

DID SIR SAM SWALLOW HIMSELF

It is a well known and well understood canon of constitutional government that the Cabinet appears as a unit before the people. Ministers may disagree amongst themselves in the Council Chamber, but when the decision of the Cabinet is arrived at it is treated as unanimous, and as such goes out to the public. Bearing this in mind, a curious situation has developed as a result of the action of the Government in stripping John Wesley Allison of his title as Honorary Colonel. Sir Sam Hughes, in the face of the evidence given before the Meredith-Duff Commission, openly championed this man Allison,

declaring that his confidence and trust in him had been strengthened rather than weakened, that he would sooner trust him than any man at the Commission, lawyers and judges included, and that he was entitled to wear a little crown. Now Sir Sam is a very important member of the Cabinet (some people go the length of saying he is the boss of it), and it seems clear in the face of his attitude towards Allison, that either, he must have swallowed his principles or the canon of constitutional government referred to has been violated. Which is it?

GOVERNMENT FINANCES.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF CONSOLIDATED FUND.	Month of July, 1915.	Total to 31st July, 1915.	Month of July, 1916.	Total to 31st July, 1916.
REVENUE:	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Customs.....	7,240,321 65	27,467,544 55	9,806,742 47	43,369,485 50
Excise.....	1,734,472 09	6,612,316 57	1,965,434 42	7,624,235 68
Post Office.....	1,200,000 00	4,700,000 00	1,350,000 00	5,550,000 00
Public Works, including Railways and Canals.....	1,152,374 11	4,550,546 88	2,479,345 93	8,376,811 19
Miscellaneous.....	1,327,917 81	2,517,944 38	1,264,508 37	2,718,402 74
Total.....	12,655,085 66	45,848,352 38	16,866,031 19	67,638,935 11
EXPENDITURE.....	16,551,474 30	29,376,327 22	17,684,295 89	28,212,341 30
EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT, ETC.				
War.....			29,151,429 45	51,324,460 54
Public Works, including Railways and Canals.....	3,808,273 35	8,883,364 94	2,320,366 69	6,489,281 21
Railway Subsidies.....	112,245 00	357,297 65		185,298 20
Total.....	3,920,518 35	9,240,662 59	31,471,796 14	57,999,039 95

DIARY OF THE MONTH.

1916 August.	1916 August
4 Patriotic meeting on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, addressed by SIR GEORGE PERLEY and others.	REID and others.
Patriotic meeting at Regina, Sask., addressed by W. M. MARTIN, M.P., COL. EDGAR and others.	B. F. Smith, M.P.P. for Carleton, sworn in as Minister of Public Works in New Brunswick government.
Patriotic meeting at Montreal addressed by SIR ROBERT BORDEN and HON. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX.	18 Canadian Club, Ottawa, addressed by SIR GEORGE PERLEY.
Patriotic meeting at Sherbrooke, Que., addressed by HON. W. G. MITCHELL, HON. J. L. DECARIE, HON. E. L. PATENAUGE and HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN.	21 HON. FRANK COCHRANE inspects Halifax Harbour works.
Opening of special session of Prince Edward Island Legislature.	SIR GEORGE FOSTER returned from England.
5 SIR ROBERT BORDEN reviewed troops at Valcartier.	South-West Toronto Provincial By-Election. Hartley Dewart, (Liberal), majority 662.
7 Patriotic meeting at Arundel, Que., addressed by SIR GEORGE PERLEY.	22 HON. ROBERT ROGERS addressed convention of Union of Canadian Municipalities at Montreal.
9 Methodist camp meeting at Berwick, N.S., addressed by SIR ROBERT BORDEN, who also reviewed troops at Aldershot, N.S.	25 SENATOR F. T. FROST died at Smith's Falls.
New Palace Station at Quebec opened. Speeches by HON. J. D. REID, HON. T. C. CASGRAIN, SIR LOMER GOUIN and others.	27 Montreal Young Conservative Association at Louisville, Que., addressed by HON. P. E. BLONDIN, A. BELLEMARE, M.P. (Maskinonge) and others.
10 Commercial Club, Halifax, addressed by SIR ROBERT BORDEN.	28 HON. C. J. DOHERTY at recruiting meeting of Jewish Reinforcement Company, Montreal.
11 Conservative Club, Halifax, addressed by SIR ROBERT BORDEN.	29 SIR GEORGE PERLEY addressed Empire Club, Toronto.
13 Demonstration at Lachute, addressed by SIR GEORGE PERLEY.	30 SIR GEORGE FOSTER addressed Toronto Exhibition directors.
17 SIR THOS. WHITE presented colors to 156th Battalion, at Brockville, Ont. Addresses by SENATOR TAYLOR, HON. J. D.	31 HON. ROBERT ROGERS addressed opening of Essex Fair at Windsor, Ont.

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