

# Put a Tax on and It Seldom Comes Off!

*A Government raises Money by Taxation --- Start a New Tax and it Always Sticks*

## Some People Say the Government Should Take Over the Patriotic Fund

### WHAT IT WOULD MEAN

If the Government were to take over the Patriotic Fund could it be as economically administered as it is to-day. Would it not be subject to the great possibility of grafting, of political favoritism and all those evils which add to the cost of administering most government departments. At present only those families in need of the benefits of the Patriotic Fund become its beneficiaries while under government control rich and poor alike would have to receive allowance from the Patriotic Fund. In Brantford nearly 4,000 men have gone overseas but there are only 800 families receiving money from the Patriotic Fund. Under Government control that number would be greatly increased and the cost of administration at least doubled. It now costs absolutely nothing to administer the Canadian Patriotic Fund because the bank interest on the money more than pays all the cost of carrying on the work. Would this be so under government control? And further, would government officials give the social service which the members of the Patriotic Association are giving, caring of the dependents when they are sick, assisting them in their domestic problems, helping them with their accounts, etc.? Not likely.

Others, who realize that direct government control of the Patriotic Fund is inadvisable because of the tremendous increase in cost it would necessitate, suggest that the money should be raised by the government and turned over to the present organization to administer. Such a scheme is not practicable. In the first place the government would not likely be willing to give such a large amount of money to an independent organization to expend without having a string tied to it, and, furthermore, the officials of the fund would not care to continue in office because they would be continually hampered by political bosses seeking special consideration for party friends. But even if these obstacles were overcome how would the government raise the money? By taxation, of course. An income tax has already been imposed by which the government expects to raise \$16,000,000. If it took over the Patriotic Fund it would need double this amount, so that the income tax rate would have to be doubled and the tax extended to reach every man with a revenue of \$500 and upwards. This would be a special war tax but future governments would need this revenue for some extra purpose and the people having become accustomed to it, the tax would stick. In this respect history repeats itself.

*The Patriotic Fund gives opportunity for voluntary service, and what decent citizen does not want to help even a little. Would any one of us have the war end without having done something of our own free will and choice to make the victory possible.*  
*The war may be long but no Britisher falters.*

# The BRANT Patriotic Fund Needs \$150,000.00 This Year

LET US ALL DO OUR SHARE CHEERFULLY

CAMPAIGN DAYS --- February 12, 13, 14 and 15.