

GOVERNMENT CONDEMNED BY ITS OWN WORDS.

"The increase in what is known as ordinary controllable expenditures of from 36 millions in 1896, to 79 millions in 1910, is proof of extravagance beyond any possible defence and establishes a *prima facie* case of corruption."—From manifesto delivered by Sir Robert Borden in 1911.

The increase referred to by Sir Robert Borden was at the rate of less than four million dollars a year. What then is to be said of an increase of from 98 millions in 1911-12 to 135 millions in 1914-15, or at the rate of over 12 millions a year? Corruption under the Premier's own argument in 1911 has been proven against his own government.

"The rapid pace which has been set and the recklessness of the expenditures that have been undertaken have obliterated all the old rules, all the old lines in reference to expenditures. Whither are we rushing?"—Hon. Geo. E. Foster, speaking on the Liberal budget of 1908.

The eloquent voice of Sir George Foster as Minister of Trade and Commerce in the present Government has never been raised, even when Canadian trade and commerce was seriously on the decline against expenditures which for "recklessness" made the highest mark set by the Liberals look like expenditure under a Provincial Government.

"I say Mr. Speaker that the late Government were the inventors, the originators, the parents, progenitors and propagators of the most inordinate, reckless, purblind and wilful extravagance that this country, or any other British country, has ever known."—Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, in the House of Commons during the Session of 1915-16.

AND YET IT WAS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SAME HON. W. T. WHITE THAT THE TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS OF THE DOMINION (EXCLUSIVE OF WAR) FOR THE THREE YEARS ENDING MARCH 31st, 1915, SINCE THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT CAME TO OFFICE AMOUNTED TO \$512,859,957, AS COMPARED WITH A TOTAL OF \$375,399,105 FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS OF THE "INVENTORS, ORIGINATORS, ETC." ABOVE MENTIONED.

CANADA'S NATIONAL DEBT.

For the first two years of the war, the Government's domestic expenditure has been such that no portion of revenue has been available for war purposes. As a result tremendous borrowings have had to be resorted to, and the net debt of the Dominion has doubled since the war commenced. The following table shows the increase: