

the value of two hundred million dollars. And this New York company is getting quotations from Montreal for at least one of its contracts.

REASONS FOR FAILURE.

Why has the Canadian Trade Commission done nothing? The answer is obvious. The reputation of Canadian integrity is, most unfairly, at the lowest possible point—the direct result of the election frauds for which the Union Government is responsible. There was no secrecy in England about the frauds. Officers boasted in clubs, hotels and in private houses how the frauds were carried out. Englishmen were horrified. I heard more than one say, "This is a terrible blow to Canadian honor." An English gentleman is as likely to associate with a three-card Monte sharper as a political ballot manipulator. He classes ballot or election frauds with perjury, forgery, burglary and cheating at cards. He would as soon invite a pickpocket to accept his hospitality as ask a fraudulent voter to be his guest.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY.

This is where the Borden-Perley-Reid-McInnes catfit has plunged our national reputation. (Hear, hear.) Until the nation purges itself of the cause of these offences against decency and honest political life this country will be penalized in important commercial circles in Great Britain. England will buy from us the supplies she cannot get elsewhere, and in the meantime, according to official information from Ottawa, we shall be able to do business with Greece, Serbia and Bulgaria, bankrupt countries, if we will lend them the money with which to pay us for our own goods. Truly a wonderful situation. (Laughter.)

POLITICAL ARMY ADMINISTRATION.

Time will fail me to discuss other important public questions (Go on, go on), but there are one or two to which reference might be made. (Applause.) I have my own views about the Military Service Act with which you may not agree. It is no longer an issue, and therefore may be more freely mentioned. In my opinion, the Act either came one year too early or one year too late. (Hear, hear.) It was not necessary after the Americans came in. When it did become law it should have been administered free from political influences. (Applause.) But the truth is, from the day the Canadian army became a fact it was dominated by politics, and some day the facts must be made known. (Hear, hear.) If you had the price your son could get where neither shot nor shell could reach him, while somebody else's boy who had no political influence, was good cannon fodder. (Cheers.) Everybody knows this is true. (A voice, absolutely true.) History furnishes no such damnable military record in any part of the world, not even Russia. (Applause.)

THE PROOF AVAILABLE.

I know persons who interviewed Lieut.-Col. Smart at Kingston, and in reply to an enquiry as to whether so-and-so could be released from military duty the answer was, "It all depends upon whether you have the political pull." And the result proved it to be true. (Applause.)

PLAYING AT WAR FOR A MOVIE.

But the people of this country do not know that at the very moment when the Military Service Act was being forced through Parliament, because it was stated that there were no reinforcements in England, an entire division, complete in every respect, under Brig.-General Garnet Hughes, was engaged for seven weeks rehearsing a so-called Battle of