

MAKE NO MISTAKE

If Laurier Wins:

(1) Canada will send no more reinforcements to the front which practically means quitting the war and placing the country in the same class as Russia.

(2) The French-Canadians who have shirked their duty in this war will be the dominating force in the Government of the country.

Are the English-speaking people prepared to stand for that?

It is because the French-Canadians have not done their duty that Conscription had to be resorted to.

The French-Canadians have made it perfectly clear that they do not like the war and are against Canada participating in it further. Some of them even go the length of saying that the soldiers should be brought back from the front.

The Nationalists are demanding that the men who have been enrolled under the Military Service Act be disbanded and sent back to their homes. To secure the Nationalist support Laurier-Liberal candidates in Quebec have signed the following pledge:—

"I, the undersigned, candidate in the Federal Elections, undertake by these presents, if I am elected, to demand the immediate suspension of the Military Service Act, 1917, and of all its effects until Canadian electors have pronounced by way of plebiscite; and should the majority of the electors condemn it, that it be considered as null from its origin and that in consequence all conscripts be disbanded."

"I also undertake to vote against any Government which should refuse to adopt the above enunciated policy."

THE EFFECTS OF CANADA QUITTING THE WAR WOULD BE THAT:

The country would be disgraced and dishonored.

Our heroic soldiers at the front would be put to everlasting shame, and the sacrifice of our glorious dead would have been in vain.

The Allies would be dealt a severe blow in the house of their friends.

The detestable Hun would be encouraged to keep on fighting; our defection would be a great victory for him which he would gloat over. The word would spread like lightning all over Germany that the fighting Canadians had quit sending men to the front, and there surely would be great rejoicing.

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Our kith and kin in Great Britain and Ireland—the land of our forefathers—would feel nothing but shame and sorrow. They would say to themselves that life in Canada must have degenerated the old British bull-dog stock—the breed that never lets go.

Canada would sink to the level of the lowest of the civilized countries of the world, because it would have lost its self-respect and its manhood.

We would lose the respect of the Allies, and particularly of our neighbours in the United States.

We should be classed as quitters, we who have, rightly, been so proud of our courage.

The country's credit and business would be seriously and permanently injured. To-day we are entirely dependent upon the United States for necessary supplies of cotton, hard coal, tin plate—the base raw material of the great canning industry—the largest proportion of our iron and steel and many other commodities. All these articles are to-day shipped from the United States under license from the Government of that country, and Canada gets the same treatment as the citizens of the United States because we are in the fight with them. What would happen if we quit? Common sense tells us we would lose the active sympathy and co-operation of our neighbours, and that, surely, would have disastrous effects upon our industries.

What about Great Britain? Would she be likely to continue sending us orders for shells, or would she spend her money in the United States which supports her in the war?

Munition making has practically kept the country from collapse, and the possibility of it being stopped while the war is on and ordinary business is paralyzed should rightly be viewed with great alarm.

There can be no doubt that the credit of the country would suffer in proportion to the degradation of our honor, because the honor of a country has a direct bearing on its credit. No lender likes to lend money to a borrower who does not manfully see things through—and he never lends, if he can help it, to a quitter. As it is with individuals so it is with nations. The country which maintains its honor at the highest point is the country that has the highest credit.

NO CANADIAN WITH RED BLOOD IN HIS VEINS CAN TAKE THESE RISKS.

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