas market this morning and there promises to be another old time tomorrow. Christmas poultry was plentiful and in brisk demand. Turkeys sold from 16 to 28 cents per pound, geese at \$1.75 each and chickens at 20 cents per pound. As turkeys are said to be quite plentiful a drop in the price is looked for tomorrow. Beef was plentiful this morning at 8 and 9 cents by the quarter. Pork sold at 11 cents by the carcass. Eggs were firm at 40 cents and butter brought 30 cents.

DINNER FOR SOLDIER BOYS.

Lord and Lady Ashburnham will provide an elaborate Christmas dinner for two hundred men of the 23rd and 24th Field Batteries, who will spend the day at the Exhibition Building. The bill of fare will include one hundred pounds of turkey, two hundred mince pies, English plum pudding, sausages, ham, celery, cranberry sauce, apples, etc. The mince pies and plum puddings are being made by Mr. Butcher, the Regent street baker, and are of the good English brand. The other elements of the feast will be cooked on the premises.

WERE WELL TREATED.

The two hundred surplus officers who went to England with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, seem to have been very generously treated. Before leaving Canada each man was presented with \$140, with which to provide a uniform, etc. They traveled to England as saloon passengers and were sent to a special camp on arrival there. They received from \$4 to \$10 pay and allowance, according to rank and the only thing they had to worry about was the uncertainty in regard to the future. Fifty-five of them returned home to look for a chance to serve with other contingents. The remainder are acting as foremen in the erection of huts in England.

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SENIOR FORESTRY TECHNOLOGY

Class III.—Melrose.

JUNIOR DENDROLOGY

Class I.—Webb.

Class II.—Maimann, Jones, Edington, Edgett, Jago.

Class III.—Jewett, Melrose, Burns.

JUNIOR FOREST MENSURATION

Class I.—Jones, Webb, Maimann, Burns.

Class II.—Bago, Veness, Edington, Hall, Edgett.

JUNIOR SILVICULTURE

Class I.—Jago, Belliveau, Webb, Jones, Maimann, Burns, Edington, Edgett, Veness.

Class II.—Hall.

JUNIOR FORESTRY REPORTS

Class I.—Maimann, Jago, Webb, Jones, Edington, Jewett.

Class II.—Edgett, Burns, Hall, Belliveau, Veness.

SOPHOMORE BOTANY

Class I.—Gibson, Armstrong, Mcintosh, Harper, Miller.

Class II.—Mildred, Edgcombe, Jewett.

Class III.—Williams.

FRESHMAN BOTANY

Class I.—Barnett, Miss Chestnut, Mcintosh, Miss Scott, Carney, Miss Anderson, Caldwell, Snodgrass, Crandall, McWilliam, Miss Robinson, Miss Rundle.

Class II.—Perry, Bridges, Miss Davis, White, Saunders, McAlister, Brander, Kitchen.

SENIOR ECONOMICS

Class I.—Marr, Stiles, Miss Adams, Mersereau, Atkinson.

Class II.—Titus.

JUNIOR ECONOMICS

Class I.—Cronkite, Porter, Baird, Gilbert, Inches, Wallace, Emerson, Trecartin, Miss Gale, Miss Townsend.

Class II.—Burns, Webb, Miss Bliss, Miss Anderson, Jago, Jewett, Jones, Edgett.

Class III.—Maimann, Veness, Hall.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR GREEK

Class I.—Titus, Baird, Wallace.

SOPHOMORE GREEK

Class I.—Willet, Kelly, Bridges, Smith.

Class II.—Vanwart.

FRESHMAN GREEK

Class I.—Miss Scott, Bridges, Mcintosh, Gilbert.

Class II.—Brander.

Class III.—McWilliam.

SOPHOMORE LOGIC

Class I.—Miss Bliss, C. R. Smith, Miss Gregory, Kelly, MacLaren, Fraser, Haines, Willett.

Class II.—Bennett, Bridges, Miss Thurott, M. E. Smith, Turner, Miss Greene.

Class III.—Miss Gorman, McKnight, Vanwart.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR GEOLOGY

Class I.—Flood, Mersereau, Alexander, Miss McNaughton.

Class II.—Edgett, Belliveau, Lynch, Titus, Mooney, Burns, Webb, Maimann, Atkinson.

Class III.—Hall, Jones, Veness.

JUNIOR ANATOMY

Class I.—Inches, Gilbert, Baird, Wallace, Porter, Miss Anders, McMonagle, Miss Townsend, Emerson, Miss Thurott, Miss Gale.

SOPHOMORE ZOOLOGY

Class I.—M. E. Smith, C. R. Smith, Kelly, MacLaren, Willett, Miss Gregory, Bridges, Vanwart, Miss Bliss, Miss Thurott, Haines, McKnight, Miss Greene, Fraser, Turner, Miss Gorman.

Class II.—Sreaghan, Emerson, Bennett.

JUNIOR PHILOSOPHY

Class I.—Baird, Cronkite, Miss Gale, Wallace, Porter, Trecartin, Gilbert, Inches, Miss Townsend, Miss Bliss, Emerson.

Class II.—Miss Thurott, Miss Anderson, McMonagle, Miss Fish.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR TORTS

Class I.—Hebert, Cronkite, Mersereau, Inches, Emerson.

Class II.—Miss Fish, Porter, Trecartin, Porter, Miss Fish, Inches, Emtrson, Cronkite.

THREE BROTHERS IN RANKS.

Standard.—Among the soldiers of the Ammunition Column who left yesterday amid the cheers of the citizens were W. J. Stephenson, H. A. Stephenson and A. E. Stephenson, three sons of Edward S. Stephenson of 111 Orange street. The three brothers are good soldiers and, like their comrades, are anxiously awaiting the moment when they will go to the front.

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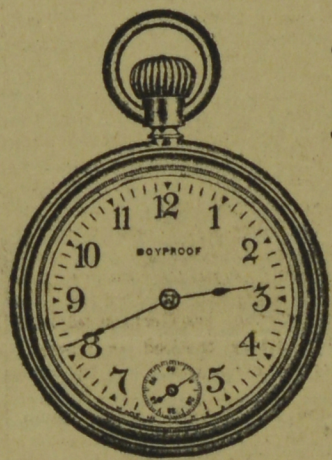
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