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# Put a Tax on and lt Seldom Comes Off! 

A Government raises Money by Taxation -- Start a New Tax and it Always Sticks

## Some People Say the Government Should Take Over the Patriotic Fund

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#### Abstract

If the Government were to take over the Patriotic Fund could it be as economically administered as it is to-day. Would it not be subject to the great possibility of grafting, of political favoritism and all those evils which add to the cost of administering most government departments. At present only those families in need of the penefts of the Patriotic Fund become its beneficiaries while onder government control rich and poor alike would have to receive allowance from the Patriotic Fund In Brantford nearly 4,000 men have gote dverseas but there are only, 800 families receiving money from the Patriotic Fund, Under Government eontrol that number would be greatly increased and the cost of administration at least doubled. It now costs absolutely nothing to administer the Canadian Patriotic Fund because the bank interest on the money more than pays all the cost of carrying on the work. Would this be so under government control? And further, would government officials give the social service 'which the members of the Patriotic Association are giving, caring of the dependents when they are sick, assisting them in their domestic problems, helping them with their accounts, etc.? Not likely


Others, who realize that direct government control of the Patriotic Fund is inadvisable because of the tremendous increase in cost it would necessitate, suggest that the money should be raised by the government and turned over to the present organization to administer. Such a scheme is not practicable. In the first place the goyernment would not likely be willing to give such a large amount of money to an independent organization to expend without having a string tied to it, and, furtherrive, the officials of the fund would not care to continue in office because they would be continually hampered by political bosses seeking special consideration for party friends. But even if these obstacles were overcome how would the government raise the money? By taxation, of course. An income tax has already been imposed by which the government expects to raise $\$ 16,000,000$. If it took over the Patriotic Fund it would need double this amount, so that the income tax rate would have to be doubled and the tax extended to reach every man with a rev. enue of $\$ 500$ and upwards. This would be a special war tax but future governments would need this reyenue for some extra purpose and the people having become accustomed to it, the tax would stick. In this respect history repeats itself.

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