

For months, yes, years, these dependents have been asking for an increase in their separation allowance. It was their just right and the country owed it to them, but the Borden Government withheld it until less than three weeks before the general election when they passed an Order-in-Council granting a temporary increase.

FARMERS EXEMPTED UNTIL AFTER DECEMBER 17th.

A meeting of the cabinet was held in Ottawa on Sunday, December 7th at which Sir Clifford Sifton was in attendance. A scheme was worked out whereby an effort is being made to deceive the farmers of Canada by making them believe that all farmers conscripted will be exempted, in fact they hope to convey the impression that no farmers will be conscripted. The Memorandum drawn up at the meeting is a snare and a delusion. **THE CONSCRIPTION LAW PASSED BY THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT IS STATUTORY AND DOES NOT EXEMPT, OR PROVIDE FOR THE EXEMPTION OF FARMERS.** This Memorandum agreed upon last Sunday does not pretend to interfere in any way that the work of the various tribunals throughout Canada. It is a pre-election act on the part of the cabinet and a straight bribe made in the hope of securing the farmers votes for the election to be held on December 17th, after which date the Memorandum can be rescinded as easily as it was agreed to.

Electors beware ! Your vote is our own. The welfare of the country for the next five years depends upon this vote. The welfare of our soldiers until the end of the war hangs in the balance. Every man and woman in Canada regardless of their political affiliation is in this war to the end, but let us be in it for the success of the Allies and not for the success of any political party in Canada.

Remember what the British Food Controller recently said "UNLESS THE ALLIES IN EUROPE ARE ABLE TO IMPORT THE SUPPLIES NECESSARY FOR FEEDING THEIR ARMIES AND THEIR CIVIL POPULATION, VICTORY MAY SLIP FROM OUR UNITED GRASP."

WILDEST EXTRAVAGANCE EXHIBITED BY NEW MINISTERS.

The moment General Mewburn was appointed Minister of Militia money began to fly in the Militia Department. The office of the Minister of Militia had been entirely satisfactory to his predecessors, Sir Frederick Borden, Sir Sam Hughes and Sir Edward Kemp, but not so to General Mewburn who immediately ordered alterations which have cost the country over \$10,000.

New offices required new fittings and accordingly instructions were given to comply with the extravagant ambitions of the new Minister. Carpets to the value of between \$950.00 and \$1,000 were purchased for the floors in General Mewburn's office. The windows required curtains and \$115.00 was spent for the curtains.

The Hon. Mr. Calder, another new Minister has not been slow in spending money in equipping his office. New rooms were secured for this new Minister and a \$500.00 rug placed on the floor of the

Minister's office. The finest mahogany furniture was purchased, and, passing, it might be well to note that no furniture manufactured in Canada was sufficiently good for this office and furniture manufacturers of Chicago were approached. Mr. Calder's office is now decorated with this American furniture which cost the Government approximately \$1,000 all purchased through a middleman in Ottawa who took a rake-off of a little over 33½% for himself.

These expenditures remind us of Premier Borden's recent manifesto, a plank of which stated that the new Borden Government pledged itself

"To reduce the public expenditure; to avoidance of waste and the encouragement of thrift."

We are quite sure that those who have subscribed for the Victory Bonds will be glad to know that when they come to Ottawa they will be able to see where some of their money is going.

A million dollars for Allison—five dollars a month for Soldiers' dependents