

POLITICAL CORRUPTION PROVEN

The Royal Commission appointed by the New Brunswick legislature some months ago to investigate the charges of graft against the government has reported. The Commission finds that Premier Flemming compelled a contractor on government work to contribute \$2,000 to the party campaign fund. Altho the commissioners state that Mr. Fleming used no threats they declare that, on account of his position, even a hint to a contractor doing government work would be the same thing as compelling him to pay. It is common knowledge that corporations securing government contracts or special legislation are heavy contributors to political campaign funds all over Canada. The first great exposure of this species of graft was the Canadian Pacific Railway scandal forty years ago. At that time it convulsed Canada and threw a government out of power. Since that time political graft has been so common that the people have become calloused and the standards of political morality have fallen very low. Many of the politicians regard government contractors as their lawful prey, while contractors and privilege seekers are consequently trained to look upon the government as a commercial organization. Until the people themselves take a firm stand on this matter and demand the same standard of public virtue as is demanded in Great Britain, political corruption will continue in Canada.

MORE CANADIAN TROOPS

The decision of the Dominion Government to proceed at once with the en-

listment and training of another 34,000 recruits to represent Canada on the battle front will be heartily approved by all who desire to see Canada play her part worthily in the present tremendous struggle. There will be no difficulty in securing the number of men required; the great majority, if not all of them can be selected from the ranks of the militia battalions located in the towns and cities of the Dominion, which have been training recruits in the evenings and on half-holidays in preparation for the call. Most of the men of the first and second contingents had received preliminary training in this way, and as they have been drafted into the active service battalions their places have been taken by recruits. The opportunity to enlist for active service will be welcomed by a large number of men who are at present unemployed, and who are anxious both to serve their country and to earn a living. They will have to earn all they get, too, for soldiering in these days is far from being a picnic, especially in winter time. The 34,000 men to be raised, with 16,000 now under training in Canada, 34,000 in England and elsewhere and 10,000 doing home defence duty in Canada, will bring Canada's military force up to 94,000 men.

The quarantine against cattle shipments from Canada to the United States, imposed because of the foot and mouth disease in the latter country, was lifted on November 20, and business has now been resumed. A great many of the farmers who were indignant at the establishment of the quarantine should remember that in September, 1911,

they voted against reciprocity and thus prevented the removal of tariff walls which are a perpetual quarantine against the exchange of many farm products and necessities between Canada and the United States.

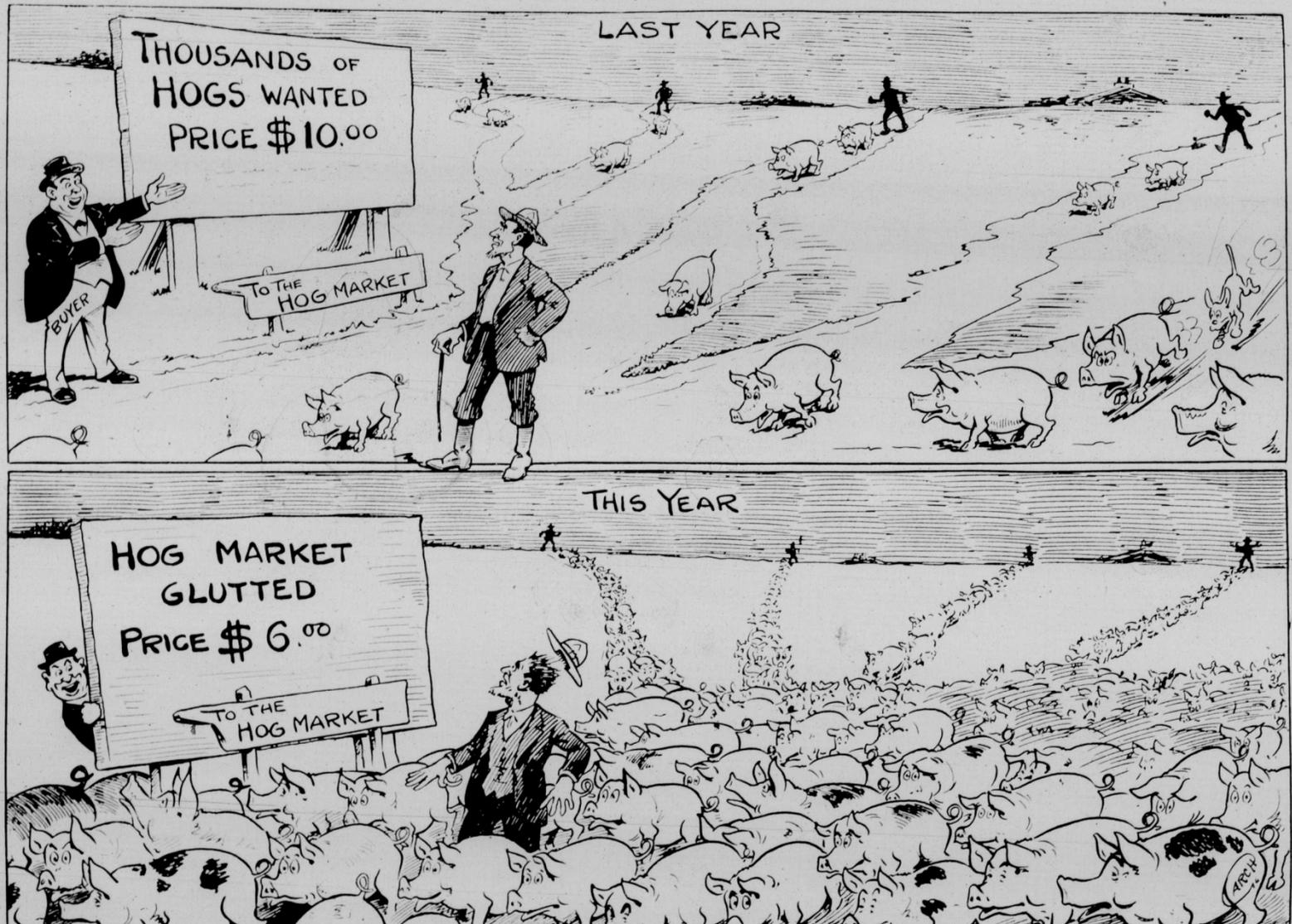
In spite of the increased duties, which the Finance Minister told Parliament would raise an extra six million dollars by the end of next March, the federal revenues are still shrinking. The tariff for revenue has failed, and Free Trade England, beside creating a new army of two million men and lending money to Servia and Belgium, is providing money to help Canada pay the cost of the comparatively small number of troops being raised in this country.

The most determined efforts of the German forces have so far failed to break the lines of the allied armies. This fact indicates that the mighty power of Germany is checked, and that victory must eventually be upon the side of Britain and her allies.

Four States passed Prohibition and one State Woman Suffrage by the use of Direct Legislation at the U.S. elections on November 4. The next week the Winnipeg Telegram had a long editorial on the "Doom of Direct Legislation" and referred to that reform as "the riotous rule of radicalism."

The winter time can be made profitable if it is devoted to study and preparation for next season's work.

WHY FARMERS DON'T BECOME MILLIONAIRES



Danish farmers have made the hog market stable and the hog industry profitable by the establishment of Co-operative Bacon Factories. Co-operation would also solve the problem for Canadian farmers.