

party seemed to understand it thoroughly when it organized its campaign six years ago. It found a ready answer to them. Where were the leaders in that coalition leading to with diametrically divergent programmes? The ones, the many, were simply leading to power, the others, the few, towards their ideals. The idealist was the dupe of the materialist. According to Mr. Bourassa's official statement as to the basis of the coalition, the agreement was that the two parties should join their efforts to defeat the Laurier Government, and no permanent naval policy would be adopted without submission to the people.

### Nationalists and Conservatives are one.

The victory had been an easy one, for most of the elected Nationalists were Conservatives who returned to the fold the day after the elections. But what about the electors who had been given the Nationalist doctrine and had accepted it? The Minister of Trade and Commerce could boast that Imperialism had won in the House of Commons, but must he not now confess that, with his co-operation and that of his party, Imperialism lost in the province of Quebec? "ANYTHING TO BEAT LAURIER" had answered the same minister when he was asked his opinion on the Nationalist campaign in Drummond and Arthabaska.

### What Is a Slacker?

Laurier was defeated by Nationalism supported and subsidized by Tory funds. When one has before him the above facts, he cannot but be amused at the daily tirades which he reads in the Conservative press against the slackers of Quebec? What is a slacker? It is the man who, hearing and feeling the call of duty, has not the courage or virility to answer it. This epithet does not cover the case of the man in Canada who takes no interest in European or African or Asian affairs, and who was persuaded some five years ago to go to the polls and vote against any participation by Canada in Imperial wars outside her territory. Was it not Sir John Willison, of the Toronto Evening News and of the London Times, who wired his congratulations to Mr. Bourassa on the night of the elections? How can a Conservative muster up enough courage to reproach a man on the very attitude which he urged him to assume through his subsidized Nationalist ally?

### The Montreal Star helped Bourassa.

The Montreal Star has lately gone the length of suggesting that German money was possibly helping the anti-conscriptionist movement. It was made as an innocent guess. Against that surmise I will oppose a cold fact: the anti-conscriptionist movement received its greatest impetus at the last general elections, when candidates were lined up throughout the province of Quebec to uphold the principle that Canada should not participate in Imperial wars outside its territory. The principal owner of the Montreal Star was very much interested in the outcome of those elections, and he subscribed liberally to the Conservative-Nationalist alliance. And in the last days of that struggle Sir Hugh Graham, who has always been a most generous contributor to the Conservative party, added out of his own pocket a supplement of \$2,000 to each of the 20 counties which seemed most likely to be swayed to the Tory-Nationalist column. These counties, so I am informed, were all being contested by Nationalists. In this case it was Conservative and not German money which was at the back of the anti-conscription movement.

### MILITIA DEPARTMENT USING EMPLOYEES TO COMPILE POLITICAL LISTS.

Notwithstanding that General Mewburn and other Members of the new Borden Government, have been for the past six weeks, heralding throughout Canada the fact that patronage has been eliminated, it now transpires that the facts are absolutely

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has spread throughout the continent. To-day it is used by millions for its unique, delicious flavour.

the opposite.

In one branch of the Militia Department at the present time, (November 21st,) a large staff is working on the preparation of lists of the names of the soldiers' wives, assignees and dependents for political use of some of the Unionist Government candidates. The greater part of the staff in the Separation and assigned Pay Branch have been shifted to this work and in addition a number of new employees have been added. Only last week a young gentleman who had been asked to compile a list of the soldier's wives, assignees and dependents for St. Anne constituency, in the city of Montreal, at the request of the Hon. Mr. Doherty, Minister of Justice, refused and when the matter was brought to the attention of his superior officer, this employee was immediately suspended and within forty-eight hours afterwards dismissed.

Immediately on learning of this dismissal, (which as stated above was due to the fact that this young man did not feel that the Government should be making out these political lists), on November 14th, a communication was sent to General Mewburn in the following terms:

"We have been asked for a copy of the names of the Soldiers' wives, assignees and dependents for the Electoral District of Temiskaming. Would it be possible to secure such a list from your Department?"

This communication was acknowledged by General Mewburn's private Secretary on November 15th in the following terms:

"In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Honourable the Minister, I beg to advise that a statement such as you ask for is not available in this Department."

We leave it to our readers to say whether General Mewburn's Department is being used for political purposes or not.