

**MILITIA DEPARTMENT ON NOV. 10th, 1917, SUSPENDED EMPLOYEES WHO REFUSED TO DO POLITICAL WORK IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

Politics in Government still rampant.

For refusing to compile from Government ledgers a list of women voters for the Hon. Mr. Doherty, Minister of Justice, employee was threatened and suspended.

For practically a month now the so-called Unionist Government, particularly Premier Borden, Mr. Reid, General Mewburn, Sir Thos. White, Mr. Calder and Mr. Rowell have been heralding broadcast throughout Canada the fact that Partyism and Patronage in the Government Service had been abolished.

It now transpires that the Government clerks and officers are being used to compile political lists for members of the Borden Government and that when an employee of the staff drew his superior officer's attention to the matter this employee was immediately suspended.

The incident occurred in the Separation and Assigned Pay Branch of the Militia Department. On November 9th the Minister of Justice, the Hon. C. J. Doherty, asked a Government official to compile a list of soldiers' wives, assignees and dependents for St. Anne's constituency in the City of Montreal, the purpose obviously being to secure a list of the women voters in this constituency. To compile such a list necessitated the taking away from their regular work some forty clerks. It involved the suspension of the Routine work of the Branch and the looking through of about 500 ledgers.

One of the employees protested, saying, "this political work in Government offices was not to his liking" and so reported to his superior officer, Captain Gordon, who in return referred the employee to Col. Ingall. Colonel Ingall immediately phoned General Paymaster Borden (brother of Premier Borden) who gave instructions that if the employee did not do what he was told he would be suspended. The employee refused and accordingly on Saturday, Nov. 10th, 1917, the employee was suspended and was dismissed the following Monday.

General Mewburn boasted in Hamilton last week that there were no politics in his Department. We believe he will have some difficulty in explaining the above incident which surely proves to the public that the department and its staff are being used for political purposes. Will General Mewburn reinstate this employee and dismiss Paymaster Borden and Colonel Ingall for permitting the staff and

Department to be used for political purposes?

General Mewburn's reputation as an administrator is at stake. What action will he take?

**PATRONAGE ELIMINATED—NEVER.**

The Experimental Farm at Ottawa wanted some electrical work done on the farm. An official telephoned an electrician in Ottawa to go and do the work. On arriving at the Farm on Tuesday, November 13th, 1917, the electrician was told that he had been called by mistake, that he could not do the work as he was not on the Patronage List. And the electrician was compelled to return to the City only to see a good Tory go out and do the work. The Hon. Mr. Crerar, who has charge of the Experimental Farm had better look into this or his colleague, Mr. Calder will not be able to preach "patronage abolished" on his next appearance in Winnipeg.

**BACON, HAM AND BREAD CHEAPER IN LONDON, ENGLAND, THAN IN CANADA, YET GOVERNMENT DO NOTHING.**

London, England.	Toronto, Ont.	Montreal, Que.
Bacon— Wholesale prices only Canadian Wiltshire 27½.	Canadian Wiltshire 28-31.....	Canadian Wiltshire 31-32.
London Economist.....	Canadian Grocer.....	Canadian Grocer.

(Bacon sold wholesale in England is usually the Wiltshire side, which includes ham, shoulder and sides.)

Ham— Wholesale prices only Canadian 27 5.30.....	Canadian 29½-31 Canadian Grocer.....	Canadian 31-32. Canadian Grocer.
London Economist.....	Canadian Grocer.....	Canadian Grocer.
Bread— Retail prices. 5¼ c. per lb.....	7 1-3c. per lb.....	8c. per lb.

(These figures were computed taking four lbs. of bread and costing 11½d. Quotations state that bread is selling in London as low as 10½c. for four lb. loaf.)

Flour— Wholesale prices. Strong Bakers 10.45	Strong Bakers 12.40 Canadian Grocer.....	Strong Bakers 12.50 Canadian Grocer.
London Statist.....	Canadian Grocer.....	Canadian Grocer.

(War flour, called Government Railway Food controller's order of April 4th, required that 81 per cent of wheat must be retained in the flour and a minimum of 10 per cent of flour from other grain, barley, corn, rice, etc., must be added, up to a maximum of 25 per cent.)

**LIBERALS OF CANADA GROSSLY INSULTED.**

Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance has perfected a most [elaborati organization for the sale of VICTORY BONDS. Bill-boards are being used Extensivly.

The so-called Unionist Government political organization of which Sir Thomas White is a member, have at the same time posted on bill-Boards alongside the Victory Bond Posters other large posters reading:

"How would the Kaiser vote?" which is an insinuation directed at every Liberal in Canada.

HOW CAN SIR THOMES WHITE EXPECT HIS LOAN TO BE A SUCCESS IF HE PERMITS INSULTS OF THIS KIND TO BE HURLED AT ONE HALF THE POPULATION?