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that the Duchess of Devonshire will not come to Canada as a stranger, for as the daughter of a former Governor-General, Lord Lansdowne, she has already been a resident of the Government House at Ottawa.

### The U. S. Presidency

AS had been anticipated, Mr. Roosevelt, seeing at last the hopelessness of his ambition to again reach the Presidential chair, has declined the Progressive nomination, and come out in support of Mr. Hughes. The Progressive National Committee, after a sharp discussion, has declined to take any steps toward the selection of another candidate. So the "Bull Moose Party," which four years ago was stronger than the regular Republican body, and which for a while under Mr. Roosevelt's leadership cherished the hope of controlling the affairs of the nation, goes out of existence. Mr. Hughes has welcomed Mr. Roosevelt with sweet words designed, naturally enough, to bind him to the Republican side and to ensure his active support against Mr. Wilson.

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he becomes a much less important factor than he would have been if his vaulting ambition had not o'erleaped itself.

The Progressives having thus, as a party, abandoned the field, there will be a straight party fight between President Wilson and Mr. Hughes. In one respect it should be a fine contest. Both are men of great ability, and the highest character. So far as they can personally control the campaign it should be a fair and honorable battle, free from the offensive features that too often mark the conflicts of political parties. As to the principles and policies, there is less than usual to divide them. On what is called "Preparedness," and on the duty of the nation to uphold its rights and its dignity in its international relations, either party might accept the declaration of the other. If there is a distinct line between them on a large subject it is in relation to the fiscal policy. The Republicans once more push to the front the policy of high tariffs and denounce the present Democratic tariff, with its considerable free list and its many duties much lower than those which prevailed under Republican rule. The success of Mr. Hughes and the return of the Republican party to power would probably mean another tariff shake-up, and the repeal of provisions under which Canada sends large quantities of goods across the border.

### Recruiting

for his wife and family; anything else they get is from charity.

"I know a mechanic earning \$25 a week. He has a delicate wife and one child. He has a \$3,000 life insurance policy which, he is informed, becomes void when he goes into active service. He has a comfortable home, the rent for which would take the total amount allowed to his wife by the Government.

"Now what does the Government ask this man to do? Aside from the discomforts and dangers, he is expected to turn his wife and child out of a comfortable home, to live, God knows how, while he is away defending the rest of us from what we so much dread.

"If he is killed, the most inadequate provision is made by the Government for his wife and family. Now why should this be so?

"If one out of every twenty men go to war, why should not the nineteen who stay at home at least see that those dependent upon him should not have to alter their way of living? Surely this is not asking too much, and it is the manifest duty of the stay-at-homes to assume this responsibility.

"In expressing this to some friends lately one of them spoke of the enormous indebtedness in which this would involve the country. It did not seem to strike him that the burden was there anyway to be assumed by the soldier or the citizen. On which would it be the