

The Patronage Maggot.

The Ottawa Citizen, for many years the leading Conservative newspaper of Eastern Ontario on March 24th, 1915, commented on the absolute proof of the working of the Tory Patronage System as revealed in this investigation, in the following editorial:

WHERE ARE THE LOYAL ORDERS?

"There is a maggot eating at the heart of Canadian national life; and independent citizens of this country are standing by in silence, witnessing the work of the greedy maggot without a murmur. Materialism has burrowed into the body politic so deep that even things most dear to the honor of a nation do not escape it. Young men, young soldiers, are voluntarily giving their all, their lives, in defence of British freedom, British honor and British tradition; and the political maggot is eating into the health of the citizen army through the soles of its rotten boots.

Having eaten into the health of the soldiers who were strong and well, the maggot is now fattening on the sick and wounded, broken in the Empire's war. Field dressings, even the salve and balm and bandages, for the poor broken limbs and shattered bodies of Canada's wounded men and boys, have been made a medium for the cursed maggot to ply its loathesome business. Where are the upholders of British tradition, the loyal orders, the sons of England and the sons of honor in Canada? Must they remain for ever silent while such damnable maggotry is being laid bare?

Here it has been demonstrated and confessed before a committee of members of Parliament that a junior clerk in the Carleton Drug Company—of which William F. Garland, M.P. for Carleton, is principal owner—has made a profit of \$9,000 on an order for forty thousand dollars worth of field dressings and other necessities intended for the brave men at the firing line. The drug clerk, a mere inexperienced youth, paid about \$15 a week, is introduced to the militia department under the scoundrelly political patronage system tolerated by the pinchbeck political practise of this country.

It is pretended that the junior clerk of the Carleton Drug Company is allowed to appropriate this patronage-begotten \$9,000 of public money without hint or interference regarding its disposal by his political masters. Taking the pack of patronage middlemen at their political