

PREMIER DENIES GRAFT TOLERATED

Government Has No Control
Over Middlemen in New
York.

POSITION IS DEFINED

Borden Describes Criticisms as
"Ignorant or Male-
volent."

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Ont., June 11.—"Certain ignorant or malevolent criticisms have appeared recently with respect to control made by the Russian and French governments for munitions and other supplies required for the purpose of war," says a statement issued by the prime minister's office today.

"It was contended that the Canadian Government should undertake to control such contracts and guard these governments from the activities of dishonest and exorbitant middlemen. In other words, it is suggested that the Canadian Government should neglect its own affairs for the purpose of acting as a benevolent busybody in regard to the affairs of the Russian and French Governments."

The criticisms above mentioned were brought to the attention of the prime minister this morning, and he made the following statement:

"In the early months of the war the British and allied governments were alarmed that the Canadian Government had not recommended and did not recommend any person or persons to act as agents or middlemen for His Majesty's government or for any of the allied governments in the purchase of munitions of war or other necessary supplies."

"With respect to the purchase of supplies in Canada by the British and allied governments such portion as has been purchased through the Canadian Government has been dealt with either by the department of militia, or the department of agriculture, or a committee of the cabinet specially constituted for the purpose. Any such purchases are now dealt with by the war purchasing committee, of which Mr. A. B. Campbell is chairman. Contracts to supply shells for the British Government have been and are being dealt with altogether by the shell committee."

Canada Not Consulted.
"So far as other purchases in Canada by the British or allied governments are concerned, they are made by representatives appointed by such governments, with reference to the Government of Canada, which has no control over such matters, and could not interfere therein."

"The Government of Canada has absolutely nothing whatever to do with purchases in the United States by the British or allied governments. It has no control over them and could not interfere with them. Any contracts made or agents appointed by the British or allied governments in the United States are so made or appointed without reference to the Canadian Government and without asking its advice."

COLLECTION OF RELICS MAY GO TO MONTREAL

Owned by S. S. Rogers, New York
State—Brooklyn Man Acci-
dentally Killed.

Special to The Toronto World.

BROOKLYN, June 11.—The collection of historical relics owned by S. S. Rogers, who resides in New York City, and who is a resident of Brooklyn, has been offered for sale to the McCord National Museum, whose owner, Dr. Ross McCord, K.C., has a collection of historical relics and others of interest second to none in the Dominion. Among Mr. McCord's collection is the staff of the late Right Rev. Dr. Lewis, sometime rector of St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn, and afterwards first Bishop of Ontario.

Charles Fletcher, aged 18 years, while examining a shot, run into the home of his father, near Bishop's Mills, and killed a gnatcatcher in the side by the accidental discharge of a shotgun, which he did not know was loaded. He lived only a short time. A brother of the deceased was drowned recently, while doing military patrol duty on the Cardinal Canal.

WELVELT GLOVE COVERS WILSON'S IRON HAND

London Star Says Note Shows No
Trace of Indecision.

LONDON, June 11.—The American note is not an ultimatum, but Germany will not fail to sense its firmness. The Evening Star declared this afternoon, in a paragraph of editorial to the text of the rejoinder.

"Berlin isn't likely to mistake the urbane philosophy tone of the American note for indecision," said The Star. The iron hand is there, even if it isn't sticking out at the finger tips of the velvet glove.

"President Wilson takes a stand on the high ground of humanity in well-known diplomatic language," was the Westminster Gazette's comment.

WELL-KNOWN IMPORTER OF LIVE STOCK IS DEAD

Robert Buffeton Vardon Dies in
Galt at Age of Eighty-Four.

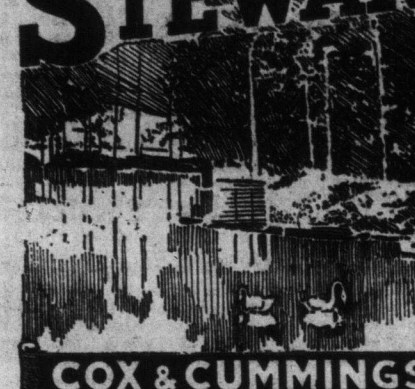
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GALT, June 11.—The death occurred here of Robert Buffeton Vardon, in his 84th year, cousin of Dr. T. W. Vardon.

The late Mr. Vardon was born in New Brunswick, but went to Pickering, Ont., when a small boy. He was brought up on a farm near Toronto and later became associated with the late Simon Beatty in the importation of Clydesdales and Durham cattle. He also exported roaster hares from Kentucky to England and at one time was one of the best known importers of live stock in the province.

Of late years he had been living a retired life, making his home between Lindsay, Toronto and Galt. One son, Mr. B. B. Borden of Lindsay, survives.

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