Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, who rs that "the commercial rights of trade with Europe. Senator ith was sharply rebuked in the ate yesterday by Senator Williams, ho in condemning Germany's piratical varfare declared that his people were not ady to "put cotton and human life on

Mr. Runciman has said on more than coccasion that commercially Germany already beaten, and he is urging all the Allies to take steps to prevent her om regaining her foreign trade which been completely ruined by the war. this connection the London Daily News refers to the union, under all trials. f the Entente after nineteen months of ighting. The News urges still greater ordination of effort among the Allies

"In aim and in enthusiasm they have dready proved themselves indissolubly united. That is more important than any one fact in the war, except the Britcommand of the sea; for unless and until that unity is shaken, the ultimate defeat of Germany is certain and in-

There are many indications that the illies are successfully coping with the They have found two bases for hostile marines near the island of Corfu which was recently taken over by an Anglo-French force. Naval experts declare that in a comparatively short time the Allies will have captured or destroyed the hostile submarine boats in the Mediterranean in much the same ashion as they put the German underwater boats out of business in the English Channel and the North Sea.

MORE MYSTERY ABOUT MACHINE GUN MONEY

(Montreal Herald.)

The muddle with regard to the mahine gun funds still continues. It would ppear that some of the money enthusastically subscribed by the public is beng expended by the government, who ide a belated announcement that they did not want it, and that other subscriptions to quite a large amount not sent to the government are lying idle, ready to be sent back to any of the subscribers who want them. Why does not Premier Borden come out with an explicit statenent in regard to the disposal of the whole moneys subscribed? It was not ong since he authorized the following

The government desire it distinctly to be understood throughout the country that no subscriptions or contributions

that no subscriptions or contributions for machine guns are required, as all expenditure for that purpose should be defrayed out of the public treasury. The impression seems to have gained ground that an appeal for such contributions from the public was made by some member of the government. The prime minister has made careful enquiry and cannot ascertain that any such request was ever put forward.

Almost immediately after this announcement, Sir Sam Hughes declared that the government had ordered about a million dollars' worth of machine guns with the money subscribed. Well, the public, having to choose between these two statements, decided that Sir Robert Borden, being premier, ought to know two statements, decided that Sir Robert Borden, being premier, ought to know what he was talking about. True, his statement was ambiguous, but since he explicitly denied that the government either asked for the money or wanted it, and since he declared that the govern-ment wanted it to be distinctly under-ted that all the money for mechine lic treasury, some of those who had contributed to the machine gun fund applied to the government for the return of the money. And here is the amazing reply Sir Robert Border gives. We quote a letter he has sent Mr. W. P. Osborne,

letter he has sent Mr. W. P. Osborne, the editor of the Quebec Chronicle:

Ottawa, 8th January, 1916.

"Dear Mr. Osborne,—I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 5th instant. Recently a few applications have been made to the government for the return of contributions made for the purchase of machine guns, but, as already publicly announced, the government is obliged to devote to the purpose for which they were given all such funds actually paid in to the government. If the government should return any particular contribution it must be prepared to return all, and it must be prepared to return all, and portion of the money has already because expended for the purpose intended. Several machine guns have been purchased out of contributions received from the out of contributions received from or other units as guns contributed by the public. Moreover, it is doubtful whether the contributions could be returned without the assent of parliament after they have been received and accepted for this

"As intimated in a speech which I de-livered in St. John several months ago, an extract from which I enclose here-with, the government will, at a later date, take into consideration the next of the various patriotic associations—"ours faithfully,

"R. L. BORDEN." Would anybody believe it? The government do not want the money, on the solemn declaration of the premier him-self, and yet will not return the subseri, and yet will not return the sate scriptions to applicants. Furthermore, the premier says "several machine guns" have already been purchased out of the contributions, Several! And the amount subscribed by the public totals over a million and a half, most of which, we believe, is in the hands of the government.

A machine gun costs a thousand dollars, A machine gun costs a thousand dollars, and after having over a million dollars for extra machine guns in hand for months the government have bought

SHELL CONTRACTS PARISH OFFICERS SHOULD BE PROBED

Censervative M. P. "Explains" How He Got a War Contract Without a Plant to Fulfill It.

Ottawa, Jan. 21—The opposition demand for investigation into the shell contracts of Sir Sam Hughes' defunct shell committee was again pressed in the commons today by Hon. Charles Murphy and O. Turgeon.

As a prelude there was the apology of a Conservative member. B. R. Hepburn, of Prince Edward, who explained his position in connection with the war munitions contract awarded to his firm by the shells-committee, as criticated on Wednesday by Hon. Dr. Pugsley.

Mr. Hepburn explained that the reason he secured the contract was "not necessarily because I was a member of parliament, but because General Bertram had knowledge that any contract we undertook would be carried out." The contract was taken, Mr. Hepburn proceeded, at a price in the fixing of which he had nothing to say. It was the standard price at which shells were being purchased by the committee. It was found, the member for Prince Edward explained, that the contract could not be carried out economically at his Picton plant. For this reason it was transferred to Montreal.

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plant. For this reason it was transferred to Montreal.

Mr. Hepburn added that although his Picton firm was in the lumber business, they were unsuccessful in securing a contract for shell boxes. He resented what he believed was Dr. Pugsley's imputation that he had done anything "dishonest or dishonorable." Mr. Hepburn added that he knew of nothing that prevented a member of parliament being, a director or shareholder of a company which had a contract with the imperial government. In fact, he declared there was "no inconsiderable number of senators and members of parliament belonging to both parties who were directors, office holders or shareholders of companies who accepted such contracts."

Objects to Middlemen's Contracts.

ELECTED FOR ST.

At the recent meeting of the mu al council the parish officers were lected. The new officers in the different parishes during the ensuing term

ray and W. J. Linton.
Collector of rates—J. R. Britney.
Parish Clerk—Andrew Gault, J. Bills
(district 2); Whitney Dunham (district

Lorneville—W. J. Galbraith.
Police—William Stinson.
Assessors—R. Catherwood, Wm. McCinnon and Whitney Dunham.
Weigher of hay—Frank Allingham.

Assessors—Harold S. Adams, A. R. Moore, Edward Boyle,
Collector—Frank Joshlin,
Returning officers—James Willie, William Knox.

Assessors—Oscar Hanson, H. J. Ma-whinney, James E. Shepherd. Parish clerk—Frederick S. Clinch. Collector of rate—Burton McWinn. Constable—James Davidson.

St. Martins. ssors-W. F. Moran, Wellington

Shanklin.

Pound keepers—A. F. Nugent, Edward Burchill.

Field driver—Charles Brown.

Constables—Ernest Daley, Robert

CANADA'S BLACK WATCH.

Objects to Middlemen's Contracts.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley stated that his criticism had been directed primarily against members of the government and the shells committee. He took issue with the situation that permitted firms which some overgreence, as was the case with his honorable friend from Prince Edward, to undertake such contracts. He had directed attention to the fact that the feedburn firm were unable to handle the contracts in Picton and had taken it to Montreal.

If the member declared that he was no middleman' or no "go-between." Dr. Pugsley would accept that statement, but it did not have taken place to people who were not in the steel business, and who were without the plant to carry out their confract without sub-letting.

For the conditions which obtained the held the government and its agents on the shell, committee responsible to the tax payers of Canada and Great Britains. The government and its agents on the shell committee responsible to the tax payers of Canada and Great Britains. The government's side of the house unctuously applauded yesterday Hon. Arburn Heighen's sarastic reference to the fact that a legitimate iron and steen any other confidence of the state of the state of the confidence of the

NORTHUMBERLAND

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COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL VOTES \$2,000 TO PATRIOTIC FUND Committee Reports Jail in Bad

FOR SGT. RYDER IN ST. STEPHEN

NEGROES LYNCHED.

Against Additional Expense.

Young Mrs. Green (to neighbor)—I'm having such trouble keeping our food. I bought a real nice-looking refrigerator, but it doesn't seem to work well at all. Neighbor—Do you keep fee enough in it?

Mrs. Green—Ice? I hope you don't think, after spending all that money on a refrigerator we'd go to the additional expense of buying ics.

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GOVERNMENT AID FOR FARMERS VOTES \$10,000 TO

Assistance Rendered by the Dominion Department of

NORTHOMBERLAND ITS PATRIOTIC FUND

FIGHTING WITH BARE KNUCKLES PATRIOTIC FUND

People Urge Foreign Office to Greater Sternness and Willing to Meet Any

Dorchester, N. B., Jan. 20—(Special)

The Westmoniand county council at this afternoon's session took up the report of Scott Act Inspector Goodwin, of Petitcodiac, and it was adopted. The report showed a defect of some \$400 but with sufficient fines outstanding to wipe out a large part of the loss.

The matter of paying Westmorland's former Scott act inspector, Geo. R. McCord, no is now at the front, was also brought up and it was decided to pay half of Mr. McCord's salary to his wite in place of the full salary of \$600.

Dr. C. L. Alen, of Dorchester, was appointed jail physician in place of Dr. Wyman A, Cameron, who died in the recent pidemic of typhoid fever which the reported that they considered a signal brought up and the finance committee reported that they considered a signal brought up and the finance committee reported that they considered a signal brought up and the finance committee reported that they considered a signal brought up and the finance committee reported that they considered a signal brought up and the finance committee reported that they considered a signal brought up and the finance committee reported that they considered a signal brought up and the finance committee reported that they considered as westmorland could donate at the present of \$8,550 as large an amount as well as a single Gorman remains under arms. "What is true of the nation as a whole is not, of caurse, true of every class and section in it. There are still some politicians who seem more intent on the party gone trade union secretaries who are doing more to hamper than to help Mr. Lloyd George in his magnificent work of turning the country exclusive of Moncton, Sackville, Shedica and Sunny Brae.

This evening's session of the council was taken up with the revision of the county bye-laws.

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