

The Government majority on Mr. King's amendment, calling for a general election, was 34—less than one half the majority of 1917.

The Government majority on the budget was 26 in a House of 214—the figures being 120 to 94. Instead of being nearly two to one, as in 1917, it was little more than five to four.

More than once during the session the majority fell even lower than this—in one case to five. The majority is dwindling away. The Government is petering out. There would be a majority against the Government if it were not that many of its supporters know that they cannot be re-elected, and therefore wish to hang on as long as possible.

The bye-elections have gone steadily and heavily against the Government. It has lost Assiniboia, North Ontario, Victoria and Carleton, N.B., and Temiskaming, and gained nothing. It is afraid to hold an election in East Elgin. It has lost a large part of its support in the press. The Toronto Globe, which supported it so strongly in 1917, is now dead against it, and declares that its announcement that it will remain in office until 1922 or 1923 is impudent. We quote:—

"It is an announcement impudent to the people of Canada. It is made on behalf of a Government which knows full well that in a general election there would not be enough of it left to sweep up. It voices the arrogance of a ministry that is afraid to bring on even a bye-election and of a Cabinet that accordingly is cluttered with "acting" heads of departments. It speaks for an Administration that is thoroughly aware that it has hopelessly forfeited the confidence of the country; that selfishly clings to office and endeavors to do things for which it has no public mandate."

Unrest and discontent in the country is increased by the conduct of the Government, at once timid and obstinate, in clinging to office after its mandate has expired.

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## Either Ignorant or Insolent

Fresh evidence of the Government's autocratic contempt for Parliament is found in the treatment of Mr. Sinclair's charge that \$121,000,000 sent overseas had not been accounted for. The statement was not founded upon rumor. It was found in black