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## MAJOR GENERAL SIR SAM HUGHES

Few men in Canada better deserve honorable mention than the present Minister of Militia, who has just received the honor of a knighthood of the Order of the Bath at the hands of His Majesty the King. There are very few men who could have handled the military situation which has existed in the country since the outbreak of the war in a more satisfactory manner than the present Minister of Militia. To quote a contemporary "he had been called fool, rattlebrain, boor, and, latterly, dictator. He has been denounced for jingoism, for military madness, for indiscretion, for nepotism. He has made a good many people angry mainly because he was his own master, and could neither be threatened nor cajoled."

Yet through it all, he went on his way, regardless of criticism, and he "made good."

It is doubtful if any one today would say that Sir Sam Hughes is an incompetent military man, although plenty said so before the war. Those who did, have their answer in the achievements of the country during the last twelve months. The camp at Valcartier was planned, built and filled with 25,000 well equipped men in less than six weeks; and today we have 17,000 men under arms, half of them across the sea, the remainder in training and waiting to follow. This country has a name in the world it never had before. "Canadian" has a different meaning today than formerly. Therefore when the King invests the Minister of Militia with a mark of his appreciation on the part of the Crown, Canada agrees that the recognition was deserved.

## THE MANITOBA SCANDAL

The report of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the conditions surrounding the contract for the erection of the new parliamentary buildings in Manitoba, has now been issued, and sweeping as it is in its terms, there are, we imagine, but few people among those who followed the evidence given, that will disagree with it. The destruction of important documents by former ministers or their assistants, and the action of their chief contractor and other witnesses, in absconding themselves from the enquiry, warranted the Commission in putting the worst construction on their conduct, although it may perhaps be used on behalf of Kelly, the chief contractor, that he could scarcely be expected to testify to his own "undoing in the civil suit that is threatened against him."

There seems to be no question that certain members of the Roblin government had the parliament building contracts awarded to a man of their own choice, and that they allowed him extravagant "extras" out of which he was expected to contribute large sums to their own campaign fund. This is the deduction which the Commission draws from the facts submitted to them. Altogether Manitoba appears to be well rid of a corrupt administration, whose fate should be a warning to all unscrupulously inclined politicians in the future history of Canada.

Now is the time for the Norris government to bestir itself and show whether the Manitoba jails are good for anything but service as places of imprisonment for petty offenders or as the stuff of which picture post cards are made.

## GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES

While no official intimation has been given as to the probable course the United States government will take regarding the German representations as to the sinking of the Arabic, the impression seems to be, to judge from the tone of the American press, that if Germany only puts up a plausible excuse, the Washington government will accept it. Germany wants to disavow the action of the submarine commander, and say that

he exceeded his instructions. Von Tirpitz, however, the Grand Admiral, is not at all willing to have one of his subordinates blamed for doing his duty, and it may be that the General Staff will have to find another excuse. To the intelligent reader, it would seem that to offer such an excuse at all is nothing more than an insult to the American nation. If the submarine was not there "on business" what was it there for at all? German submarines are not doing the work of a navy any more than murderers and incendiaries do the work of our army. They may prove the seas and bring about the murder of women and children, and the sinking of merchant ships, but no military or naval advantage is secured by submarine cruisers against life and property at sea, any more than military advantage is secured in the individual crimes against life or property on land.

Germany's submarine campaign is a "fizzle" and has not fulfilled its promise of isolating Britain from foreign food and war supplies or of working disaster to Britain's military plans. Germany's undertaking to modify her plans for submarine warfare would be a cheap concession to the United States. These plans are already in process of still more radical modification at the hands of the British navy.

## WAITING FOR THE WORD

Politicians on both sides are waiting with considerable interest the return of the Prime Minister to Canada. When he gets back and sizes up the situation, the people will then learn the decision of the government respecting the next session of parliament, and the possibilities of a general election. The best opinion seems to be that Sir Robert Borden will do nothing hastily. He will, it is thought, not be in favor of a dissolution this fall, but may summon Parliament in October, instead of waiting until January. Then it will be up to the Liberals to decide whether they want the time of the present parliament extended or prefer to have an election next year.

It looks a little as though the Liberals desire to talk the government down from time to time without giving any definite answer.

One gathers from the Liberal press that an election when the war is one year old would be indecent and criminal, while an election when the war is two years old would be wholly unobjectionable. Clearly the Liberal objection is not to an election during wartime but to an election at any time when the Opposition may regard as inopportune or inconvenient.

Some of them seem to be in the position of the young German girl who said: "I don't want to go for a husband, I don't want to go for a wife, and I don't want to go for an old maid." Some one rather uncharitably suggested that the only thing left for her to do was to "go dead."

## Newcastle Raises \$1725.85 For Machine Guns

One Gun Already Purchased and Nearly Enough on Hand For Another

E. A. McCurdy, Secretary Newcastle Board of Trade, reports the following subscriptions received for Machine Guns to date:	
Judge Wilkinson	\$500.00
E. A. McCurdy	500.00
Mrs. Emma Hickson	50.00
Miss Florence Hickson	50.00
Miss Hazel Hickson	50.00
Mayor Stothart	50.00
Sheriff O'Brien	50.00
C. C. Hayward	50.00
John Ferguson	25.00
George Stables	25.00
W. A. Park	25.00
J. D. Creighton Co. Ltd.	25.00
D. J. Buckley	25.00
Canadian Order of Foresters	25.00
Alban A. Davidson	25.00
Dickson & Troy	20.00
A. J. Ferguson	10.00
R. H. Armstrong	10.00
D. S. Moore	10.00
A. H. Mackay	10.00
Chas. J. Morrissey	10.00
Rev. S. J. MacArthur	10.00
H. Williston	5.00
P. J. McEvoy	5.00
Robert Galloway	5.00
H. H. Crocker	5.00
Mrs. Robert McMurray	5.00
Proceeds sale ice cream Aug. 4	50.62
Aug. 4th	55.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1725.85</b>

The sum of \$1,000.00 was withdrawn from the Royal Bank of Canada on Aug. 12th to the Acting Minister of Militia for the first machine gun and a similar sum will be forwarded for another gun as soon as the total subscriptions reach \$2,000.

## PERSONALS

Readers of the Advocate would confer a favor by sending in personal items for this column.

Master Weldon McCollin, of South Esch, is attending Harkins Academy.

Mr. A. H. McCreedy, of the Saskatchewan, was a visitor to town on Friday last.

Mrs. Charles Keating returned on Friday from a visit to friends in Bryerton.

Rev. and Mrs. Harrison went to Dorchester on Thursday to visit friends.

Mrs. Walter Amy will be at home Thursday, Sept. 2nd, afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Nellie McEneaney, of South Esch, is visiting her sister, Miss L. M. McEneaney.

Rev. C. A. Chayler, of Kings Co., N.S., was in town on Friday last.

Miss Mrs. J. B. Timney, of Montreal, was in town on Friday last.

Miss E. C. Quinlan has returned from a very pleasant vacation spent at Burnt Church.

Mr. A. T. Ross, of the Chatham Canal, is in town on Friday last.

N. W. Wells of Millerton left Friday for a two week trip to Prince Edward Island.

James Whitten, of Bay du Vin, spent the weekend with friends in Dorchester and Newcastle.

Miss Jean Morrison attended the wedding of Miss Irene Logan, of Newcastle, on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Harry B. Ansioy of Campbellton, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Corbett.

Rev. M. S. and Mrs. Richardson have returned from a two week holiday with friends in Nova Scotia.

Mr. James Stables and little daughter Margaret and Katherine returned on Monday from a visit to friends in Rexton.

Mr. Frank Synnott of Chatham was called home owing to the death of his father, returned to Boston on Thursday.

Miss Mildred Fish returned to New York on Wednesday, after spending a vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fish.

The Misses Clare and Josephine Wheeler are spending a few weeks in Fredericton, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen J. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. John Matheson of Boston who have been visiting the former's mother Mrs. Thomas Matheson, left for home on Monday.

Mrs. Ernest Malby and little son of Medicine Hat, arrived on Saturday on a visit to her mother Mrs. James Bryerton, who is ill at her home in Bryerton.

Mr. George McDade, of Fredericton, was in town on Friday and Saturday renewing old acquaintances. While here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Creighton.

Mr. John S. Scott, who for the past six weeks has been conducting a voting contest for the Union Advocate, and which closed on Thursday last, left for Toronto on Saturday.

Mr. Murray Russell left for Saskatchewan, Alta., to visit to visit his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver E. Larose, and also his brothers Wallace and Sanford Russell.

Miss Lillian Williamson who has been visiting friends in Fredericton for the past three weeks, returned home Saturday. She was accompanied by her cousin Miss Althea Kelly.

## MORE FROM CANADA LAND IN ENGLAND

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 27.—It is officially announced that the Hesperian which sailed from Canada on August 17, has safely arrived in England with the following drafts of reinforcements:—  
Royal Canadian Dragoons, two officers and 15 men; Horse Artillery, 2 officers and 50 men; Field Artillery, 2 officers and 100 men; Engineers, 2 officers and 100 men; Signallers, 2 officers and 50 men; Infantry from Ontario 24 officers and 1246 men. Other details, 3 officers and 6 men.

## AN AMERICAN VIEW OF BRITAIN'S POLICY

Opinion of Prominent New England Writer—Predicts Abandonment of Free Trade

Thomas O. Marvin, Secretary of the Home Market Club of Boston had an interesting article in a Boston paper a few days ago in which he predicts a protective policy for Great Britain after the war. Few of our readers will endorse Mr. Marvin's views but we give them as an indication of protectionist thought in United States. "Merchants have been a little," says Mr. Marvin, "of the possibility of a change in the British tariff system as a result of the war. The tariff reform movement in England will be greatly accelerated by the developments of the tariff. It had not been for Germany's manufacturing resources, rigorously developed under a system of protection, the 'titanic' could not have had a world at bay. It will be England's aim when the war ends to stimulate by the same methods its manufacturing industries and reorganize as much as possible from contributing to the industrial power of a possible enemy."

"The British tariff commission has recently reported on the new industrial conditions which the war has brought vividly to public attention. Interviews with many business men revealed a general disposition to endorse a protective policy, unless some guarantee was afforded that they would be given some form of adequate protection. As one of the manufacturers put it: 'When the war is over, should the Germans be able to start business again, with the great artificial protection they have enjoyed, that is to say, the protection of the home market, would not see how they can fail to take our trade away from us again?' Another firm declared: 'We should not dream of spending capital to capture German trade in the absence of any form of protection.' Apparently no reliance is placed upon a national boycott supported by an aroused patriotic sentiment, for the opinion is expressed that 'the English buyer would buy from his bitterest enemy if he could save sixpence a week.' The prevailing view among British manufacturers seems to be that 'those who now embark money for the advancement of British industry should have some safeguard against the renewal of dumping and undercutting.'"

"Impetus to the protectionist drift comes, too, from unexpected quarters. The minister of munitions, David Lloyd-George, in his eloquent plea for an increased output of needed munitions and supplies has employed many exhortations familiar to protectionists. In a recent speech he said: 'If the profits of our manufacturers are too high in some cases, that can be rectified, but at the worst it is not so grave an evil as the sending of orders to neutral countries when by so doing we send money out of our own country and reap none of the benefits. Profits which English manufacturers and workers make will be spent among Englishmen, while profits Americans make are altogether lost to this country.' This sounds very much like the tariff argument frequently heard in this country and sometimes attributed to Lincoln, though in reality it was Robert G. Ingersoll's summary in his own words of Lincoln's tariff views: 'If we purchase a ton of steel rails from England for twenty dollars, then we have the rails and England the money. But if we buy a ton of steel rails from an American, then America has both the rails and the money.'"

"Premier Asquith is another who has unexpectedly dealt heavy blows at cherished theories of Cobdenism. On July 28 he told the House of Commons that it was part of Britain's duty to finance the whole conduct of the war, and added, 'we cannot do that if we continue to import and to increase our indebtedness to other countries, and unless we maintain our great manufacturing industries.' Over 100 years ago George Washington, also at a time of national crisis, voiced a similar sentiment. 'The safety and interest of a free people,' he said, 'require that they should promote such industries as would render them independent of other nations for supplies, particularly military, essential. Out of the same trying experience James Monroe declared that he was satisfied, whatever may be the abstract doctrine in favor of free trade, that additional protection should be afforded to those articles which are

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## APPROVES "MADE-IN-CANADA"

Manitoba Free Press Favors Giving Preference to Canadian Goods

A few weeks ago the Manitoba "Free Press" had an editorial commenting on an article that appeared in "Industrial Canada," the official organ of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, which attacked a well known Canadian political economist for criticizing the "Made-in-Canada" policy. After reviewing the article the "Free Press" said:—

"As for the 'Made-in-Canada' movement, no objection need be taken to it, provided it is kept within reasonable bounds. The propriety of giving our own manufacturers the preference, other things being equal, need not be disputed; and it is well that the people of Canada should be continually reminded of the desirability of buying home-made goods owing to the natural tendency of most men to believe that the imported article must necessarily be the best. For the 'Made-in-Canada' agitation as a shield for incompetent rapacity and selfishness there can be only contempt."

Keep your money in Canada by purchasing goods "Made-in-Canada."

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