

bought back, if the profiteers can do it. Free spontaneous opinion, as expressed in the movement of the Farmers and in other ways, is to be fought by the lavish use of money. What is to be the answer of the non-profiteering classes of Canada to the challenge so impudently thrown down? Surely the only answer of men and women who think and have the courage of their convictions is to combine and fight the profiteers and the money power to which they so insolently appeal. With all their money, they can hope to win only by dividing the Liberals, the Farmers and the Labor men, who together compose an overwhelmingly majority of the people of Canada. The trick has been successfully played before, but never before was warning so plainly given. Never before was it said, "We intend to fool you. We need two years time to play out the game. We have several millions to spare out of the money we have taken out of you by profiteering, and we shall spend it in fooling or scaring you out of your honest convictions. The war which has slain or maimed your sons has made us rich, and we shall use a little of our riches to protect the rest, and to make sure that the process of moneygetting is not disturbed in the future."

The big profiteering fund makes the issue clear, and indicates the nature of the campaign which ought to be fought by the friends of the people. Fight the Fund, should be the watchword. Meet the money power with the power of public opinion. Isolate the profiteers and keep them in the public eye as enemies of the people. Let there be no division among the the advocates of reform. Minor differences of opinion as to tariff reform should give way to the great issue. Shall the tariff be framed at the dictation of profiteers and in their interest or shall it be reformed by a reformed government representing a reformed Parliament, and expressing the free will and judgment of the electors of Canada?

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## The Government Petering Out

The result of the General Election of 1917, according to the Parliamentary Guide of 1918 (page 239) was a Government majority of 71, nearly two to one.