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## WHERE IS THE REDUCTION?

BORDEN government apologists are taking great comfort out of the official announcement that general expenditure by the government has been reduced some seven million dollars in the past year. But the government newspapers which have used their largest type in making the announcement fail altogether to explain how the apparent reduction has been accomplished. Since the War started, there has been little if any expenditure on the Militia Department charged up to General Expenditure as in past years. Instead it has naturally gone into the special War Expenditure accounts, because practically all the work of the Canadian Militia since August, 1914 has been directly in connection with the War. For the fiscal year 1913-14 the Militia Department was responsible for over eleven million dollars of the total of General Expenditures. With practically all of this charged to War Expenditure in the past year, it is small wonder that a reduction in General Expenditure could be shown.

## IN THE HOUSE OF HIS FRIENDS.

THE Borden Government is being assailed by its own friends on the ground that it has utterly fallen short of its duty to the Empire as well as to Canada in its failure to make adequate use of facilities in Canada for the production of munitions of war. In the course of a series of scathing editorials, the Toronto Telegram has addressed itself personally to Sir Robert Borden and has not minced words in making itself understood.

Thus, after declaring on November 12th, that "Canada's substitute for a Minister of Munitions, the Shell Committee, distributed orders that relative to Britain's needs, were about the size of chicken feed, . . . the Shell Committee was a cumberer of the ground" and that "Canada has so far all but missed the greatest industrial opportunity that ever confronted a young nation," the Telegram later asked pertinently,

## "Government Collapsed Utterly."

"Is Sir Robert Borden assured as to the adequacy of his own leadership? Does Sir Robert Borden admire the George E. Foster Department of Trade and Commerce and the Sir Samuel Hughes Shell Committee, when Sir Robert faces the fact that his Government has collapsed in the presence of the greatest industrial opportunity that ever confronted a young country? That opportunity was almost entirely unimproved so far as Canada's present industrial prosperity and future greatness is concerned."

On another occasion the same paper declared that "Canada should to-day be filling British War orders to the extent of \$20,009,000 a week instead of \$3,000,000" and in largest type asked "Is Sir Robert Borden to let \$100,000,000 a week in British War orders drift to United States' factories," adding the comment and advice that:

"Sir Robert Borden should hasten to redeem the inadequacy of his leadership. The inadequacy of the Borden leadership explains the inadequacy of the country's mobilization of munition factories."

Arguing again that it was the bounden duty of the Department of Trade and Commerce, presided over by Sir George Foster, to have realized the possibilities of Canadian industries in the making of War munitions, and that steps should have been taken to mobilize these industries and secure the orders which the Allies would have been more than glad to place in Canada if there was any evidence that they could be filled, the Telegram declaims in sorrowful bitterness:

"The unfruitfulness of Sir George Foster's thinking may be due to the smallness of Sir Robert Borden's leadership or to the inadequate initiative of Sir Robert Borden's Minister of Trade and Commerce. That Sir George Foster's thinking on the subject of his own public business is unfruitful and ineffective is a truth proclaimed in the tones of Canada's inability to secure or take care of more than \$3,000,000 per week in British orders when these orders are going to the United States at the rate of \$100,000,000 per week."