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THE FLAG-FLAPPERS.

The Tories of Canada are trying to divert attention from the shameful revolutions which are daily being made at Ottawa of the willingness of middlemen and contractors to enrich themselves by the sale of war supplies, instead of manifesting their patriotism at a time when so many men are willing to offer their lives for their country.

More shameful still is the fact that the Tories are endeavoring to divert attention from their own rascality by defaming Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who is the foremost Canadian statesman of his time.

In the house of commons yesterday Sir Wilfrid directed attention to a pamphlet entitled "Laurier and Quebec" sent out by the government publicity bureau, and charging him with failure to call upon the French-Canadians in Quebec to enlist for the war. Sir Wilfrid refuted the slanderous charge, proved that he had addressed recruiting meetings, and quoted both Premier Borden and Major-General Hughes to the effect that the French-Canadians were more than doing their duty.

The proper course for Sir Robert Borden to have pursued when Sir Wilfrid directed his attention to this matter in the house would have been to pay a tribute to the man who sent Canadian troops to South Africa, who gave the British preference, and who since the present war began has not only urged his compatriots to enlist, but as leader of the opposition has assented heartily to all the war measures of the government. Sir Robert Borden, however, did not embrace the opportunity. He appears to have contented himself with saying that the sort of thing of which Sir Wilfrid complained was not confined to one side. Why did he not have the courage to say that so far as he was concerned he disapproved of it, and resented such a slanderous attack upon so loyal and able a statesman as Sir Wilfrid Laurier?

The slander campaign will be continued. Fortunately for Canada the reputation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier does not rest with the shameless partisans who conduct the government publicity bureau. Fortunately also the people of Canada are too intelligent to have their minds diverted from the carnival of corruption now going on by the frantic flag-waving of those who are afraid they will lose their opportunity to plunder the public treasury. The real criminals in Canada today are those who take advantage of a great crisis, which ought to be the patriotism of every man, and line their own pockets and those of their friends with graft.

A FLAG ELECTION

The prediction that the present year would witness the meanest and most contemptible political campaign ever waged in Canada seems likely to be fulfilled. In parliament yesterday Sir Robert Borden waved the flag and endeavored to make it appear that the Liberals were seeking to do an injustice to the soldiers at the front and to deprive them of the right to vote. However, William Pugsley pointed out that there was no need at all for these heroics on the part of the prime minister, since there was no need of having an election until after the war ended. Evidently the Tories' wing of the Conservative party has triumphed over Sir Robert Borden, and we may expect the elections during the present year. For a long time past the government press bureau has been sending out literature of the kind that was brought to the attention of parliament by Sir Wilfrid Laurier yesterday. Now the premier himself has waved the flag and discovered a cold-blooded desire on the part of the Liberals to disfranchise the soldiers who are fighting for Canada. It does not appear to have occurred to Sir Robert that the soldiers at the front include a great many Liberals and some of Liberals, nor does it seem to worry him at all that because of the incompetence of the government the soldiers have been sent to the front ill-equipped, while home staying troops have enriched themselves with graft from the sale of military supplies for these same soldiers.

The climax of Tory rage and folly, however, is reached by the St. John Standard, in a venomous and utterly shameful attack upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The Ottawa correspondent of The Standard declares that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is "the real arch enemy of British connection with Canada," that he wishes to disfranchise the soldiers, and that "he has not forgotten nor forgiven the Canadian soldiers for taking part in the South African war." This infamous defamer of a great Canadian statesman says further—

"Deep down in his anti-British heart he dislikes the idea of Canada taking part in the wars of Empire. Rather would he sit aside and let the rest of the Empire do all the defending of this country, and to revenge himself upon the brave men who have gone with sword in hand to strike a blow for liberty and freedom, he will use every means in his power to prevent them taking part in the affairs of the Dominion. They have temporarily left behind them. 'They have gone,' he says in effect, 'let them go, they are not of us.'"

Sir Wilfrid is further charged with saying in effect that the soldiers are

aliens and not Canadian citizens and have no right to express an opinion as to how this country is to be run. Having thus put words into Sir Wilfrid's mouth which he did not utter, this slander goes on to say that "it was the most astounding declaration of an astoundingly anti-British career."

Editorially The Standard is quite as venomous as its Ottawa correspondent, and makes an hysterical appeal to "the fathers and brothers and friends of the Canadian soldiers." It charges Sir Wilfrid with saying in effect that the soldiers are good enough to fight and die for Canada, but not good enough to vote for her; and it concludes with this sentence—

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier, by his latest insult to Canada and Canadians, has proven himself not only a disgrace to the Liberal party but a discredit to the race that gave him parentage."

This from the champion and apologist of a government which gave its soldiers rotten boots and bought for them wind-broken, spavined, ring-boned and utterly worthless horses; and which permitted grafters to enrich themselves by the sale of military supplies at most extravagant prices is enough to make honest men hang their heads in shame. The grafters, journalistic and otherwise, are afraid they may lose their opportunity to add to their ill-gotten gains. They do not want any more of the facts to come out. They want to go to the people at once, and wave the flag and trade upon the loyalty of the people, and trade also upon the loyalty of the men who are giving their lives for their country.

They want another lease of power, another four years of graft and plunder and general political rascality. They insult every Liberal whose son has gone to the war, or who is contributing to the patriotic fund and paying his share of the war taxes put upon the people in order to enable Tory grafters to further enrich themselves at the people's expense.

In every province in Canada today Toryism stands exposed, and the Liberals do not fear the issue. A government which would throw this country into the turmoil of a political campaign as bitter as that must be which is waged in the spirit of the Tory speeches in parliament yesterday, and the utterances of the St. John Standard this morning, deserves nothing but utter condemnation.

Ever since the war began the Liberals have heartily supported the government's war measures, and refrained from criticizing anything but its domestic policy. Apparently they are to be rewarded by having their loyalty impugned, and by being made the targets of abuse and slander. A government which consents to such a course deserves to be hurled from power by an indignant electorate.

AN UNHAPPY FAMILY.

All is not peace and harmony in provincial government circles in New Brunswick. Ex-Premier Fleming does not appear to have forgiven Premier Clarke, although the latter certainly did not show any disposition to be harsh with Mr. Fleming when the Dugal inquiry was in progress. Now there is trouble over Mr. Morrisey. The friends of Mr. Fleming want Mr. Morrisey kicked out of the government. He has always claimed to be a Liberal and that is not to be forgiven. Then there is Mr. Finlay. Although he is no longer chairman of the public accounts committee, he has been urged to remain in the fold and not to reveal what he knows. There is also the case of Mr. J. L. Stewart. He is a Conservative, but has manifested unmistakable evidence of an independent spirit, which is also of an inquiring turn; and an independent member who wants information is not to be tolerated. Therefore the government press has set upon him as a member for Northumberland with great ferocity, in the hope that he may be frightened into silence. It is a vain hope, however, and Mr. Stewart goes on saying what he thinks, with cheerful disregard for the whip and those who threaten to wield it. While the government has an enormous majority in the house, it realizes that many things have happened since the last elections, and that the shadow of several Royal Commissions falls darkly across its path.

In the meantime it will be well to watch very carefully the legislation introduced in the closing days of the session.

The Allies are concentrating a land force to co-operate with the fleet in forcing the Dardanelles. That way lies success.

The objectionable feature of the bill from St. John giving valuation of the power to summon any citizen before them to give a full and complete schedule of his real and personal property and income was struck out by the municipalities committee at Fredericton last evening. It should have been struck out by the Municipal Council.

The Standard this morning in its Ottawa correspondence describes Col. H. H. McLean as "this grand old soldier," and pays him a lofty tribute of regard. Is this the same Col. McLean whose "pink lemonade" parties in Queens county erstwhile provoked such hilarity in Tory circles?

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"Why, they must necessarily live a pattern life!"

Blue Blood

Lord Howlong—Too bad you have no royalty in the States.

Miss Multitox—O, I don't know. My father says a prince of good fellows and he has just married a queen of burlesque.

Too Good to Be True.

"I want to be excused," said the worried-looking jurymen, addressing the Judge. "I owe a man \$25 that I borrowed, and as he is leaving town today for some years, I want to catch him before he gets to the train and pay him the money."

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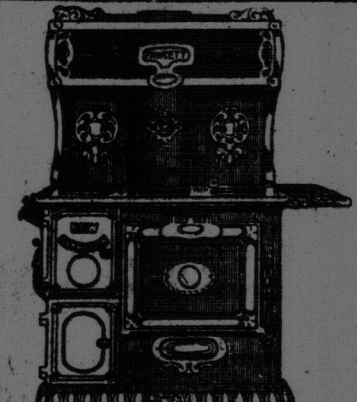


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the bank or with a money lender, you are paying for graft through the government's purchase of horses at \$12 and selling them for \$85 each, because they were not needed or unsuitable. 4—Every time you issue a cheque, by using a war stamp you are paying for "graft horses," bought, shot and sent to the glue factory. 5—While you are taxing yourselves by war stamps, etc., the Tory officials are living at Ottawa in riotous extravagance at your expense, purchasing luxurious sleeping lounges for their offices whilst the brave first contingent volunteers are glad of a bundle of clean straw "at the front," or of a shingle to fasten on as soles to protect their shoes.

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"I remember," said Lord Eldon, "Justice Gould trying a case at York, and when he had proceeded for about two hours he observed: 'There are only eleven juries in the box. Where is the twelfth?'"

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