

THE BIRTH OF "UNION GOVERNMENT."



Sir Thomas White says, "Union Government is an accomplished fact, it was born of the will of the Canadian people." In this Sir Thomas is wrong.

Union Government was conceived immediately after the Extension of the life of Parliament had been refused. It was born immediately after the C. N. R. Bill, the Franchise Bill, and the War Times Election Bill had been passed by the "Gag", the reason being to save the Borden Government from immediate death. Its father was Sir Clifford Sifton and the Big Interests, and its mother, the Borden Administration. Its nearest relatives are the Pork Barons, the Food Manipulators and the Profiteers. Its full brother is High Tariff. Its mantle of respectability is its Liberal Members.

THE RICH FATTEN WHILE THE POOR SUFFER.

Mr. W. F. O'Connor, High Cost of Living Commissioner, told the people of Canada in his report on July 9th, 1917, that the William Davies Company, on bacon alone, had sold in:

1913—85,000 at a margin of \$3.63 per lb.	\$ 308,550
1914—14,000,000 at a margin of \$3.06 per lb.	3,840,000
1915—60,000,000 at a margin of \$3.67 per lb.	220,200,000
1916—100,000,000 at a margin of \$5.05 per lb.	505,000,000

A total margin of.....\$729,348,550

Sir Joseph Wesley Flavelle, head of the Wm. Davies Company, objects to these figures as given out by Mr. O'Connor, though at a later date, before the Henderson Commission his General Manager, Mr. Fox, presented a statement showing the profits of the Wm. Davies Company as follows:

1915.....\$ 523,000

1916.....	1,439,473
1917.....	1,342,087

Total three years.....\$3,304,560

As Sir Joseph Wesley Flavelle owns 51 per cent of the stock in the Wm. Davies Company, his profits would be:

1915.....	\$ 266,730
1916.....	734,094
1917.....	684,520

Total three years.....\$1,685,345

Speaking at Guelph recently, Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Solicitor-General in the new Borden Government, is reported to have asked whom the Kaiser would vote for if he came to South Wellington.

Answering the question at Toronto a few nights later, Mr. Hartley Dewart replied that if the Kaiser came to South Wellington he would vote for the man he could buy.