

The Way to Get Things Done

Some of the Laurier candidates are making it appear that their objection to the Military Service Act is that it will only draft about 5,000 men from the Province of Quebec, and 95,000 from the rest of Canada. So they oppose the Act and the Union Government.

But if the Act is going to be so favorable to Quebec, why is it that Quebec opposes it so strongly? Five thousand reinforcements from that Province are not enough, but it is exactly five thousand more than none at all. The figure, however, is away short of the right one, as the event will prove as proceedings under the law are gone on with. The necessary step is to elect the Government that will go on with the proceedings that have been so well begun, and see that the men of all the Provinces do their part.

Some of the Laurier supporters also seek to win votes by talking about the way foreigners, and men of enemy alien birth, who cannot be drafted, are allowed to earn high pay here in war time.

It is true enough that foreigners, especially **enemy aliens**, have too free a run in Canada. The new Government has not had time to deal with this and other matters. Its first duty was to go to the country for a mandate to take all necessary war measures. The country's part in all this is to elect a Government that will have the will and the desire to reform such matters. And the Union Government which these enemy aliens execrate is the one—and the only one possible—to attend to such matters, for it has in it and behind it the will and energy to take whatever aggressive measures are required.

With the authority of the new Government confirmed at the polls, and Canada drafting her own men, a new position will exist with regard to foreigners who, if at home, would have been in arms long ago. With allied countries our drafting arrangements can be made co-operative, and as regards **enemy aliens** here among us there will rest upon the Union Government the duty, and there will be in it the disposition, to see that this question is satisfactorily solved. This is the very purpose of Union Government, to set up for the period of the war a Governmental authority, with such a union of forces behind it, that it can proceed to enforce all those necessary war measures that any one political party in office would not attempt.