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Everybody Vote.

Before our next issue the Dominion Elections will be over and it is the duty of every citizen to exercise the franchise and go to the polling booth on Tuesday, September 14.

This is a time, however, for clear thinking, not for self alone, not for the particular industry with which we are identified, but for thinking along national lines, to bring out the best for Canada as a whole.

The day, on which Canadians must declare themselves draws near. There is yet time, however, to sum up the situation to your own satisfaction; there is yet time for each of us to decide definitely to accept the privilege and perform the duty of casting the ballot. To vote is a duty and a privilege—and sometimes it is more of a duty than a privilege—and this may be one of those times.

Let us have a record vote polled in this district. A decisive result, so essential for progress cannot be obtained in any other way.

Meighen Can't Win

The earnest desire of every independent elector in the Dominion in that on Tuesday next a party will be returned to power with sufficient majority to give this country stable government. The question next arises which of the two historic parties has the broadest appeal and therefore is most likely to win. An independent survey of the country reveals the truth of the slogan, "Meighen Can't Win."

A prominent Tory has been out West sizing things up politically and his report brings no balm to Tory wounds. "There is no hope for Toryism here" is his official report. Every indication from the Maritime Provinces points to substantial Liberal gains. The Liberals in the last election were hampered by long existing Liberal governments in the Provincial sphere. Tory government had taken their place and those governments had promised much. They told the people that the fish catch would be greater, and the market more abundant; that the roads would be improved, worn smooth by the feet of returning exiles; that the Gulf Stream shifting northward at Tory command would soften the stern rigors of the winter climate, that rains would be abundant in summer, and crops beautiful, but unfortunately nature took its course, and nothing would change. And now follows the reaction. The chickens, coming home to roost, are tired with their late hours and riotous conduct; those who were with them are suffering from resulting indigestion; the scenes are changed, and Liberalism stands to gain five or six seats in the Maritime Provinces.

Quebec will not listen to promises of Meighen and Patenaude. They are deeply interested in the constitutional issue. They turn out to political meetings; politics is in the blood of our fellow citizens of French extraction, and it is Liberal policy that appeals to them. Whatever happens on the 14th, there is no present sign of the slightest break whatever in the province of Quebec.

The situation in Ontario will show a marked change. This province is very responsive to altered conditions. The Robb budget has worked marvels in the province of Ontario. The stronghold which it has on the people is shown at every meeting. When the name is mentioned by a Tory at a public meeting the audience applauds. The reduction in the duty on automobiles has been a telling factor. The people too, have been rather stunned by the fact that the industry gives visible evidence of forward impulse of new conditions. Industry is thriving, unemployment is unknown and people appreciate that the administration of the affairs of the Dominion has been carried on in a business-like manner.

From coast to coast the trend of public opinion is undoubtedly towards Liberalism and according to all the signs of the times the Liberal party will be returned to power with a working majority on Tuesday next.

Sifton Will Win

North York is worthy of the very best representation possible. North York has been fortunate in having as representatives in the past, many illustrious and distinguished statesmen. North York on Tuesday next will make amends for the mistake made in October last when representation by a Premier was sacrificed for representation by a backbencher. Rt. Hon. W. L. M. King speaking at Newmarket on Tuesday paid sincere tribute to the character and ability of Harry Sifton and the electors of North York will pay tribute to his character and ability on Tuesday next by electing him as their representative in the Federal Parliament.

The Customs Service

There need be no fear of the way in which the smuggling situation will be handled if the Liberal Government is returned to office. The housecleaning which was begun by the Liberals will be continued by them. There is no room for doubt concerning the earnestness and the sincerity with which the late Hon. G. H. Boivin had undertaken to bring about the reforms needed within the department, reforms needed because of conditions which had their origin during the Conservative regime and which had been perpetuated largely by Conservative officials appointed by Conservative governments.

The only criticism which his opponents had been able to bring against the administration of the late Mr. Boivin related to his action in the Moses Aziz case. In that case, he granted a stay of sentence until he could hear representations on behalf of the accused, doing so upon the advice of Conservative department officials. Few men would have acted otherwise. His personal attitude was revealed by his refusal to do more, and Aziz went to jail to serve his sentence.

The Liberal government had granted every request of the Commercial Protective Association, had co-operated with that organization in every way, had voted large sums of money for the purpose of prosecuting the war against the smugglers, had strengthened the laws against smuggling and had undertaken a searching investigation into the irregularities and worse which had crept into the department, preparatory to sweeping out officials who had proved unfaithful to their trust and whose laxity and veniality had made possible the enlargement of organized smuggling op-

erations.

When returned to office after the general election, the Liberal government will be more than ever concerned about the success of the anti-smuggling drive. The honor of the government will be concerned in the matter, and there will be no laxity or lessening of effort. The Liberal party is committed to the reform of the customs service and the strengthening of the law enforcement services, and there will be no opportunity to even cast doubts upon the customs department and its administration upon the restoration of the Liberal government to office.

A band is a community asset. This fact is being recognized to a greater extent every year. "Music for everyone and everyone for music" should be the growing aim of every community.

Musical training through the band is in accord with the trend of the times, which is placing greater emphasis than ever before on enjoyment of music and self-expression through ensemble playing.

It makes music a "live subject" to the entire population. This is reflected in a better understanding of the value of music in the educational scheme and a truer appreciation of its role in the development of the individual and the improvement of group life. With its cheering and inspiring music, its picturesque uniforms and its general usefulness to the town, the band merits, and receives, the enthusiastic support of the public.

In addition to these advantages a band is quickly and easily developed and is a most attractive medium for musical expression. But its very usefulness and the ease of first development have somewhat blinded us to what it may, under wise guidance, ultimately accomplish. For the band is capable of a development similar to the symphony orchestra and in certain ways the music of the band is superior to that possible from an orchestra of any kind. Sustained organ-like effects of great power and loveliness are possible as from no other musical means, to state but one of the unique effects of which this type of organization is capable.

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ient such as those suffering from malnutrition, senility, post operative conditions and convalescent cases.

During the past two years there have been Dental Clinics, Tonsil and Chest Clinics and Little Mother League classes conducted in the Centre at all of which most valuable work has been done. The clinics have been conducted by qualified specialists, and patients in necessitous have been given the necessary surgical attention. In the Little Mother classes there has been given to girls between the ages of 10 and 14 a definite course in infant hygiene and care, and at the end of a twelve weeks course if examinations are passed the candidates receive a badge and certificate issued by the Provincial Board of Health.

With respect to the care of mothers and infants the Centre is undertaking a huge task. It tries to keep in touch with all babies born in Sannich. The centre a month, and it is hoped to keep ce am onth, and it is hoped to keep this service going all through the entire pre-school age. At the present time there are 865 babies under observation and there are nearly two thousand babies registered to date at the Centre. The number of house to house visits of the nurses have increased from 13,053 in 1922, to 28,045 in the past year and in addition to the wonderful educational work carried on by the field nurse there have been many courses in Home Nursing and Hygiene conducted in the Centre itself.

The school work which until very recently was done directly under the Health Centre Staff covers all of the services usually supplied in this necessary department of preventive medicine and in addition attractive health posters were placed in every classroom throughout the Municipality and prizes were given by the Provincial Health board for the best health poster each year.

This year school medical inspection has been now put under a medical officer and is not done under the direct supervision of the Centre but there is co-ordination of effort and co-operation of aim and method.

This is the barest outline of the work of the Sannich Health Centre. The vision of its superintendent Mrs. Lucas for its future usefulness and activities is almost as broad as life itself, and perhaps its very greatest value comes from the human touch it provides to bring together even the neediest and most ignorant people with the last word in medical science, and scientific conservation of life.

The people of Sannich despite the question of taxes appreciate the Centre. It is educating not only that community but all communities in British Columbia to the principle that public health work is like public school education. It should be free in the sense that it is provided for from the general taxes and is open to all who desire it within well defined common sense limitations.

Once this principle is sufficiently demonstrated and the people in this far western province and in Canada generally understand what this type of public health service may mean to the nation we shall have progressed a very long way toward bringing in to actual operation that enlightened social service and preventative medicine which to-day we advocate but seldom implement and which alone can ever fulfill the real duty of a people to themselves or a government to its people.

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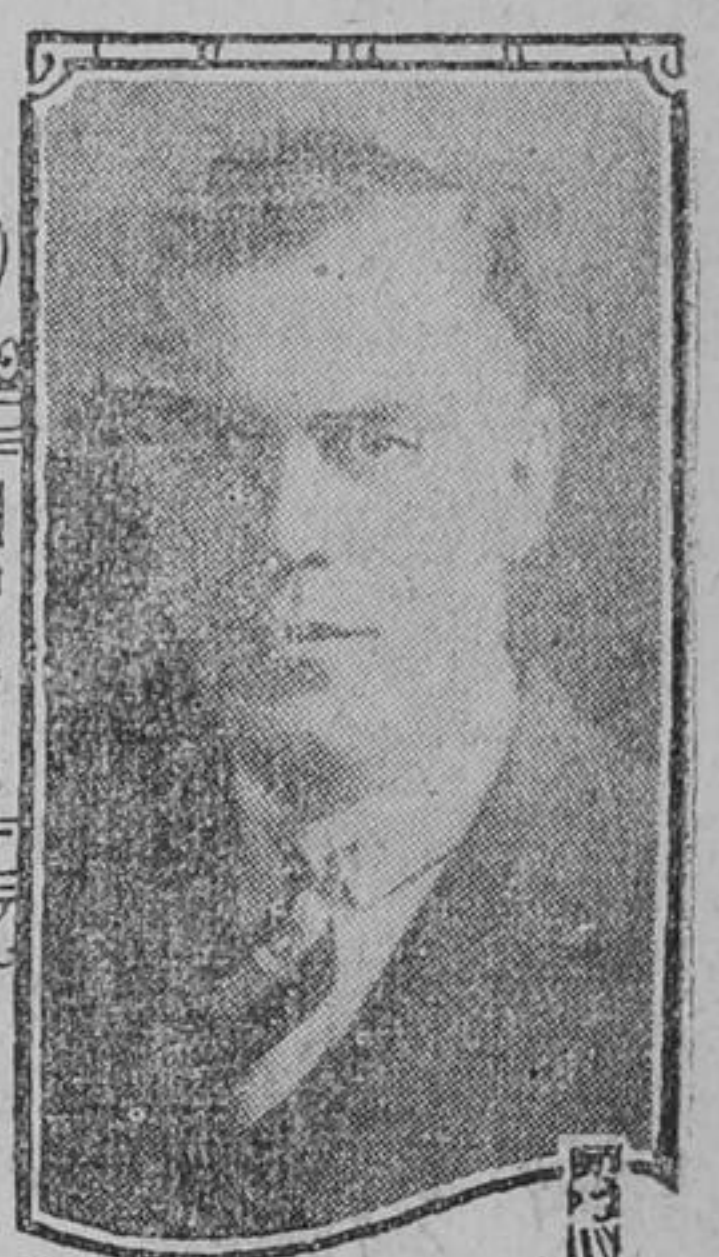
WORST BLOW EVER STRUCK AT EMPIRE UNITY DECLARE LIBERAL SOLDIER CANDIDATES OF MR. MEIGHEN'S BID-FOR-BAGOT SPEECH



LIEUT. COL. A. T. HUNTER



CAPT. FRED. H. JOHNSTON
M.C. and bar



CAPT. (DR.) A. SMIRLE
LAWSON

No British Subject Who Has Made or Is Willing to Make Sacrifices for the Empire Can Palliate or Ignore the Continuing Evil That Must Arise From the Entirely Mischievous Proposal in That Hamilton Speech, Says Soldier Manifesto

The following statement is issued by the undersigned:

"Doubt as to what action the People and Parliament of Canada would take in any emergency threatening the Empire's safety was never imagined until the calculated Hamilton speech of the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen on the eve of a bye-election in Bagot. The undersigned feel that no British subject who has made or is willing to make sacrifices for the Empire can palliate or ignore the continuing evil that must arise from the entirely mischievous proposal contained in that Hamilton speech. That speech deliberately uttered by an aspirant for the premiership, is the worst blow ever struck in a British Dominion by a public man against the solidarity of the Empire.

SIGNED,
Toronto, the
30th day of August,
1926.

A. T. Hunter

Smirle Lawson

Fred. G. Johnston

In the Hamilton speech, condemned in the foregoing statement, Mr. Meighen, as reported by the Mail and Empire, said:

"If ever the time should come when the spectre of 1914 should again appear I believe it would be best not only that parliament should be called, but that the decision of the government, which, of course, would have to be given promptly, should be submitted to the judgment of the people at a general election before troops should leave our shores."

Later on he added:
"Let me make clear what I mean. The government would have to decide, and decide quickly, what was best in the interests of Canada. The government would have to act on its judgment, but before there was anything in the way of participation involving the despatch of troops the will of the people of Canada should first be obtained."

This announcement of policy came on November 16th, less than three weeks after the elections. It will be recalled that in the meantime the member for Bagot had died, thereby creating a vacancy. To win Bagot at that juncture would have improved Mr. Meighen's political fortunes. And after enunciating his war policy at Hamilton he visited Bagot where he repeated substantially the same formula. The Conservative candidate was Hon. G. A. Fauteux, now a member of Mr. Meighen's cabinet, and again candidate for Bagot.

Hon. E. L. Patenaude, the Nationalist leader, who headed the anti-King forces in Quebec last year but "free of Meighen," but now in Mr. Meighen's cabinet, and first lieutenant in Quebec, is able to boast, no doubt, because of the "election-before-war" policy that he has converted Mr. Meighen to his views.

Resentment aroused in many quarters by Mr. Meighen's Hamilton-Bagot speech finds expression in the foregoing statement published to-day by

Liberal soldier candidates in the city of Toronto.

The signatories are: Lieut. Col. A. T. Hunter, L.L.B., who went overseas with original 4th battalion in 1914, was wounded April 23, 1915, at Pilkem road, was present at Vimy Ridge; former commander of 12th York Rangers; Liberal candidate in West York.

Dr. A. Smirle Lawson, captain in the Army Medical Corps, Liberal candidate in Toronto Centre East.

Capt. Frederick G. Johnston, M.C. and bar, overseas 1914-1917, gunner with 9th Canadian Field Artillery, given M.C. by the King at Buckingham Palace; given bar to M.C. by Prince of Wales for services at battle of Lens; Liberal candidate in Toronto West Centre.

Another candidate is about to be chosen in Parkdale to represent the Liberal interest. It is anticipated that he also will be an ex-soldier, and will associate himself with the protest.