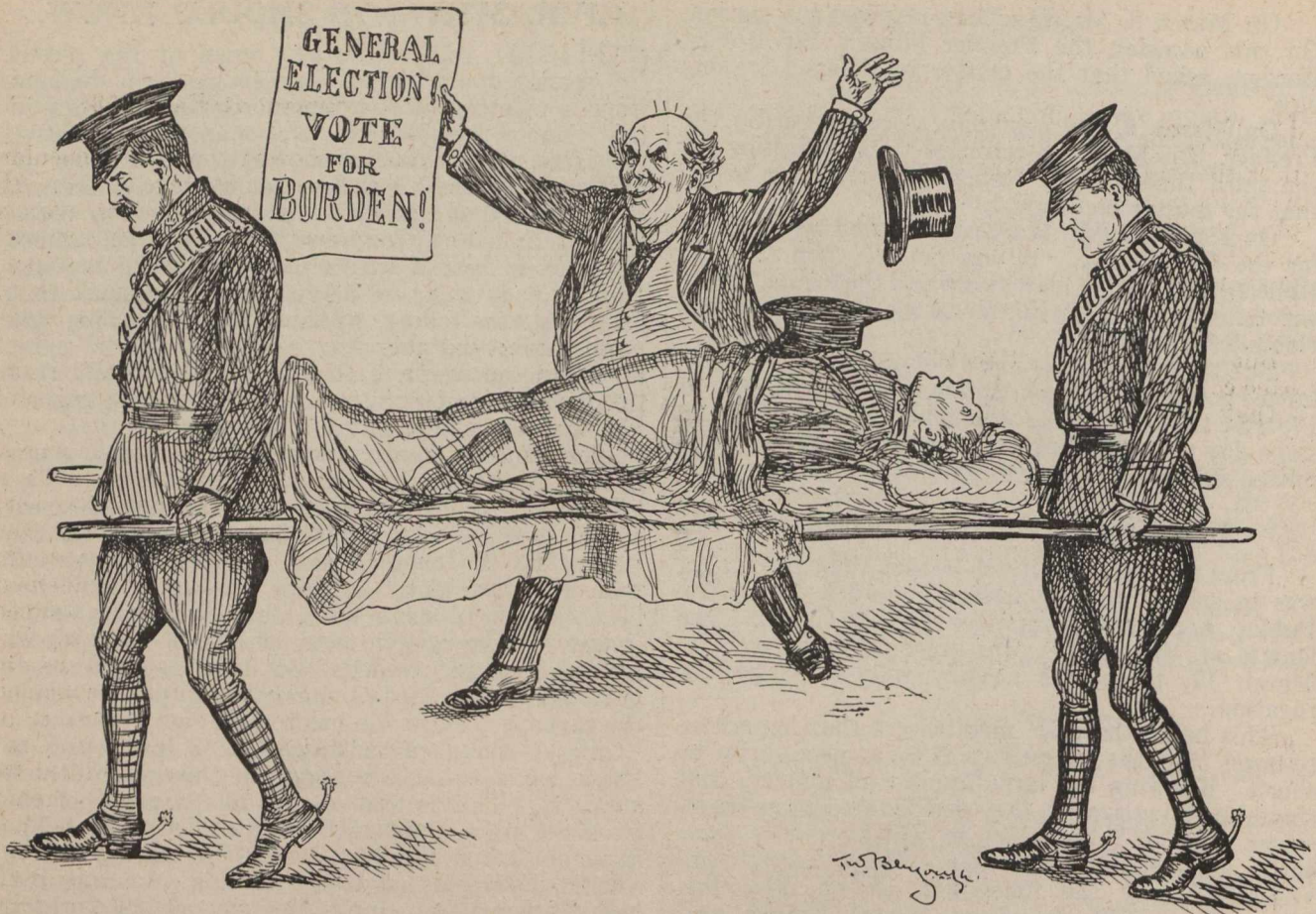




Intercepting the Procession.

THE NEW TAXES.

CANADA'S new so-called "War" taxes do not seem to be justifying all that Finance Minister White promised. Rather they seem to be proving the absolute wisdom of the prophecy of Liberal members of the House that the new taxes would not only prove burdensome to the people while benefitting only the manufacturers, but that they would fail altogether to produce the revenue that Mr. White so grandly declared they would produce.

Hon. Mr. White, in introducing the taxes, said the chief source and mainstay of our revenue is the tariff, and to this we must look primarily for relief from our present financial condition. Figures show that in March, the last month before war taxes took effect, customs revenue totalled \$7,066,497. The war taxes began April 1st, and during the month of April customs collections totalled only \$6,276,377, or \$790,119 less than the month before customs rates were increased under the war taxes. Compared with April, 1914, the customs collections last month showed a decline of \$181,894.

Excise collections show a similar decline since the war rates went on. In March they totalled \$1,508,651 and in April under war charges only \$1,299,829, a decrease of \$208,821.

Stamp taxes took effect April 15th. During the

whole of April the post office revenue was a million dollars, which is an increase of seven thousand dollars. This increase is not large enough to compensate for decline in customs and excise.

The Liberal resolution on the war taxes declared that under it there were "duties imposed which must be oppressive upon the people while yielding little or no revenue."

"LIKE A DRUNKEN SAILOR."

CANADA has a Militia Department that throws the country's money around in gratuities of ten per cent commissions, plus expenses.

Canada has a Minister of Militia who publicly and loudly regrets that he did not give twenty instead of ten per cent to the firm that only received \$9,111 in addition to expenses for directing the purchase of slightly over \$90,000 worth of supplies.

The proverbial drunken sailor is a model of wisdom and economy in the outlay of money compared to Canada's Militia Department in many phases of its expenditures. A country that can throw money away as Canada's Militia Department is throwing money away should be able to buy travelling kitchens and other items of regimental equipment without having the hat passed round in various communities.—Toronto Telegram.