

thruout the various provinces could be made uniform there is still an opportunity for a considerable revenue to be derived, particularly from very large estates. Year by year the estates are growing in size in Canada and the revenue to be derived from Succession Duties would increase in the same ratio. The Finance Minister has here an opportunity to do some good work by having these laws made uniform and then adding on additional duties on the larger estates for the benefit of the Federal Treasury.

FREE TRADERS' OPPORTUNITY

Some months ago we offered a prize of \$25.00 for the best article of 2,000 words on the subject, "How the Protective Tariff Benefits the Farmers of the Prairie Provinces." We received fourteen of these articles and judged two of them to be of equal merit and divided the first prize accordingly. Both these prize-winning articles are published in this issue. We are not publishing any answers, but have decided to leave this to our readers. We should like to receive from our readers replies to these protectionist articles. There are thousands of our readers who can show the fallacies of the arguments submitted by Walter Carter and by "Fergus." We will pay \$12.50 for the best answer we receive to Walter Carter's article and the same amount to the best answer to the article written by "Fergus." We will further pay \$12.50 for the best article submitted on the subject, "How the Protective Tariff Handicaps the Farmers of the Prairie Provinces."

Here are three opportunities for our readers to supply us with Free Trade articles and there will be three prizes of \$12.50 paid for the best articles received. The only stipulation is that none of the articles are to be more than 2,000 words in length and that they must be received in The Guide office not later than the first day of April, 1917.

NATIONAL SENTIMENT GROWING

The Parliament of Canada adjourned last week until the middle of April in order to afford an opportunity to Premier Borden to attend the Imperial Conference in London, called by the British Premier, Lloyd George. At this conference in London, Imperial matters rising out of the war and the relation of the overseas Dominion to Great Britain are to be subjects of discussion. It will be pleasing to the people of Canada to learn that arrangements have been made by which Premier Borden can attend the conference without the necessity of holding a general election. It would have been more gratifying, however, if he had gone to England as the head of a National Government instead of the head of a Party Government. As the head of a National Government he could speak for the people of Canada as a whole, which it is impossible for him to do under the present circumstances. The people of Canada are not anxious to have a general election, but they are anxious, as indicated by the ever growing sentiment, to have a national and business administration of Canadian public affairs, especially during the prosecution of the war. The life of the present parliament expires in September this year, and if no provision is made for extension a general election will be held. As war usually makes governments unpopular it is altogether probable that the government would be defeated at the general election, and in its place we would have another Party government in power. It is to be hoped that when Premier Borden returns that the men in charge of the two parties at Ottawa will be big enough to form a National Government and save the country from the dissension of a general election until the conclusion of the war.

In China they have a very drastic method of dealing with grafters. A little while ago

one who was caught was backed up against a wall and shot. In Canada we are more lenient. Very frequently our grafters get into high positions and sometimes get a title.

We have two types of patriots in Canada today—one is the man who is bleeding for his country and the other is the man who is bleeding his country.

You can procure now new War Savings Certificates at every bank and money order post office in Canada. They afford opportunity for another patriotic investment. Ask about them.

We have received some very interesting contributions on the seriousness of the labor problem confronting Western farmers in 1917. We would like to hear from others regarding conditions in their districts and any suggestions they have to offer.

Experience has proved that it pays handsomely to use the best possible seed grain obtainable. The Guide has made arrangements to distribute pure registered seed grain for use next spring. Details of The Guide's plan appear on Page 21.

Four-fifths of the voters of Canada want a National Government now. They realize that is the only kind of government that is worthy of the support of the whole people on national lines of work during the present crisis.

The electoral system of proportional representation was put to a practical test at the U.F.A. Convention. It worked admirably. Only one ballot out of 616 was spoiled. No extra inconvenience was experienced and a vote more truly representative than would have been possible under the old system was secured. It ought to be applied to other elections.



RUNNING AMUCK—A MURDERER AT LARGE