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BRITISH INSTITUTIONS IGNORED.

The fundamental principle of British law and of the British constitution as handed down to us for centuries, and only won after an arduous struggle against the barons since the time of King John, is that the people shall govern. But the beef and bacon barons, the munition and shell barons, the newspaper barons and all the lesser tribe of profiteers and knighted gentry are determined that the people of Canada shall not rule. The interests are in the saddle and intend to stay there if manipulation of constituencies, revocation of the voting power and general disregard for all the principles of British justice can keep them there.

The trail of Prussianism is over the attitude and acts of the Borden government and in no place are the evidences of autocracy so clear as in the framing and enacting of the notorious Military Franchise Act which has been foisted upon the helpless people of Canada by the junkers under the direction of the tariff and money barons of the Dominion.

But not satisfied with depriving thousands of loyal citizens of their legitimate rights, not satisfied with treating the solemn promises of the nation to these citizens as scraps of paper, not satisfied with out-Kruger Kruger, the patchwork government now posing as the only possible win-the-war combination has gone a step further. It is now proposed that the new machine foist its candidates upon the various constituencies of the Dominion during the coming election. If any body of citizens nominate a candidate who is not pleasing to the "union" government, or rather, who is not pleasing to the interests behind the alleged union government, the machine will not endorse him and will throw every obstacle in his way. But this is not all. The government has arranged throughout the country to elect by acclamation the candidates it may select in different constituencies. This means, of course, that the people have no say as to who shall represent them in parliament. Only pliable tools of the interests will be allowed to sit in the coming parliament, if the patchwork administration has its way—and "money talks."

THE "WIN-THE WARRIORS".

Those who have studied or followed the trend of Canadian affairs during the past few years, or since the beginning of the great conflict for human liberty now convulsing the world, will be puzzled at the insistence on the part of the newly formed "union" government to identify itself with the winning of the war as its sole reason for being called into being at this time. It prefers to be known as a win-the-war government, in name at least. Naturally this presupposes that there is some organized

or unorganized attempt to lose the war, and this implication the government press does not hesitate to elaborate by unblushingly asserting that the Liberals under the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier are not as wholeheartedly in favor of an Allied victory as the alleged patriots who have mismanaged the affairs of the Dominion so shamefully during the past three years and have done more to paralyze Canada's efforts to win the war than any enemy influence here or abroad. The cool assumption of the administration press and the motley collection of "statesmen" now posing under the old flag as the only simon pure patriots, and the only safe guardians of the honor and earnestness of the Dominion in this crisis, would be amusing were it not dangerous. Plainly put, the alleged "win-the-war" government is in reality composed in large part of the elements and the very men who have done so much during the past three years to LOSE the war. By what process of alchemy, by what theory of metamorphosis of character have these individuals largely composing the new administration become the only qualified **winner**s of the war?

Let us review some of the acts of this administration and ascertain just how much was done to win the war. Did the Mackenzie and Mann sixty million dollar deal help win the war? Was it intended to help that object? Did the Quebec and Saguenay deal assist in winning the war in any way? Did Allison and the profiteers who flourished under the ægis of the Borden government help win the war? Did the Ross rifle help win the war? Did Hon. Robt. Rogers help win the war? Did the refusal of the premier to conscript the resources of the nation and of privileged wealth help win the war? Was the typical Prussian franchise act, introduced in the dying hours of the session, intended to win the war? Were the food pirates under the leadership of Sir Joseph Flavelle intended to frighten off the Germans?

The voters of the Dominion should ask themselves these questions before accepting the self conferred title of "Win-the-War" government as descriptive of the aggregation of opportunists and regulars from the old Borden cabinet now posing as the saviours of the country. As stated, these are the very individuals who prevented Canada from putting forth her best efforts during the past three years. What guarantee have the people of this country that these men intend to do better? By their acts, not their words, they are known. The leopard cannot change his spots.

On the other hand, who are the men who, inferentially, are supposed to be the lose-the-war party? They are the Liberals under Sir Wilfrid Laurier who, when the first breath of impending trouble threatened the Empire, arose in his place in the House of Commons and tendered his full and hearty support to the government of the day in all its contemplated efforts to help in the great cause; the same leader who has consistently tendered his aid and advice whenever honestly and sincerely called upon to do so; the same leader who has repeatedly declared that he favored even compulsory service if the people wished it; the same leader who has repeatedly asserted that conscription, now the law