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(h) Resentment at constant scolding from ministers -Ilsley is the worst: repetition to Canadians that all they have done is "not enough"; insufficient flattery for what Canadians have done.

(1) Strong resentment at statements by some ministers; and by some men such as Gordon and other war body chiefs, which seem to accuse Canadians of standing in the way of Ottawa, depicted as alone being all-out for war. Some consider the Government has been responsible for a campaign of insult.

(j) Strong resentment at irritants supposed to be necessary for the war at this stage - no suff on pants when they are coming in from Britain and they are back in the States. General disgust at any idea that Canadians would not know they are at war but for such petty things.

(k) Faith in rumors of all kinds inimical to the conduct of the war. These are legion.

(3) - <u>Everybody</u>

(a) BEER - not so much liquor, because the war need for industrial alcohol stands up. But BEER.

(b) Suspicion that Mackensie King is ready to toss Canadians to any lion so long as; he holds on long enough to get his signature on the Peace pact; and so long as he can save the Liberal Party.

(c) AND ABOVE ALL - widespread desire for something new on the ground that Tories and Grits are alike in power; that the Grits have become the greatest Tories of them all; that both old parties are trying to fool the mass of the people for the benefit of Big Interests - Money - etc.

(d) A turn toward a party like the C.C.F. or Le Bloc because it is something new, or is up-and-coming.

(e) A very grim conviction that "I haven't got enough out of private enterprise".

Situation of the Political Parties in Quebec

(1) - The Bracken tour has not registered - definitely.

(2) - The Bracken party has lined up again men associated with defeat; too many lawyers who want to be judges.

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