

### FOOD OR MEN.

The Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Fisheries in the Borden Government speaking in Montreal on November 16th stated:

**"There is plenty of food in England and France for the soldiers, what they want is men and more men."**

Mr. Ballantyne may be sincere but we prefer accepting the word of such men as Lord Northcliffe the Agent of the British Government in United States, and of Lord Rhonnda, the British Food Controller.

Speaking in Toronto recently Lord Northcliffe said:

**"The question of food supply of the army was, with the solitary exception of transatlantic shipping, the vital question of the war."**

Lord Rhonnda the British Food Controller recently said:

**"What we ask from the United States and Canada we cannot procure elsewhere. Unless the Allies in Europe are able to import the supplies necessary for feeding their armies and their civil population, victory may slip from our united grasp."**

### MORE POLITICS.

In last week's issue of the *Liberal Weekly* we gave the details of how an employee in the Separation and Assigned Pay Branch of the Militia Department had been dismissed by the Militia Department for refusing to compile a political list of the Soldiers' wives, assignees and dependents for the Hon. Mr. Doherty, Minister of Justice. The list was entirely political, to be used by Mr. Doherty in his constituency and the employee felt that he was not called upon to do political work in the Department.

On November 14th, 1917, we were asked for a list of the Soldiers' wives, assignees and dependents and accordingly we wrote General Mewburn as follows:

**"We have been asked for a copy of the names of the Soldiers' wives, assignees and dependents for the Electoral District of Temiskaming. Would it be possible to secure such a list from your Department."**

His Private Secretary on November 15th:

**"In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Honourable the Minister, I beg to advise that a statement such as you ask for is not available in this Department."**

We leave it for our electors to judge whether politics have been eliminated from the Militia Department when an employee can be suspended because he refused to make up a list for a Conservative Minister, whereas when a good Liberal asks for the list he is told that such a list is not available.

### REDUCTION OF TARIFF.

F. B. Carvell speaking in the House of Commons on May 23rd. (see Hansard, pages 1778 and 1779.)

"My hon. friend (Sir Thos. White) says: You cannot revise a tariff during the war; you have to have more money and you must raise it by means of a tariff. There never has been a time in the history of Canada when you can revise the tariff downward as well as you can to-day. There has never been a time when you can discuss the question of the tariff with the people of Canada as well as you can to-day. Down to the beginning of the war things had been going fairly well; the people were fairly prosperous; we did not have to raise very much money; our taxes were low; we did not know as much as the people of other countries do about raising money; and when you discussed the question of direct taxation, there is no doubt that a great outcry would be raised against it, but the people have learned that you cannot raise a very large revenue by means of a tariff, notwithstanding that my hon. friend says that a tariff must, for many years, be the great means by which revenue shall be raised. . . ."

"There is, however, another side to this question which, in my judgment, the Minister of Finance fails to consider, and which I think, my hon. friends opposite fail to consider when they are discussing this question of tariff. They say: Oh, but if you reduce the tariff, you will not have any revenue; you have to have a revenue in order to carry on the war, and the only way to secure that revenue is to keep up the tariff. I want to tell my hon. friend in the first place, that that has not been the history of Canada, nor of any other country in the world. We know that in 1897 when the British preference was introduced in this country, which meant an enormous reduction in the tariff, the tariff revenue did not decrease, but went up by leaps and bounds at the rate of \$10,000,000 a year. It is all very simple. The moment you take the duty off any article—I do not ask that everything be put on the free list, but I say reduce the duty—the moment you reduce the duty on an article of ordinary consumption, that moment you make it cheaper, and you put the average consumer in a better position to purchase. If he purchases more, then more goods come into the country, and more revenue comes into the coffers of the Government; that is a general principle which I do not think anybody will dispute."

### To the Canadian Soldiers

**"Vote for HERBERT HORSEY, INDEPENDENT LIBERAL candidate for PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY, ONTARIO, BY NAME in space for that purpose on ballot, as he stands for all round national service of every citizen of Canada to supply reinforcements of men to maintain your ranks and to keep up the greatest possible production of war supplies and necessities until victory is decisively won. The only certain way to have vote counted for MR. HORSEY IS TO WRITE HIS NAME PLAINLY UPON THE BALLOT PAPER."**

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