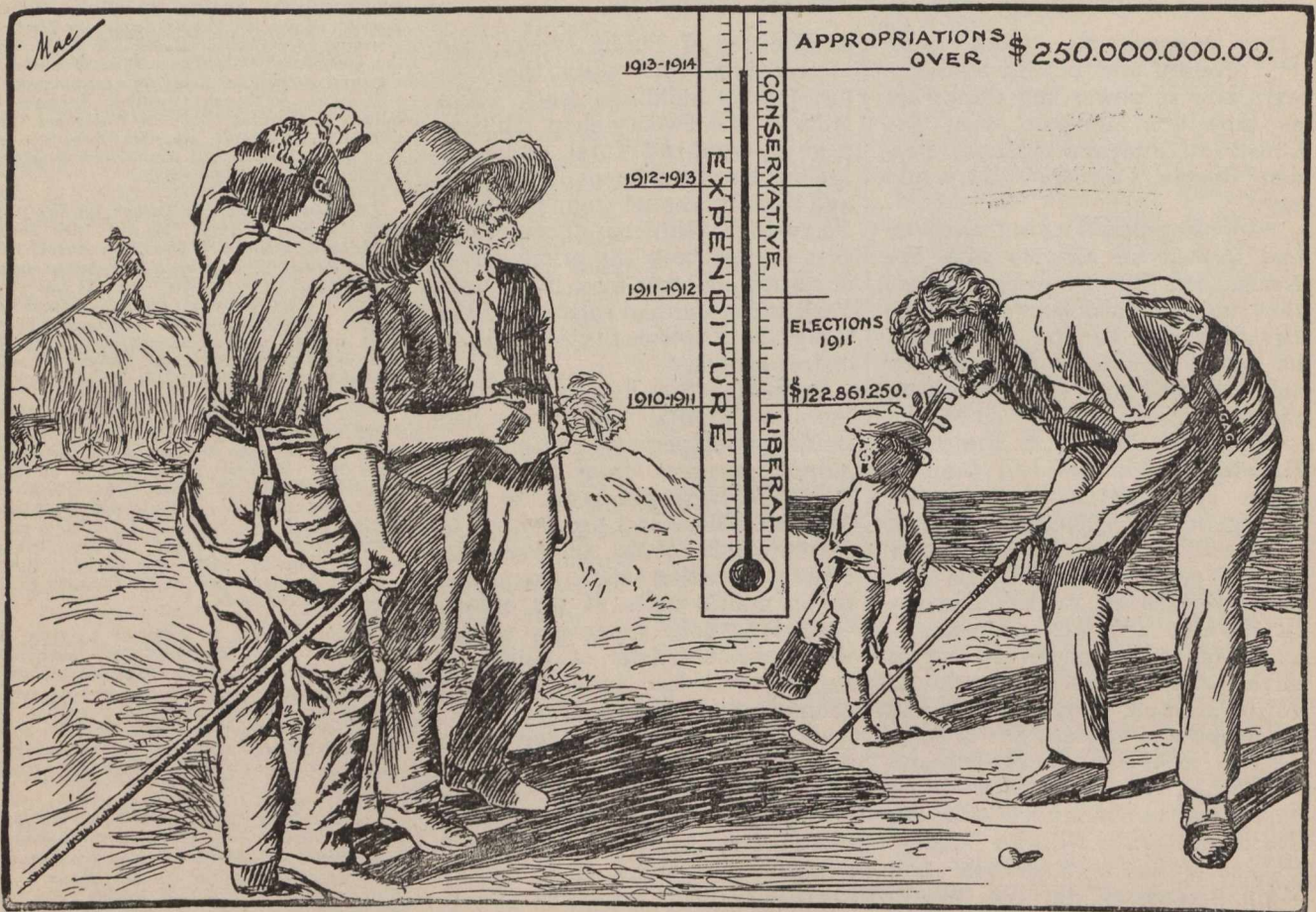


THE SESSION AND AFTER



PREMIER BORDEN :—(To Caddy who is watching the workers in the field) Now then, my boy, never mind those fellows, they are only thinking of the rise in temperature—the country can stand it.

CANADIAN TAXPAYER:—(Alarmed at the enormous appropriations) No wonder we feel the high cost of living when expenditures go up like that—the country can't stand this very long.

[During the last session of Parliament the total appropriations exceeded \$250,000,000. This is more than double the total expenditure of the Laurier Administration in its last year of office. A quarter of a billion dollars expended means taxation at the rate of over \$31.00 per head of the population, or over \$155 per average family.]

PRECEPT AND PRACTICE.

THE difference between Precept and Practice in the case of the Conservatives seems to be the difference between being in power and being out of power.

In opposition Mr. Borden was a stout defender of the principles of responsible government, of provincial rights, of low taxation, and of careful regard for the constitutional rights of all minorities. In power, Premier Borden has let Toryism run riot. Responsible government has been attacked by proposing to give Downing Street control of the expenditure of Dominion funds; and Provincial rights,

in the matter of provincial jurisdiction over moneys spent on highways, were safeguarded only through the action of the Senate. The pre-election promise to save "a waste" of at least ten millions in the public expenditures with resultant decrease of taxes has been belied by an increase of nearly ten times that amount in expenditures, and the constitutional rights of minorities have been overridden by the arbitrary and unconstitutional application of the Gag.

THE ARGUMENT IN A NUT-SHELL

PATRIOTISM is the basis of loyalty; Canadianism is the basis of

enduring Imperial unity. Full and free public discussion is the basis of responsible government; upon it rest the rights of both majorities and of minorities in Parliament. That is sound Liberal doctrine.

Loyalty overrides patriotism; Imperial unity is founded on colonial subservience. Responsible government means the dictation of the majority in Parliament to the minority regardless of constitutional rights, parliamentary usage and the people's mandate. That is sound Tory doctrine.

Within these four corners lies the argument for and against a policy of naval contribution and for and against the gag in Parliament.