feel a personal shame if our soldiers should

During these past months, when the revelations of sordid graft have been

shocking the country, many of us have been experiencing a sense of shame. Let us trust that this is, in the old phraseology,

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a conviction of sin that may lead to a true repentance and a new life.

This community guilt has come as a result of individual guilt. Some months ago the students of one of our agricultural colleges chose as the subject of an interclass debate a question of public policy. Immediately a ukase was issued by the department thru the head of the college forbidding that this subject should be debated. Talk about Kaiserism! We have in Canada by no means as yet won freedom of speech. The students obediently changed the subject to one that was purely academic and quite harmless.

was purely academic and quite harmless. I asked one of the students why there had been no protest. He replied that the

majority of the students were very indignant, "but you see," he said, "the strongest men are looking for government

strongest men are looking for government positions and they know that if they said anything they would be blackballed." The reply came to me as a blow full in the face. I had been surprised that official interference should go so far as to take cognizance of an inter-class debate. I had resented such arbitrary action; I had been disappointed in the lack of any pretest, but I confess that I was hardly prepared for this avowal. Here was the clean, independent, young manhood of Canada and no one was found who dared to risk a prospective job! Here we discover the secret of our corrupt politics in Canada. We may

corrupt politics in Canada. We may load the guilt on some scapegoat and drive him into the wilderness, but such a

proceeding avails nothing, except it symbolizes that we—you and I—have put away from us cowardice and self-seeking.

In a deeper sense than of old, we must all repeat the familiar words: "All we have sinned;" and none of us can escape by asking: "Am I my brother's keeper?"

prove cowards.

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