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MIGHT MAKES RIGHT?

"An election is only an election if the voters exercise their right of judgment freely and with knowledge of facts and conditions as they are, and if the votes, after being cast, are counted as they were cast." In this way the Edmonton Evening Bulletin begins an article on The Soldier Vote, a subject which is of the deepest interest to the people of this parliamentary riding. The article quotes from the statements of Messrs. Copp and Archambault in the House of Commons at Ottawa, which establish the fact that, so far as the soldier vote in Canada and England was concerned, there was no election on December 17th. These statements were in detail, and gave the fullest and most intimate particulars in regard to many thousands of votes and voters; so that until they are disproved they must stand as established facts. Messrs. Copp and Archambault spoke in parliament on their responsibility as members; their statements are officially recorded. If these statements were untrue in any particular, that untruth was capable of absolute demonstration then and there, without difficulty and without delay. The only reply of the Government, or of those who spoke for the Government, was that it did not matter how the soldiers' votes were cast, as the Government was in power with the support of a majority of the civilian vote. This, it may be presumed, was the best answer the Government was able to make, and the statements of Messrs. Copp and Archambault were not denied or disproven, but stand as unchallenged facts, as the privilege of proving their charges before a judicial tribunal was denied them. The parliamentary following of the government of course voted against the request. That was to be expected. But that the high-minded patriots composing the Unionist party would stoop to such political trickery was not expected.

The effect of this refusal is to convict the Unionist party


of the most wholesale and most callous political conspiracy ever attempted in Canada. If there was no conspiracy, why was investigation refused?

Ultimately, the effect is to establish conspiracy as a recognized, sanctioned and accepted function of public officials and election workers.

We in this riding are particularly interested from the fact that we elected to parliament by a substantial majority a resident of Prince Rupert, whose personal and public aims have always been directed toward the development and prosperity of the riding. But, later on, enough soldier votes were counted for the non-resident Union candidate to defeat the will of the people who had exercised "their judgment freely and with knowledge of facts and conditions as they are," and whose votes were "counted as they were cast." And there has been no investigation whatever as to whether there were that number of soldiers from this riding, even if all of them were induced to vote for the other candidate.

In the same way and for similar reasons we are also interested in the result of the election in Yukon, the next riding to ours north. The date of the general elections there have always been held a month or so later than in the provinces because of the distance, and it was so in this instance. There the resident voters "exercised their right of judgment freely and with knowledge of facts and conditions as they are," and elected Mr. F. T. Congdon, a gentleman who formerly was governor of the Yukon Territory and later its member of parliament. But the soldier vote reversed the will of the people there as it did here, and the Conservative sitting member was declared returned, although in this case the soldiers must have cast their votes before the proclamation for the Yukon election was issued. This piece of political skulduggery was altogether too coarse and raw for even the high-minded patriots of the Union party to face, so,

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Dated this 28th day of March, 1918.

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And take notice that after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication of this notice The British Canadian Lumber Corporation, Limited will, under Section 7 of the said Act, apply to the City of Ottawa, for approval of the said site and plan and for leave to construct the said wharf, buildings, etc.

Dated Vancouver, B. C., this 16th day of May, 1918.

THE BRITISH CANADIAN LUMBER CORPORATION, LIMITED, by their agent, E. A. Cleveland, Civil Engineer and Surveyor, Vancouver, B. C.,

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