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THE DEBATE

When Sir Robert Borden was negotiating with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, for a Coalition Government, he proposed that the compulsory Military Service Law, after its adoption by Parliament, be withheld from enforcement pending its approval by the people in an election. Sir Wilfrid's amendment to the present bill calls for a referendum to the people on the question. The chief defect, it is pointed out by the Victoria Times, is that both proposals would take up too much time.

It continues: "The soldiers overseas who are most directly concerned in the issue would have to be given an opportunity to record their views, and this would be a difficult and laborious proceeding. It would be some months before a decision could be reached, and in the meantime the Canadian army in France would be fighting with rapidly thinning numbers. This system of determining a policy is proper in time of peace as long as it is not abused; but in time of war it is beside the question. It costs the lives of many brave men; it exposes others to frightful suffering.

The theory that a nation can conduct a great war on the basis of peace conditions is ridiculous. A nation at war assumes a condition absolutely antagonistic to that of peace. It cannot exert all its power unless it does, and if it does not exert all its power, it is false to itself. Its Government must lead and act—not talk, compromise and dodge big issues. It must march at the head of the people, not behind them. Imagine France holding an election or a referendum in August, 1914, to determine whether she should call up all her conscript classes!

The defence of Canada is being maintained in Flanders and France, and any other conception is a ghastly illusion. What would happen if that line were broken? Germany would be mistress of Europe, and with France as her base she could isolate Great Britain and force a peace of her own choice or challenge the immediate security of this continent. The United States

knows this and is acting accordingly.

How anybody with even a casual knowledge of German policy can think otherwise passes our comprehension. Even if there were an inconclusive peace, Canada, like the United States, would have to work and sleep with her arms beside her. Great Britain is suffering today because she did not stand alongside France in 1870 with all the resources at her command.

While in our view Sir Wilfrid's proposal for a referendum does not meet the situation, his complaint that he was not consulted before the compulsory service measure was prepared is entirely well founded. Sir Robert Borden's conduct in this respect is highly censurable. It is apparent that he never intended to consult his political opponents at all when he made the proposal in the first place. He intended to keep Canada's participation in the war a private political affair, to continue the fearful record of blunder, ineptitude and worse which began at the very outset when with an eye solely to political effect he decided to hold at arm's length all but that sorry collection of incapables—Crothers, Reid and the rest—in the direction of this country in the greatest crisis in its history.

It was only when the anti-conscription demonstrations broke out in Montreal and elsewhere that, characteristically enough, he wavered and then sought Laurier's co-operation to help him out of his predicament—after the conscription bill had been fully drawn up.

Liberals who differ from Sir Wilfrid Laurier's view on this question do not do so with any confidence in the leadership of Sir Robert Borden, but because they favor the principle involved as part of the larger principle of all-round conscription for war purposes and believe that once it is determined the question of leadership will settle itself. Sir Robert Borden could not last six weeks at the head of a National Government. He has been the greatest obstacle not only in the way of this country's best efforts in the war, but to the solution of these numerous internal problems without which, as surely

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as the sun shines, there will be serious trouble in Canada within the next year.

RAILROAD EQUIPMENT IN GERMANY WORN OUT

London, June 20.—Germany has relied more upon machinery than any of the belligerents. It will be an ironic nemesis if she should owe her final overthrow to the failure of machinery. Evidence that such may be the case is accumulating. The causes are varied. Lack of lubricating fats and a growing scarcity of suitable metals are among the chief. The transport is playing a leading role in Germany's war efforts needs no emphasizing. Railway trucks and locomotives are essential elements of transport, but in both there is great dearth and serious deterioration. A prominent German newspaper has as-

serted that it is solely due to the lack of trucks and engines that ample food supplies have not been obtained from Roumania. Some support is lent to this statement by the undoubted fact that the German government is making desperate efforts to borrow trucks and locomotives from Holland and Denmark.

Buying Up Copper Coins.
One phase of the extraordinary shortage of oils and fats is illustrated by the extreme scarcity of soap. Such war soap as is still available has reached a price which prohibits its use by all save the wealthy. Of course a substitute has been evolved—in the form of sand! The Dresden city fathers are so enamored of this substitute that they have made a contract for a regular supply of Baltic sand to retail to their fellow citizens.

Among other raw materials the shortage of copper is perhaps the most serious. A new order for the commandeering of church bells is now in force, whereby each church is compelled to give up all bells save one unless they are of historic or artistic value. An appeal for bronze articles has elicited little response, but orders have been issued to seize all copper roofing and lightning rods. German agents are at work in Sweden buying up copper coins.

COAL NOTICES

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

Take notice that Roslyn Duke, of Portland, Ore., occupation hotel proprietor, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in the vicinity of West river.

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ROSLYN DUKE,
Austin Brown, agent.
March 31, 1917.

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Austin Brown, agent.
March 31, 1917.

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FREDERICK MOERSCH,
Austin Brown, agent.
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JOHN BOOTH,
Austin Brown, agent.
March 31, 1917.

MINERAL ACT

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT PARTNER

To C. W. Calhoun:
Take notice, whereas I have done and caused to be done assessment work on the Midnight Fraction mineral claim, situated on the Illiance river, about fourteen miles from the head of Alice Arm, in the Skeena mining division of Skeena District, assessment work for 1914, 1915, and 1916, and have paid for said work and recording same the sum of \$397.50. Unless you pay me the sum of \$192.50, for your share of the said assessment work, together with the cost of this advertisement, I shall, at the expiration of ninety (90) days from the date hereof apply to the mining recorder at Prince Rupert, B. C., to have your interests in the Midnight Fraction mineral claim vested in me, in pursuance of the provisions of the mineral act.
Dated at Prince Rupert, B. C., this 14th day of April, 1917. Jy 11
H. C. PHILLIPS.

MINERAL ACT

Certificate of Improvements

Carbon Mineral Claim situated in the Skeena Mining Division of Cassiar District. Where located:—Near head of Alice Arm, B. C.
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And further take notice that action, under section 85 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.
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