

country. How the Government has discharged this responsibility is told in part in the following pages.

A Nation's Disgrace.

The record is an unenviable one for a country such as ours; it is a disgraceful one for any nation situated as we are in relation to the Empire and in connection with the tremendous struggle for human liberty which demanded of us as never before the exercise of those national virtues without which a country is a source of weakness rather than of strength to its allies. While Canada was paying the price of Empire in money and blood the vampires were gathering in the political horizon. All too early did they get full opportunity to gorge themselves at the expense of the harrassed taxpayers of the Dominion, while the national guardians stood idly by, or even aided this shameful situation. A riot of extravagance, graft, profiteering and political maggotty such as Cahada had never seen, and, let us hope, never will see again, followed the announcement of our participation in the War. Not only was the money of Canada wasted but absolutely no protection was afforded representatives of the British administration purchasing goods in this country. The British buyers were permitted to be fleeced by the same crew as was operating in the Dominion under various guises.

Interference, Intriguing, Partizanship by Cabinet Ministers Was Evident Early in the War

In the House of Commons on January 27th, 1917, Sir Sam Hughes read a letter which he had addressed to the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden, on May 13th, 1915 and which contained most serious accusations. Sir Sam accused his colleagues of intrigue, partizanship and holding back the Second Contingent for five months. This letter is as follows:—

Price of Goods Enhanced and Quality Inferior, Owing to Colleagues Interfering.

Ottawa, May 13th, 1915.

"Dear Sir Robert,

"Since my return from England last November, I have repeatedly notified you that owing to the interference and plans of the 'so-called' sub-committee and to the repeated hold-ups and needless obstruction