

hardly believe it. A great campaign fund is being raised by the profiteers. It is hoped that something may turn up between now and 1922 or 1923 which may save the Government from accepting the crown of martyrdom in the shape of a defeat in the next general elections. But unless the people are easily fooled, the hope is vain.

The Profiteering Campaign Fund

The people of Canada have received fair warning of what is in store for them in the next general election. The net is set in sight of the bird. Mr. Ballantyne declares that the Government will retain office until the last possible moment, and will then appeal to the country on the issue of moderate protection against free trade. This will not be the real issue. The real issue will be between the profiteers and the people of Canada. It is announced that a huge campaign fund is to be raised by the beneficiaries of the tariff. This fund, you may be sure, will not be for the purpose of maintaining a tariff in which the public interest will be protected. It will be a profiteering fund. Where will the money come from? From profits taken out of the pockets of the people. What will the money be used for? To make future profiteering secure. To frame a tariff in the interest of the profiteers and at their dictation.

By announcing its determination to hang on to office until 1922 or 1923, the Government makes itself a party to the raising and spending of the profiteering fund. If it intended to ask for a verdict upon its own merits, it would go to the country at once. There is no object in the delay, except to give time for the raising of the big fund and the propaganda which is to be financed by the fund. The country is against the Government. It is to be