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THE NEW GOVERNMENT
It is a coalition government.

That is the principal thing about
the changes made in the administra-
tion in Ottawa. We are three years
behind time in making the change,
but the change has come. At last
we have been able to break through
our partisan mold and place the wel-
fare of the country before our
prejudices.

With Stifton, Carvell, Rowell, Mur-
ray and the others in the cabinet,
the Liberals are represented by their
ablest leaders. It cannot be said
that the administration is a make-
shift affair, with a name tagged to
it for the sake of appearance.

It is a strong government also. It
is perhaps the strongest government
since Laurier named his first govern-
ment in 1896. It is a little top heavy
with lawyers, at a time when busi-
ness men are most needed, but they
are mostly strong men. In retaining
Meighen, Burrell and White, Sir Robert
Borden has kept the ablest of the
old administration. It is a bit of
a disappointment and surprise that
Dr. Michael Clark, who did most to
bring the parties to the right frame
of mind, is not included in the cabi-
net. He would add strength to it.
However, he is no place seeker, and
doubtless never thought of prefer-
ment of this kind.

The weakness of it all is that there
is no representative of labor.
The result of the coalition will
be to still the political turmoil, and get
Canadians working in harmony. The
government would be well advised to
follow this decisive move by bringing
on an election at once, and getting
along with the business of the nation,
unimpeded by the game of politics.

There will not be much of an elec-
tion now, certainly very little election
in Western Canada. There may be
little local contests here and there,
but they will not be of very great
importance. The stinger in an elec-
tion contest has been removed.

With a united public behind the
coalition act, the enforcement of that
important legislation will be
made much easier.

At the outbreak of the war, when
political strife was hushed for a time,
the nation was prepared to give a
general support to the government.
It continued that general support un-
til many suspected that the govern-
ment was playing politics, and trying
to make the war a Tory war.

The public, for the most part, is
prepared, we take it, to give this new
government the same sympathetic
support that it gave at the beginning.

The creation of a union administra-
tion upon what seems such fair
terms, will be an inspiration to the
Canadian people to do their part, as
unselfishly as the party leaders who
have joined that government have
done theirs.

COLLECT THE TAXES
One point came out clearly at the
meeting of the aldermen to discuss
the financial situation at the city hall
on Thursday night, and that is that
the city revenue cannot be regarded
as insufficient until the city makes a
businesslike effort to collect what is
owing it. The representatives have
spent much of their time upon reduc-
ing the expenditure, which is praisew-
orthy. They have got it down to
the minimum.

But what of the revenue? If the
city would use as much pressure as
an ordinary business concern in get-
ting in the revenue, the situation
would be very greatly improved.

There is plenty of money in the
city just now, and there never was
as much money in the province as
at the present time. If proper methods
are used, surely the city can get suf-
ficient revenue for its needs, without
any serious difficulty.

LABOR REPRESENTATION
Is there to be no labor representa-
tion in the new union government?
No names have yet been mentioned.
The premier has made no statement.
It will be a great mistake if the govern-
ment has no labor representation in
the new administration. Of the
nine members just added, seven are
lawyers, one is a farmer and head of
a big farmers' organization, and the
other member is a business man.

But the largest class of our people
is as yet without representation in
the cabinet. That is a serious mis-
take. The Albertan is hopeful that
labor representatives will soon be
added to the government. It cannot
be called a union government with-
out them.

CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL

Mrs. W. J. Gale has been nominated
by the women ratepayers of South
Calgary as a candidate for the city
council, and is being urged to con-
test the city. She has not yet de-
cided. It is doubtful if a woman
more thoroughly qualified for such
a position could be found in the city,
and if she becomes a candidate she
will certainly be elected.

She is a public spirited woman, who
has been interested in many public
undertakings. She was secretary of
the Consumers' league when that
organization took hold of the city
market, and made it of such great
service to the city.

She is president of the first woman's
ratepayers' association in the city,
which, in addition to being the first
woman's organization, is also the
livest ratepayers' association in the
city.

Mrs. Gale is a cultured woman, an
entertaining speaker, well informed
and very bright. She would make
a valuable member of the city council,
and she should consent to be a candi-
date.

CONSCRIPTION OF WEALTH

The Monetary Times in the current
issue continues to contemplate finan-
cial conditions after the war. It
believes that peace will be followed
by an extraordinary production of
commodities in every direction. For
some time every effort will be direct-
ed to the replacement of material
which has been destroyed, and by
the repair of the world's equipment
which has been run down.

The problem of the payment of the
enormous national debts will be a
very serious one at the close of the
war. For instance, the national debt
of the United Kingdom is over 3,000
millions sterling at the present time.

One way suggested is to leave the
whole amount as a permanent funded
debt—that is, to reckon only on pro-
viding the interest and a compara-
tively small annual sinking fund out
of current taxation. Another sugges-
tion is to pay off the whole or the
greater part of the war debt at once
by a levy on capital.

The difficulty of applying the
method of a levy on capital is prob-
ably not so great as appears at first
sight," says the Monetary Times.
"Take, for instance, the case of the
United Kingdom. The total capital
wealth of the community may be
estimated at about 24,000 millions
sterling. To pay off a war debt of
3,000 millions sterling would therefore
require a levy of one-eighth. Evidently
this could not be raised in
money, nor would it be necessary.
Holders of war loans would pay their
proportion in a simple way, by sur-
rendering one-eighth of their scrip.
Holders of other forms of property
would be assessed for one-eighth of
its value, and be called on to acquire
and to surrender to the state the same
amount of war loan scrip. To do this
they would be obliged to realize a part
of their property or to mortgage it.

But there is no insuperable difficulty
about that. In the case of property
already mortgaged the holder of the
property might be responsible for the
whole levy, and might be allowed to
raise a prior mortgage to cover it,
and thereafter to deduct the proper
proportion from the capital amount
due to the previous mortgagee. Thus,
a man having a property assessed at
£80,000, encumbered with a mortgage
for £40,000, would raise a prior mort-
gage of £10,000 and pay the levy
on the whole property. But the cap-
ital amount of the old mortgage would
be reduced from £40,000 to £35,000."

Now we have union government,
there are some people who are not just
satisfied with it.

We should judge from the printed
remarks of C. B. Reilly that he is not
very much in favor of this new coal-
ition government.

The new government, which is get-
ting away to such a good start, will
make a huge mistake unless it has
some labor representatives.

What pleases most is the leveling
word in which the Calgary Herald
now refers to "our own Arthur L."
There is such a thing as conversion.

Von Capelle made his remarkable
speech in the German reichstag on
one day, and got his walking papers
on the day following, which is remark-
ably speedy action.

The appointment of a Prince Ed-
ward Island member of parliament as
controller of the mounted police is
something that cannot well be ex-
plained or in any way understood.

The city is not a good employer. It
underpays its staff. It works its em-
ployees long hours, and does not give
any overtime, and it is meaner with
the employees than the ordinary em-
ployer.

The mayor and aldermen in their
reception on Thursday had an oppor-
tunity of hearing of repeated com-
ments upon city management, some
of them expressed in a slightly dif-
ferent manner.

The people, as a rule, are satisfied
to accept the principle of union gov-
ernment, and are inclined to withhold
criticism of the new government, but
they expect it to make good, and
will be disappointed if it does not
make good.

The retail merchant and the clerks
would be wise if they could get to-
gether and arrive at a settlement on
this question of a half-holiday. The
people are not anxious to vote upon



IF OUR MRS. BLOGGS COULD ONLY HAVE FIVE MINUTES WITH THE KAISER! —London Bystander.

the bylaw, and it is very doubtful
how the vote will go. If an agree-
ment could be made, then everything
would be satisfactory.

RETIRES FROM POLITICS
Port Hope, Ont., Oct. 12.—At a con-
vention of the Port Hope Liberal-Con-
servative association held here last
night, C. J. Thornton, who represented
Durham in the last parliament, de-
finitely announced his intention of re-
tiring from public life and stated that
he would not seek re-election.

Col. R. A. Mulholland, mayor of Port
Hope, is mentioned as his successor.

CAMPAIGN OPENS FOR FLOTATION OF HUGE WAR LOAN TO CANADIANS

Purely a Domestic Loan; Only Canadian Subscribers and All Interest Goes to Patriotic Canadian Investors

The campaign for the big Dominion
Victory war loan opened up in Calgary
yesterday when Sir Augustus Nanton,
chairman of the Dominion committee,
addressed a large gathering of representa-
tive citizens. Sir Augustus was accom-
panied by The Hon. Edward Brown, of
Manitoba, and the Hon. C. R. Mitchell,
of Alberta.

The Calgary organization meeting open-
ed at the Palliser yesterday afternoon at
8 o'clock with Mayor Costello in the chair,
who promptly called on Sir Augustus Nan-
ton to deliver his message to the local
financiers.

Sir Augustus, in his address, dwelt on
the point that the Victory war loan of
£150,000,000 would be raised entirely by
contributions from Canadian people and
the interest paid on this huge loan would
go to Canadian investors.

"The campaign for the flotation of the
loan," stated Sir Augustus, "would be put
on by the greatest organization in the
history of Canada. For some three weeks
thousands of Canadian canvassers will be
sent to every part of the Dominion, and
in every part of Canada will be approached
and asked to do his bit."

"To form provincial committees, sub-
provincial committees and then divide the
sub-territory into districts, each district
having its own committee, who will have full
charge of the campaign in that particular
district and appoint the district canvassers.

No man on any of the committees will
receive a cent of commission. No bond
holders, debentures, and the only com-
missions paid out will go to the individual
financiers who invest. This commission
will be 1-2 of 1 per cent."

In conclusion, Sir Augustus stated: "It
has been decided to divide the province in
two parts. The southern portion extend-
ing from Red Deer to the boundary and
the northern part from Red Deer to the
north, including that city."

The General Committee
Several local financiers present dis-
cussed the organization and work from a
practical standpoint and the following
general committee was then selected: Wm.
Cousine, Melville Hax, G. R. Marnock,
addressed; R. E. Welliver, Red Deer;
from Calgary, H. A. Howard, E. Taylor,
Wm. Connacher, Thorburn Allan, E. D.
Leaure, Wm. Toole, H. W. Wood, W.
Berkinshaw, P. Burns, P. L. Natemith,
G. A. Hornbrook, H. Melvin, H. Middle-
ton, R. Jackson, E. B. Costa, D. T. Dar-
rell, G. L. Peel, J. B. Sutherland, C. P.
McQueen, R. A. Danker, W. Arden, A.
McBee. From this committee a tempo-
rary nominating committee was chosen,
which later met and appointed the fol-
lowing local committee for the south-
ern part of the province: Wm. Toole,
chairman; G. R. Marnock, vice-chairman;
Thorburn Allan, secretary; J. B. Suther-
land, treasurer; E. B. Costa, E. D.
Adams, H. Melvin, E. D. Costa, C. D. Tap-
rell, M. M. Conacher, and E. Taylor are
also members of the executive.

A further session of the general com-
mittee will be held this morning at the
Palliser at 9 o'clock for the purpose of
completing the organization. Sir Au-
gustus Nanton and the Hon. Edward
Brown will attend. The provincial com-
mittee has not been completed, but the
Hon. C. R. Mitchell has been appointed
chairman.

VANCOUVER GRITS OPPOSE COALITION

Pass Resolutions Reaffirming Allegiance to Sir Wilfrid Laurier

Vancouver, Oct. 12.—At the annual
meeting of the Vancouver City and Dis-
trict Liberal Association here last night
two resolutions were unanimously passed,
one reaffirming allegiance to Sir Wilfrid
Laurier and the other retaining to contin-
uance any coalition government led by
Sir Robert Borden. The first reads:

"That there is not now and never has
been in the mind of any real, genuine and
unqualified Liberal in this association or
in this country, at any time, a single
doubt as to the distinguished leadership
of the grand old Liberal party in this
present campaign and we herein at this
annual meeting now pledge our allegi-
ance to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, greatest of
Canadian statesmen, and our confidence
that he may again soon and long con-
duct the government of Canada and unite
a prosperous country, and so effectively
help to win the war."

The other resolution emphasized that

the Liberal of greater Vancouver would
not support any coalition of the Liberals
and Conservatives "under Sir Robert
Borden and Sir Thomas White."

B. C. SHELL CONTRACTS
Municipal Employees Ask to Have
Work Continued.

Victoria, Oct. 12.—Municipal workers
here have forwarded a petition to Sir
Robert Borden praying for the letting of
further shell contracts in this province, on
the grounds that this kind of work should
be provided for the dependents of those
who have gone to the front and for re-
turned soldiers. Within 30 days all shell
contracts in the province will be com-
pleted and 2,000 men and women will be
out of work.

M.P. GETS HIS REWARD
Ottawa, Oct. 12.—The appointment of
Angus A. McLean, ex-M.P. for Queens,
P.E.I., to be comptroller of the Royal
Northwest Mounted Police from October
15th, to succeed Captain L. Fortescue, re-
tired, is officially gazetted.

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF CALGARY
ONE WEEK FROM TODAY, viz., October 20, 1917, the period up to which time General Taxes will be accepted by the City and 10% discount thereon for prompt payment allowed, expires.
STOP FOR ONE MOMENT TO CONSIDER what this means to you from an economic and patriotic point of view.
STOP ANOTHER MOMENT AND CONSIDER the effect your meeting your obligations to the City will have on the credit and good name of our City.
STOP JUST ONE OTHER MOMENT and reflect upon the fact that if the City fails to collect its revenues that at least the efficiency of every department of the City, including its Schools, Hospitals, Waterworks System, etc., etc., must be seriously impaired.
STOP AGAIN AND CONSIDER the fact that the City has certain binding financial obligations to meet in the large financial centers of the world, and which can only be taken care of out of tax receipts, and if these are not met the effect it must have on the value of the property of each and every taxpayer of the City?
SERIOUSLY THINK OVER the foregoing and I am sure an honest and special effort will be made by every taxpayer to satisfy his or her obligations to the City on or before the 20th inst.
NOTE PARTICULARLY—1917 taxes will be accepted by the City and 10% discount allowed if paid on or before the above date regardless of any arrears outstanding.
KEEP CALGARY THE FOREMOST CITY IN WESTERN CANADA.
TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE OPEN EVERY NIGHT, OCTOBER 15th TO 20th, UNTIL 10 P.M.
M. C. Costello Mayor.

BRITISH GOV'T PAID 25 CENTS FOR SALT WATER
Davies Meat Co. Auditor Thought Ignorance of the British Gov't Appalling
TORONTO MAN ELECTED
Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 12.—W. L. Argue of the Toronto Star, was today elected to the board of directors at the closing session of the International Circulation Managers' association here today. I. H. Sears of Davenport, Iowa, was elected president and Washington was selected as the 1918 convention city.

Your Home Is Not Complete Without A DAVENPORT
A lounge is a necessary piece of furniture in the home; in fact, an article that cannot very well be done without. But a mere lounge involves the outline of a certain sum and is limited in the service it gives. On the other hand, for a little larger outlay you can secure a bed davenport that combines a lounge by day and by a simple change a bed by night.
Think what a convenience such a piece would be if, at any time you should require a spare bed on short notice. It would supply the want satisfactorily and could be turned back into a lounge when its task has been completed. Such a piece, while costing a little more than a lounge, is much more desirable because it is a greater convenience. Our assortment comprises the best examples of these pieces, namely, the "Kodav" Divanette and the "Daveno."
Davenport
With select quartered oak frame and imitation Spanish leather covering; closed ends; good appearance; good mattress —\$55.50—
Kodav Divanette
Select hardwood frame in fumed finish; heavy wire springs; good cotton and moss-filled mattress, closed arms, high back; seat and back covered with imitation Spanish leather —\$52.20—
"DAVENO"
Made with select quartered oak frame and "Spanish Craft" leather covering on seat and back. Wide, square, closed arms, high back; well made springs and mattress; fine appearance —\$64.50—
DINING-ROOM FURNITURE SPECIALS
DINING-ROOM SUITE
8 pieces in select quartered oak, Charles II. design, old English finish. Buffet has shaped top 8x46-inch mirror; period detail on legs; cupboard and cutlery drawers; table has 48-inch top; extends to 8 feet and has six twisted legs with semi-circular supports; six chairs have cane panels in back and leather seats. Regular \$170.50. Special \$136.00.
BUFFET
Produced in select quartered oak; old English finish; Charles II. design; 8x38-in. mirror with twisted posts at ends; period trimmings on posts, legs and drawers; 2 cutlery and large linen drawers; large cupboard. Regular \$48.00. Special —\$39.75—
DINING TABLE
In quartered oak to match buffet above; has 48-in. top; extends to 8 feet and has 8 twisted legs. Reg. \$47.00. Special \$39.00. China Cabinet to match —\$33.30—
New Curtain Nets
The recent brisk demand for our curtain nets resulted in the assortment becoming somewhat depleted. These new ones, therefore, could not have arrived at a better time. They come mostly in ecru and cream with a fair showing of whites. The range of patterns embodies the heavy as well as fine dainty designs and several with the finished edge. These bright, new designs are suitable for any room in the house, and they comprise some very good values at yard 27¢ to \$1.
White Madras Muslins
White Madras Muslins have been very hard to get for some time, and it was only with difficulty that we landed some. Those who have been asking for this material will now be able to supply their requirements. They come in a very nice weave and in a beautiful design. They launder well, have good wearing qualities and are just the thing for dainty bedroom curtains, yard 40¢, 50¢ and ——————60¢
Calgary Furniture Store, Ltd.
F. F. HIGGS, President. 127 Seventh Ave. East. J. M. SULLIVAN, Manager.
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