

# MAKE THRIFT CENTRE OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE

## South Brant Member Instances Some War-time Purchases

### "TRAILER" ADMINISTRATION

**Capt. J. I. Hart of East Simcoe Returns to His By-election Attacks—  
East Lambton Watching for Hydro  
—Disciplining Druggists.**

A glaring piece of extravagance—one of the most glaring brought to light in connection with the expenditure on Government House—was revealed in the Legislature yesterday when Mr. Scott Davidson (South Brant) drew attention to the item in Public Accounts of \$684 for cut flowers for the Lieutenant-Governor's residence. He also pointed out that there were entries for "kitchen utensils, cutlery, etc., \$250," and "kitchen utensils, \$560." Another item was "fire-guards, grate-blowers, poker, etc., \$337.50." He had heard of several poker games, but never of anything so steep as that.

Dr. Forbes Godfrey—What's the limit?

Mr. Davidson—There does not seem to be any limit. (Laughter.)

Continuing, the member for South Brant maintained it was up to the Government which was preaching economy and thrift to set an example in that respect.

#### "Pays to Refuse Titles."

These well-timed remarks were made during the resumed debate on the Budget. Following the practice of other speakers, Mr. Davidson referred to the honor of Knighthood which had been conferred upon Premier Hearst. He had as high a respect for the Premier as anyone in the House had, but, all the same, if he had refused that honor he would have thought even more of him. Premier Hearst would have been a much stronger man in Ontario and would have given the Liberals more trouble to defeat him next time if he had refused that title.

#### The Officer Who Stays Home.

Mr. Davidson took notice of Capt. Hart's references to the West Simcoe campaign and remarked that he was "sick of this loyalty talk." "I have representatives at the front," declared Mr. Davidson, "but I don't go around bragging about it." He thought there were a good many officers going about who were drawing full pay and had no intentions of going overseas. "The man who puts on the uniform for the purpose of putting money into his pocket and bleeding this country is even worse than the man who does not enlist, even if it is in the Province of Quebec."

#### Trailer Government.

The speaker, referring to the number of Liberal policies adopted by the Government, said the Hearst Administration would be remembered for years as "the trailer Government, because it always comes along in the trailer." Mr. Rowell, he declared, was head and shoulders above any man in the Province "for his ability and for having the vision of suggesting legislation for the uplift and benefit of the people of the Province."

#### Agricultural Head Needed.

Mr. John Grieve (North Middlesex) said the Government merited the condemnation of the electors for not being abreast of public sentiment in regard to agriculture—the necessity for a competent head for that most important of all departments under