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"Save Democracy, Fight for our Forces" - Geo. C. Atkins

Will Restore Parliament and Freedom on March 26



HON. DR. R. J. MANION, M.C.

"I have known him since his youth when he was a student of medicine under me. He was the brightest young man in his class and the gold medalist in his year. When he graduated, all his teachers regarded him as destined to make his mark in the world—a combination of brilliant ability and sterling character" says Hon. Dr. H. A. Bruce.

After earning his own way through Toronto University, Dr. Manion took post-graduate studies in Britain and France. He enlisted in the French army, joined the Canadian army when it came and won the Military Cross. From The Official Gazette: "While moving forward with his commanding officer to establish the enemy barrage. The C.O. was wounded and fell into a shell hole. Captain Manion with another officer had great difficulty in extricating him. Further on in the afternoon of April 13th in company with the Brigade Major to establish an R.A.P. in connection with the occupation of the village of Whny, he, at great risk to himself, stopped and dressed alone nine wounded men. On all occasions his disregard for personal safety was a splendid example to the men."

Democracy ends when those in power impose their will and limited wisdom upon the people, unrestrained by public opinion expressed through an alert parliament. No government, of whatever form has ever produced men equal to that need in the history of the world. It is too much to believe that such men now govern Canada.

No self-respecting democratic people dare believe that the few men who make the nation's cabinet, alone are worthy of the office. Rather they must know that hundreds, even thousands, could effectively replace the cabinet should the occasion arise. The occasion has arisen.

Mark this, it is power that swells the ego of those who would keep it at the cost of the customs and prejudices by which the spirit of democracy lives. No written word, no law, can preserve the body of democracy against the death of the spirit. The issue is crystal clear.

Democracy has been denied by a prime minister who destroyed its spirit.

This precedent will not be confirmed by victory at the polls. Mr. King might, if re-elected, maintain the semblance of democratic government, but back of every act, between him and every question, qualifying every promise, would be the threat of empty sessions of the commons. What Aberhart or Duplessis in some post-war day would seize upon this precedent to rob us completely of our democratic rights?

Mr. King's act must be repudiated and democracy restored. He has not appealed to the people to endorse his record which is buried in the vaults of parliament, the doors of which are locked. He is asking the people blindly to return him to power, blindly to trust him again.

The war for democracy at home and abroad will be won by a determined army of above-party voters dedicated to their utmost contribution. They will not be stopped by trickery, bribes of patronage nor censorship. They will elect a responsible national government through which the people will regain power in parliament. They will be represented by a parliament that will guide Canada in the production and giving of all that can be given to the common cause.

30,000,000 lbs. Pork Imports Rob Farmers

Plans Raise Farm Income \$400,000,000

Colonel T. L. Kennedy, former Ontario Minister of Agriculture, says the National Government would endeavour to increase the value of farm crops over the Dominion from the present depressed figure of \$300,000,000 to a normal \$1,000,000,000 (billion).

Speaking of one item, surplus beef, he said: "Canada produces 125,000 surplus steers a year, yet the government has no plan regarding them."

"If the poorest quality animals were canned the meat could be put on the world market. Prices here no longer would be depressed and the savings to the farmers and the country would run into hundreds of thousands of dollars."

The bacon board formed in Ontario did not have a farmer in its membership, yet the processors were represented.

The King administration had enforced "conscription of every hog in the country" by establishing arbitrary prices, but feed was not conscripted. The price of feed had advanced 30 per cent. since the hog price was established.

"Dr. Manion's policy is not to conscript men, hogs or anything, but to give every one the advantage of a free market."

About Apples: "Thousands of barrels of the best quality apples were allowed to rot last year because government men—professional politicians who had never been farmers—sold out the farmers."

Canadians have imported 30 million pounds of pork from the United States in the past four months. Why? Because our farmers do not know how to raise enough pork? No. Because of government neglect? Yes.

Squarely upon the shoulders of the liberal party government, rests the blame for the fact that 30,000,000 pounds of pork were imported from the United States.

The master minds who have ruled by order-in-council since September, 1939, who fear for Canada if they are replaced, did not or could not plan the production of this pork in Canada. Any good farmer or agricultural representative knows the answer; any of them could have put it into effect.

At a time when the best farmers are desperately driven to make ends meet, when agricultural prices are where they were twenty-six years ago (1913-14) and thousands of farmers are deep in debt, it was little short of criminal negligence for the government to fail them when the opportunity came for action.

Canada still needs a positive pork production plan that will supply every domestic and export need. Millions of pounds of pork production will yet be lost because the government failed to plan for Canadian farmers to produce it.

The only good result of this pork import folly is that at last the packers have found a use for the pig's squeal. They can use it trying to see their rebate of duty.

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Delay Inexcusable In Paying Dependents

Soldiers' dependents in Halton and throughout Canada have suffered great needless hardship because of the incredible stupidity of the liberal party government's failure to provide a quick means of remitting assigned pay and allowances. In some cases the distress has been acute. In many communities councils or local organizations, or both, have provided bare needs while government cheques were awaited. In some cases the distress was acute.

Despite the continued lack of pay and allowances in several cases the needs of the dependents have been met.

What excuse is there for any delay in the payment of assigned pay or allowances, or even in making advances in needy cases. If a mistake was made the government has no problem whatever in recovering the money that may be overpaid. There is no need for an investigator's report before payment is made. Already it is clear that there is great need for an investigation of investigators' reports and for their prompt and just revision.

When a man enlists the government owns him for the duration of the war. If he makes fraudulent claims they can be revealed by investigation and the money wrongfully secured can be deducted from pay. Is it infinitely better that a few overpayments be made and afterward recovered than that women and children should suffer hardship and wait when their men have given themselves completely into the hands of the government? When a soldier's enlistment papers

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Give—all we can
Serve—all we can

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National Government
Halton's Victory Candidate

are signed he has made a contract to serve the government for the duration of the war. The government should be ready on that day to make advances in distressed cases and to ensure that all pay and allowances will be remitted immediately when due.

"Nothing Will Stop Me Protesting This Crime"

A Message to Halton Women

You are deeply concerned about the welfare of your men and boys who are on service or who may go.

Every candidate in this election knows what war may mean to mothers, to wives and to the fine young women who are looking forward to happy homes.

Any deception which plays upon your fears and anxieties is despicable, beneath the conduct of one fit to serve in parliament.

Such deception has been used. By insinuation the public, whispering in private, efforts are being made to make you believe that your men will be conscripted for service overseas if National Government candidates are elected.

No cruder hoax has ever been tried, nothing more contemptible has been attempted, in Canadian public life.

Canada declared war because the most vicious despots in human history attacked the civilized world. Wherever they are in control of other people, life is hideous. They ruthlessly exterminate millions by barbarous cruelty. No religion, freedom, decency or virtue restrains their barbarity. The world has horrible, undeniable proof that the foulest bestiality marks the rule of these maniacs.

Canadians could not do other than join with the British Commonwealth and the free people of the world against such barbarism.

Now it is our inescapable duty to devote our resources and energy to victory.

Canada faces the aggressors in faith and unity. The British and French traditions of freedom and justice are cherished by every good Canadian.

When the government questioned the loyalty of any group it insulted the patriotism of all. The doubts of our loyalty which hampered the efforts of the government, were the products of political narrowness, without foundation in fact.

From the outset of the war, the willingness of all races and creeds to serve the common cause has shamed the government for its little faith. Because it believed that Canada's contribution must be stunted or half-hearted, the government had not prepared to house, clothe or equip the few soldiers who were accepted. It was obliged to reject the many who offered their services.

Why will Canada not have conscription? Because when Canada elects a National Government inspired by the will to victory, Canada will not need conscription. The willingness of Canadians to produce, to give, to serve, has already far outrun the ability of a laggard, party government to use their services.

Worse than all else Canada has helped aggressor nations murder innocent masses by supplying them with

materials of war. The most disgraceful exploitation of human life and misery occurred in the supply of essential materials of war to Japan in its murder of Chinese, to Italy for the murder of Ethiopians, to the guilty everywhere for the massacre of the innocent. Within recent weeks Japan's war industries were revived by the arrival of materials from Canada and other countries.

I have flown over battlefields where men fought men. It sickens me to know that women and children now are suffering horrors as great as soldiers previously endured. The thought that with every ton of material we sell to aggressor nations, we also sell the lives of innocent children and mothers, is revolting to the soul of every Canadian.

It is true that nations, as civilized as the world has ever known, have sold aggressors the means of murder, but I had hoped that Canada would be great enough and good enough to say that she would not commit this crime against humanity.

Wherever and whenever I could I have protested against this national crime. Now I ask your support in making my protest where it will count more, in parliament itself.

The supply of materials of war to aggressors red with guilt has been sanctioned by a deliberate policy of the government of Canada. The government which fosters and permits this trade is to blame, not the individuals who engage in it. Every Canadian knows that such a national policy violates every decent concept of human life.

A government that cannot govern one of the richest parts of the earth so that its people can produce their needs without resorting to war traffic with aggressors, has no right to exist. It does not represent the will of decent Canadians.

The issue is greater than any political party, government, or interest. It is an issue of civilization itself.

What member of the government of Canada rose in his place to tell the government that so far as Canada was concerned this traffic with aggressors must stop? None.

Nothing will stop me from protesting, with all the power I possess, against Canada continuing this crime. As often as occasion offers I shall fight to stop the traffic in war materials with aggressor nations, to end this dealing in human lives.

In the defence of freedom I will cooperate with all others to ensure that the needs of the men in our forces are fully met. The health of our men must be maintained. They must be supplied with arms and equipment that will conserve their lives and bring as many as possible back to us.

George C. Atkins.

Protect Our Soldiers' Lives Complete Equipment imperative



GEORGE C. ATKINS

Born 1896, son of Rev. T. J. Atkins, of United Empire Loyalist stock. Raised and educated in Ontario. Served as a Flying Officer in the Great War. Taken prisoner of war. Escaped from Germany. Mentioned in despatches for gallant and distinguished services. Since 1919 has engaged in business and publishing. Publisher of the Oakville Record-Star. Active in the work of the Canadian Legion, service clubs, patriotic organizations, sports associations, and community welfare. President of the Oakville Red Cross Society and a member of the Board of Education. Married. Two sons attending Oakville High School.

Millions of days of labor have been lost since war broke out, and paid for in relief; days which should have been used to the full in purposeful production. Millions of more days of labor will be lost in the immediate future because the government failed to plan to use the hands of millions of Canadians who are eager to produce whatever may be needed.

War brought the day when the preparation for production could not be put off any longer. Then came the sickening revelation of unpreparedness, incompetence and political patronage. Sad and sordid were the circumstances surrounding Canada's war efforts. Indignant were Canadians when they learned that Canada would be months getting ready to do what should have been done many times over, before war broke out.

Sordid were the facts regarding Canada's feeble war preparation, so sordid that Mr. King decided to destroy the rights of parliament rather than reveal the whole truth to our representatives as he had promised, as it was his solemn duty to do.

The production effort of Canada has been shamefully weak and hampered by patronage. Farmers cannot produce as they should because they cannot get their crops out of production.

Today the British army is sharing its much needed equipment and supplies to outfit the Canadian army for active service. Canadian plants stood idle while the need for munitions, clothing and supplies grew by leaps and bounds.

It is imperative that a positive production program, free of patronage, privilege, and graft, be put into effect. Canada must have a program that will enable farmers to produce at fair prices and factories to work to capacity on war orders at fair wages. Production under which our soldiers will be assured of proper care, suitable clothing, and a supply of equipment that will keep them fully armed with the best that scientific production can provide, must be pushed to the limit.

1935 ELECTION VOTE

More than half of the votes cast were against Mackenzie King candidates.

Cabinet Liberals 2,368,856*

For Liberals 2,976,394

The change which has taken place in public opinion may easily give the National Government a good majority of seats on March 26 (Tuesday next).

Positive National Program Heartens Farmers and Workers

Organized Farmers Want Representation

The most representative body of farmers in Canada is the Canadian Chamber of Agriculture. The President is H. H. Hannam, who is also Secretary of the United Farmers of Ontario; the Secretary is George G. Coote of Mantol, Alta. The Chamber has recently issued, "A Program for Agriculture" which says in part:

"Convinced that Canadian agriculture is ready, willing and desirous to make the maximum contribution from its resources to the prosecution of the war, and recognizing the necessity of a national policy for Canadian agriculture during the war years, which would fit into a long-term post-war policy, the Canadian Chamber of Agriculture directs attention to the present position of agriculture and submits immediate objectives for the agricultural industry on a broad national basis.

Program

1. As increase in the farm income is imperative if agriculture is to give maximum aid in Canada's war effort, it is urged that in any arrangements or contracts entered into by the Dominion government and in any decisions of government boards affecting the marketing or the price of agricultural products, the principle be adopted of establishing and maintaining a fair relationship between the prices of agricultural products and the products the farmer has to buy.
2. Organized agriculture should be represented on all boards set up for the sale of agricultural products, and contracts for the sale of agricultural products and trade agreements generally should be made in consultation with representatives of organized agriculture.

Hon. R. J. Manion's program for action and victory:

- 1—Exertion of every effort by Canada toward the successful prosecution of the war.
- 2—Full mobilization of Canada's resources.
- 3—Production in Canada of all war materials possible.
- 4—Closest possible co-operation with Great Britain.
- 5—Immediate appointment of overseas minister; to remain in Great Britain.
- 6—Encouragement of voluntary recruiting, which has been discouraged.
- 7—Fullest possible use of offers of service from veterans of last war.
- 8—No political patronage or favoritism in appointments or war contracts.
- 9—No profiteering or exploitation.
- 10—Stamping out extravagance and waste.
- 11—Just and honorable treatment for all dependents of enlisted men, and fair treatment of enlisted men in pay, allowances and pensions.
- 12—Closest co-operation with Great Britain and other parts of the Empire in air training schemes.
- 13—Proper co-ordination of all wartime boards and commissions now functioning without necessary co-ordination.
- 14—Immediate review of censorship and other restrictive regulations, and steps to keep people of Canada fully informed of war effort.
- 15—Immediate action, including appointment of minister of youth welfare, to meet problems of unemployment.
- 16—Implementation of most recommendations of the Purvis-Moore commission on employment.
- 17—Postponement until after the war of all public works not immediately essential.
- 18—Encouragement of tourist industry and general endeavor to attract new capital into Canada.
- 19—Appointment of voluntary citizens' committees across Canada to advise on meeting post-war problems.

Your Soldiers Know
Vote With Them For
National Government —
Vote Geo. C. Atkins.

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