

THEIR LAST REFUGE.

"Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel."

AND,

Flag-waving is the last refuge of a discredited Government.

LESS than four years in office, the Borden Nationalist - Conservative Government is seeking excuse for an election. What is its record? Extravagance, inefficiency, debauching of the civil service under the patronage system, increasing taxes and falling revenues with greater expenditures than ever, war contract scandals revealing hopeless inefficiency and deliberate graft to benefit party friends.

NOTHING LEFT
FOR AN
ELECTION APPEAL

NOTHING BUT
The Old Flag

Here is the first effort of the flag-flapping brigade, otherwise known as the Bad-Boots Brigade. It is a photographic facsimile of a leaflet issued by the official press bureau of the official Nationalist-Conservative party.

LAURIER AND QUEBEC

Sir Wilfrid Laurier once declared that if the Empire was ever in peril he would be "the first to stump Quebec."

Well, the Empire was in peril—the greatest peril it has ever faced.

Did he stump Quebec?

Did he Call for French Canadian Recruits?

NOT A BIT OF IT.

His lips were sealed in so far as any appeal to his fellow-countrymen was concerned.

WHY?

Because Laurier, now as ever, cares not a whit for the Empire.

Vote Conservative
for
BORDEN BACKS BRITAIN

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HOW DOES BORDEN BACK BRITAIN?

By sending soldiers with Bad Boots.

By sending horses aged, spavined, decrepit.

By giving officers low-grade Binoculars at highest-grade prices.

By sending automobiles and trucks which had to be left behind in England.

By outfitting soldiers with Oliver valise equipment that Kitchener would not let them use.

By sending "shield shovels," without handles, now dumped on the junk pile in England.

By sending bicycles that cost a third more than regular prices—middlemen's profits.

By sending bandages and salves for the wounded, medicine and drugs for the sick—all cursed with the blood toll of the patronage middleman.

And on top of it all--

**BORDEN BACKS BRITAIN WITH A 5 PER CENT. INCREASE
IN THE TAX ON BRITISH GOODS COMING INTO CANADA.**