

Ottawa Glimpses

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The Message of the Election.
Ottawa, Dec. 29.—By this time the wise men, who seem to constitute an overwhelming majority in this fair Canada of ours, have figured out just what their decision of a week ago last Monday means. What did the election say to all and sundry?

To the world at large it said "Canada can rise above party in a crisis, putting herself confidently in the hands of men, chosen on merit, who will have an eye single to two great purposes—to make the world safe for democracy and to make democracy safe for Canada, the latter being the long end of the job. We have put our hand to the plough and we shall not turn back."

To the other members of the Entente the election said "We agree with you that in union there is strength. We appreciate the fact that coalition has been found necessary in all the warring countries and we follow your example. This Union Government of ours is a pledge that from now on this is to be all the people's war—not excluding Quebec at that."

To the United States of America it said "This is our answer to the craven cry 'Let Uncle Sam do his bit.' Uncle Sam will do his bit—and Canada will do hers. We fight shoulder to shoulder right through to the finish. Blood is thicker than water. North America is willing to stake her life on that. Our two pairs of hands are across the sea."

To our brave soldiers at the front it said "Here is the finest Christmas present we can give you. You will observe that the old folks at home are of the same mind as the boys in the trenches. Our votes, our money, our prayers, our best intelligence, our supreme efforts are all with you. We will see you through the war and make you comfortable afterwards. Stick to it, Canada, is no quitter."

To the party manipulator, to the machine politician, to the dark-lantern brigade all over Canada it said "This shows you what the people think of political parties as they have been conducted in the past. Let this be a warning to you to purge party of its deceit, to implement promises with deeds, to make platforms to stand on, not to get in on, to think of office as a chance to loot, not as an opportunity to loot—in short to turn over a new leaf and make party a real rivalry in good works. If you do not heed this warning Union Government may become a habit."

To the past with its scandals and mistakes it said "We forgive but it will take us some time to forget. The present must atone for many guilty stains. It is up to Union Government to make good—with the accent on the good."

To the women of Canada it said "You have risen to the occasion and have so notably shown that your judgment is as sound as your hearts that we must take you all in. By your splendid endeavors in this election you have won the right you have so long craved—the right to take a full share in the affairs of your country. You bring to the jury of the nation

that just proportion of sentiment which gives warmth to reason."

To the profiteer it said "Look out. You have seen your best days. You must cease to squeeze money out of the world's agony. If you cannot moderate your greed we must moderate it for you. The man who takes one profit in times of peace and three profits in times of war must be prepared to give up the extra two profits to the state if he persists in the error of his ways."

To Quebec it said "We do this more in sorrow than in anger. We believe you have been misguided by your leaders of both parties for fifty years back. This is your chance to retrace your reactionary, your ultramontane, your bigots of race and creed, your Bourassas and Lavergnes and come out into the light. Confederation waits to welcome you back, December 17th was the referendum you asked. It has gone against you. I am now and do your part cheerfully with the sister provinces. This war is not for England or France. It is for freedom, humanity, responsible government, the faith of treaties and the peace of mankind—all objects in which Quebec is as much interested as anybody else. So long as you persist in a separate opinion in a matter of universal consent so long will this sad cleavage endure. Henceforward let there be an actual bonnet of sympathy and effort between Quebec and the rest of Canada. If there is not it will be your own fault."

To Sir Wilfrid Laurier the election said "This country reveres your gray hairs, admires your distinguished career, admires the charm of your presence and the spell of your eloquence. Your honest, unselfish, unambiguously proven but regrets your wrong-headedness on the subject of confederation, as our votes go to show. We still have you in our hearts as the Grand Old Man of Canada, the most impressive and venerable figure in our politics. Join with us now in the effort to maintain Canada's honor untarnished to the end and round off your life work for unity and harmony by bringing Quebec into line with the common endeavor. You have nothing to fear from Bourassa. He is a dead dog now. In doing his best to make Quebec solid against the war he has done his worst in making her solid against the rest of Canada and Quebec realizes it. Now is your time to deal a fatal blow to Bourassa while Quebec is still sore at the isolation he has brought about. Be with us heart and hand, Sir Wilfrid. You owe it to your page in history. You cannot afford to go out as a leader of a fag-end."

To the East, the election said, speaking by the voice of the West, "We put measures before men, principles above party. A plague on both your houses! We are the inheritors neither of your feuds or your delusions. The quarrels of Quebec and Ontario, the ancient animosities which had their origin before Confederation, have little meaning to us who are its latest members. What we seek is the good of the whole country and to that end we would have a better understanding all round. There ought to be a rapprochement with Ontario on other matters than winning the war—a friendly spirit, for instance between Western enterprise and Eastern capital. The old shibboleths of party have no great weight with us because our eyes are wide open. Even such a good patriot as Frank Oliver (who has two sons at the front) we turned down because he had nothing better to revamp than stale scandals and party grudges."

To the West, the election, speaking through Ontario, said, "Our thoughts and feelings are the same as yours of the supreme issue. Why shouldn't we be nearer together in other matters? We recognize the growing strength of the West. We believe that some day it will hold the balance of power. You are bone of our

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ALL CASUALTIES ARE TO BE CABLED

British War Office to Convey More Quickly Information to Next of Kin.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The Military Department has received a communication from the British War Office to the effect that the cable will be used more freely in future to convey information regarding casualties among soldiers of the Imperial army to next-of-kin who live in Canada. With regard to officers, all casualty reports will be cabled and all new information, including admissions to hospitals and progress reports will also be cabled as soon as received. In the case of their ranks, the cable will be used to announce deaths, dangerous illness or cases when men are wounded or missing. It will also be used for any consequential reports.

All other information, including admissions to hospitals overseas of cases not regarded as dangerous will be notified from the record office by post. The War Office remarks that when an officer or man is reported missing, often the speediest way to obtain details of the circumstances in which the casualty occurred is to write to a comrade, or the officer commanding the unit. Should the person concerned be a prisoner of war, it is usual for his relatives to hear from him before the enemy authorities notify the War Office.

Probs: Tuesday, slightly moderating temperature.



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War operations in the North Sea, especially the activity of the German fleet, have been in view of the reports of the west coast of Jutland all summer, says a despatch from Copenhagen. So frequent have been the maneuvers of the German fleet along the coast that the people of the Netherlands Downs have become quite well acquainted with the German naval tactics.

Zepplines, destroyers, mine vessels, torpedo-boats, destroyers, and submarines pass day after day along the coast outside the territorial limit, and occasionally the number of guns at a distance carries the message that the English naval forces are not idle either.

When zepplines or waterplanes show themselves in the south off the Downs above the international water, it seldom takes a long time before German mine sweepers, two and two together, often several pairs in company, make their appearance in the south, and it does not require a very sharp observer to find out that lined in between each pair of mine sweepers is a submarine. If the sweeping craft signal peace and no danger, the trawlers proceed boldly, stopping only at the northern end of the mine belt, where they turn round; the submarines evidently do not any longer exist.

Until midsummer the trawlers used to stop a little before they were off Sondervig. Later on, after the extension of the English mine area, they generally proceed farther north, until off Hirtshals.

Gabriele D'Annunzio.
At first sight there is not much connection between dropping bombs from aeroplanes and poetry. Still Gabriele D'Annunzio seems to take to the equally well the other. Before the war he was Italy's leading aviator, to-day he is, apparently, Italy's leading aviator. He has received

Monument of Tears.
Marking the dividing line between Europe and Asia and of Russia and Siberia, at the summit of the Ural mountains, is the "Monument of Tears," a white triangular pyramid significant to unfortunate exiles.

When the ground is covered with snow in at least one city in Norway a trackless trolley car hauls as a trailer a passenger car mounted on runners. A new book carries a cover of flexible material has pockets in its inner sides into which the covers of a book may be inserted and extension handles. A flat plate to fit the palm of the hand and a block to rest against the thumb feature the handle of a new knife designed for cutting wood.

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