

the people that the prices paid by the British Government for Canadian-made ammunition for a long time after the War broke out, were nothing short of robbery. Hair-split Meighenize and theorize as they may, the Borden government cannot hide themselves behind the Shell Committee, a creature of their own. The moral responsibility was upon them to see that the British Government got a fair deal, and not only did they try to shirk that responsibility by concealing themselves behind the Shell Committee, but they were morally participants criminis with that Committee in paying outrageous prices, which have resulted in the creation of a new and very large list of very wealthy men in this country. It is all nonsense to say that the prices were those fixed by the British Government. That Government was at first in the hands of the Armament ring which Canada was free from. **Shells could have been made and sold in Canada for at least 40% of the price charged the British people for over a year.** What a spectacle it is! Tom Brown, John Jones and Harry Smith of the common people give up their future prospects and offer their humble selves to the supreme sacrifice, for the sake of their country, while at home the British people are disgracefully robbed through the actions of tools of the Government, if not of the Government themselves. The British Government broke the armament ring by commandeering engineering and other kindred establishments to make munitions. The same action could have been taken in Canada, but the Borden government supinely stood aside and let the lotting go on. The magnificently equipped railway shops, of which there are quite a number, could have been utilized to keep prices down to a fair basis. Nothing, however was done. **As one Minister remarked, "that would be madness, as it would interfere with private enterprise."** The real truth is that it would interfere with private profiteering. Such are the shocking offences against decency, honesty and fair play that have been committed under the cloak of service and loyalty.

### No Evidence of Progress.

When we search through the records of the Government for evidence of progress we go unrewarded. Nothing beyond a lot of talk from Sir George E. Forster has been done to extend Foreign trade. The Government should have had, almost from the beginning of the War, a number of the best minds of the country in London and Europe to study the conditions especially with a view to the after-war commercial developments. This war has convulsed commercial relations throughout the world and is bringing about an entirely new commercial and financial era. It is of the highest importance, therefore, that Canadian business men, through the Government, should be fully seized of the situation as it changes from time to time, so that the utmost advantage may be taken of the great opportunities that will present themselves for extending Canadian trade in other countries after the war. No one business man or group of business men can do this as efficiently as the Government, yet practically nothing has been done so far.

### Be Generous to the Disabled Soldiers.

The greatest problem the country faces is that of caring for the returned soldiers and especially those who unfortunately have been wounded or maimed. Generous pensions are not enough for men who have been permanently disabled. Canadians will be lacking in gratitude if they do not tend them as carefully as they would their own immediate kith and kin, and do everything possible to make their future lot happy and comfortable. Nothing is too good for the men who have suffered bodily injury in fighting so that we, who necessarily stay at home, may be free from the yoke of tyranny. On principle we are against the creation of privileged classes, but we would heartily approve of our wounded and maimed soldiers being granted all the privileges that can in reason and just generosity be given to them. What is the Government doing in this important matter? Granting temporary assistance it may be, but no scheme of a permanent character has been worked out. The men who have suffered are now returning and soon, unfortunately, our cities and towns will be filled with them. Somebody must move quickly, and it is squarely up to the Government to do so.

### Matters Left Undone.

A year or more ago a commission was appointed to report upon measures for the greater development of Canada. What has it done? Nothing so far as the public know, and if rumor speaks true, it never will report. With one or two notable exceptions it is composed of men utterly unfitted for the task, and the result has been chaos and confusion of thought.

Technical education is another big subject the Government should have tackled years ago. A splendid report of a Royal Commission was before it for action when it took office. What became of it? It still remains in the Government's pigeon-hole, and probably never will be resurrected.

Good roads was a Borden anti-election promise, yet we still have main roads which are a disgrace to civilization. The curious anomaly presents itself in Canada of unnecessary palaces in the shape of armories and public buildings in small places, while the roads to such places would put to shame uncivilized South American communities.

Before the election Mr. Borden promised to grant their natural resources to the Prairie Provinces. Such resources however are still vested in the Dominion Government.

The election law was to be amended and strengthened so as to prevent bribery and corruption, the Senate was to be reformed to make it more useful and representative, the public domain including great national franchises was to be managed and developed so that a reasonable proportion of the increment in value arising therefrom would inure to the people, the present Railway Commission was to be reorganized so as to give it powers over public utilities—these and a great many more reforms were promised by Mr. Borden, and are still in the promise stage.

### Taxation of the Masses Increased.

Every change made in the Tariff by the Govern-