

PRESS GALLERY GLIMPSSES

Special Whig Correspondence From the House of Commons.

MAJ.-GEN. SAM HUGHES

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A sturdy figure, khaki-clad, booted and spurred, evidently an officer of high rank, clatters across the marble floor of the Chateau Laurier rotunda. "And who might that be?" asks the American tourist.

"It might be Alexander the Great," is the reply, "but it's Major-General Sam Hughes."

"Ah!" remarks the visitor interestedly, "the Kitchener of Canada."

"You underestimate the case. Our M.P. is bound to put the stranger right on these questions of high politics. Major-General Sam Hughes, in his own mind, has 'Kitchener' written on his forehead."

"Jack French backed off the map, Joffre, Hindenburg, Duke Nicholas, Kaiser Wilhelm and the rest of the outfit are mere apprentices. Major-General Sam is Julius Caesar, Marlborough, the Duke of Wellington, Napoleon Bonaparte, George Washington, Andrew Jackson, General Grant, Theodore Roosevelt, and Nietzsche's Superman rolled into one. He has a certificate of character from Lord Roberts produced after that hero's death as the greatest Driving Force—the greatest D.F. for short—in his history. One way and another he's Canada's prize exhibit in this struggle. It needed a Pan-European war as a background for General Sam's lurid virtues and we got it. The contrast traces right back to Sam Hughes. He's an expensive luxury, costs us fifteen million a year in times of peace, and ten times that much at present, but we've just naturally got to keep him. We can't let go. Premier Borden objects to swapping Kitchener while crossing a stream."

"He must be some general," the stranger remarks thoughtfully.

"Some general! Now you're shouting! He discovered the German menace as far back as 1870, discovered it before Kaiser Wilhelm had had his attention called to it. He knows that the blamed thing will never be killed, studied it on the spot only a few years ago, went over the ground when there were no trenches to stumble into and can tell you right now just where the leaders on both sides make their mistakes. Did it all off his own hat, too. Took a bunch of sunshine colonels over to help him but decided to leave them in London and run all the risk himself, accompanied by one stenographer. There's nerve for you."

"From which language, conversation, a fair sample of his methods, are buzzing around Ottawa, you are at liberty to infer that Major-General Sam is about as popular with some of his colleagues as a German band might be at an Orange Lodge meeting in Toronto."

"The traitor seems to be that General Sam has got it wrong, both everywhere, with the militia department, the permanent force, the spending committee, Bob Rogers, the high-ball buglers, the army contractors, and a large section of the general public. German diplomacy couldn't challenge more trouble than the major-general has done without half trying. Everybody has a fault to find but nobody can find just what the fault is. It all depends on where you sit. Wherever there was a pot corn Major-General Sam seems to have stepped on it."

"I met a man the other night who said that the major-general talked too much—he called him the Audible General—but that is a failing shared

by a large number of our leading statesmen. Talking too much is what makes Hansard what it is, a word far too voluminous ever to be turned into raised letters for the blind, little light reading is to be found which explains, in a manner why so his pages. It is no secret that the major-general has always been a hair-trigger talker and that owing to that he put the kibosh on General Lesard with his right hand and promoted him with his left; that he advised Toronto to put ice on her head; that he offered a million men to England, including eighty thousand Kentucky colonels; that he was brusque with royalty and curt with the patriots who had things to sell. Granted. What then? Who is to say that Major-General Sam's mistakes have not been due to a burning dislike to see things bungled when there is a great military genius under his hat who can do the job without help from anybody?"

"Outside the facts mentioned above the major-general has been almost silent, and it speaks greatly for his discretion, in these days when every little statesman has a lecture all his own, that he trusts to the inspiration of the moment for his invidious remarks. He just blurted it out and lets it go at that, showing no malice whatsoever. Once in a while, being quick to anger, he goes off at half cock but it is notorious that major-generals are highly explosive so nobody can blame him for that."

"I have known colonels, let alone major-generals, who couldn't keep their temper any longer than a safety-razor blade. As for not hating himself that is a family weakness—Brother Jim has it, too. Major-General Sam is not like the African lady with a ring in her nose—he can blow his own horn. What's more he blows it so often that he winds up by believing it. Although he has

judicial chest nobody can accuse him of deliberate exaggeration. But he isn't. Listen to suggestions, says someone. Well, what of it? Where's the man that would sooner take its than take good advice?"

"Just tick that grievance off. We must look for some other peg to hang a grouse on. The Scotch-and-oda fellows find it in his championship of the dry canteen. They have no case. England cuts off the supply except as a medical supply; France chases about the Borden country; Russia swears off vodka. Dues no doubt, to their own good sense and Major-General Sam's influence, but it all goes to show what a pull our minister of militia has over there."

"Another set of critics blame Major-General Sam for the devastating increase in the military establishment, as if the other members of the Borden cabinet weren't equally responsible. What do the real colonels who have earned their spurs think about it? I know what they think but I am not going to tell. There are some things no respectable newspaper dares to print. The major-general may be tender towards honorary colonels but he doesn't stand for all of them. He has four colonels in his own family, four, count 'em, four. No other family in Canada comes within two of the Hughes output of colonels, but what's the use of being minister of militia if you can't take care of your relations? One should not overlook merit simply because it happens to be in one's family any more than one should overlook one's family simply because there happens to be merit in it. There's nothing in that colonel stuff—the major-general wins going and coming."

"I hope the major-general sees this argument I am putting up for him. I have always thought that counsel of the defence missed several good points that might have been raised for Charles the First and I shouldn't like to see Major-General Sam headed in the same way. Besides it will hearten him to feel that he has a friend or two left. Just now he's about as lonesome as an oyster at a church social. He gets the cold shoulder from about seventy-five per cent of his party. Bob Rogers trails him with his secret police and Major-General Sam trails Bob with his, and there's the deuce to pay all round. About the only large body of public opinion Major-General Sam keeps solid with is the Daughters of the Empire, although the granddaughter and great-granddaughters admire him a lot too. And when you say that you say everything. The game is out after the major-general to roll him from political extinction is Premier Borden's stalwart friendship. Major-General Sam realizes that and is not developing a violent counter-offensive which might embarrass Sir Robert. On the contrary he has dignified himself in and now he lets the other fellows do the charging in a muddled formation across the shrapnel-swept sand dunes. Which proves that Major-General Sam is a good soldier because he knows when to lie low."

"And it's low enough he has to be at present and little enough of dignity and power add his enemies have left

OVER THE PRECIPICE



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him to do on. Like the gentleman who was run over by the auto his condition has been much impaired. In fact so much shearing of his prerogatives has taken place, and so short have they trimmed his hair, that he is known now at the Rideau Club and other centres of advanced thought as Major-General Samson.

"The first thing they took away from him was the power to award contracts, which now appertains to a Spending Committee of the cabinet, four seasoned veterans, Cochrane, Rogers, Kemp and Reid; old campaigners accustomed to handling army corps of money, so to speak, wise heads who will post every dollar that is not touching at the strategic spot where it will do most good; four experienced commanders object of war in Europe is the accumulation of a war chest in Canada. I don't know what principle this war chest is worked but I should suppose on the principle of successful duties—that is to say the remoter the chance the higher the rate in other words five per cent. more to grit contractors with liberty of spending, to tack it on to the price or take it out of the quality. The Spending Committee goes around with its ears cocked like a robin listening for worms after a rain. Major-General Sam's good word to the Spending Committee is about as much use to the candidate as a kick from a mule—in fact it's rather a set back than other. This problem explains why the major-general returns peevish answers to persons asking him to do something. He can't do it, he doesn't like to own up, so he takes refuge in a haughty contempt for all and sundry."

"The next function of which Major-General Sam was deprived was his power of mobilizing the militia department jockeyed for a while by the minister, he struck his gait again and is now doing what the law intended it to do. There will be no more Valcartiers for Major-General Sam. Hereafter that sort of thing will be done through the divisional headquarters and no one man will be allowed to hog the limelight. The major-general's brief day of glory is over and now the knackers are clamoring that Valcartier wasn't such a great feat after all and didn't do anybody much good except the C. N. R."

"I was talking to a prejudiced observer last night, a well-informed person, who had failed to land the beef and he was all for pooh-poohing the major-general."

"Valcartier!" he exclaimed, biting

his cigar. "What's wonderful about that? I could get two rough-neck Irish railway contractors to handle it better. It'd be all in the day's work and they wouldn't have to put on feathers to do it at that. Valcartier—pshaw!"

"Which seems to prove that Major-General Sam's reputation is writ in hot water. And as Epictetus—or was it Billy Sunday?—says, what hot water and the major-general can look for that later on in the session."

H. E. GADSBY.

PAYS BACK DIVIDENDS.

Stansfield Limited Declares Full Arrears on Common.

Halifax, Feb. 15.—The directors of Stansfield Limited will pay the arrears of dividends on the common stock. This will amount to \$10,000 for the two quarters and will be payable to shareholders of record December 31st.

The quarterly dividends due on April 10th, 1915, will not be paid on time at least, for the directors will wait to see how business turns out. In other words the dividends now declared by the directors will be paid but it will take some time after the April dividend is due to determine whether the earnings will warrant the payment. The dividends now earned will be paid, and the future will take care of itself.

Shredded Wheat Earnings.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—A satisfactory financial report was presented to the shareholders at the annual meeting of the Shredded Wheat company, held in Niagara Falls, N.Y. The net earnings for the year ending December 31st were \$1,016,248, after depreciation against \$929,557 for the same period last year. This was at the rate of 19 1/2 per cent. on the common stock, after provision was made for preferred stock. It was estimated at the meeting that when the dividends of the company were provided at a satisfactory cost to the company until well into 1916.

Big Railway Orders.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Orders for nearly \$20,000,000 worth of locomotives, freight and passenger cars, and supplies have been placed by the railroads during the past thirty days. That estimate does not include the large contracts for railway supplies that have been placed here by foreign governments since January 1st.

Toronto General Trust.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—E. C. Whittier of Ottawa, and Lt.-Col. John F. Michie were elected to the directorate of the Toronto General Trust Corporation to take the place of the late Col. D. R. Wilkie and the late Hon. Robert Jaffray.

Prince Edward County Patriotic Fund now amounts to \$19,791.65.

of a total issue of \$500,000,000 of which there is now outstanding \$16,615,000.

St. Lawrence Flour Dividend.

Montreal, Feb. 15.—St. Lawrence Flour Mills company has declared a cash dividend of 2 1/2 per cent. for the half year ended January 31st. With the stock payments already made, this makes up for all the deferred dividends on the preferred stock. It is said the company starts its fiscal year this month with a substantial cash surplus.

Commercial Notes.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal company, it was decided to restore to the men the 25 per cent. wage cut which they received in July last at the outbreak of the war.

It has been estimated by an economist of the United States that control of the South American trade by the United States would necessitate a supply of about \$100,000,000 per year for five years.

The total value of fish caught in New Brunswick waters during the fiscal year 1913-14 reached the total of \$4,509,707, against \$4,284,054 the previous year. Herring showed an increase.

Guggenheim Exploration company's net income in 1914 was \$3,383,622, equal to 16.27 per cent. earned on its stock. Total surplus of the company after payment of dividends was \$24,972,000, an increase of \$160,660.

The Silver Lake Fur Farms, Ltd., Coverdale, N.B., has been incorporated, capital \$200,000.

The big French and Italian subsidiaries of the Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Co. are to be sold outright to the British Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. of Manchester.

Dividends and interest disbursements for February are estimated by the Wall Street Journal at \$133,732,039, compared with \$98,000,000 for February, last year.

The Canadian Mortgage Investment Co. is one of the few companies to show increased net earnings over a year ago, the annual statement presented to the shareholders yesterday reflecting a growth of \$10,422 over the previous year.

Relics of a Lost Race.

"Oh yes," said Mrs. Smith, "my husband is an enthusiastic archaeologist. And I never knew it till yesterday. I found in his desk some queer-looking tickets with the inscription 'Madhoras & Co. Ltd.' And when I asked him what they were, he explained to me that they were relics of a lost race. Isn't it interesting?"

Princess Edward County Patriotic Fund now amounts to \$19,791.65.

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THE STANDARD BANK OF CANADA

Statement of Affairs on 31st January, 1915. Condensed from Government Report.

LIABILITIES		RESOURCES	
Capital paid up	\$ 3,000,000.00	Cash	\$ 8,386,360.20
Reserve Fund and Undivided Profits	4,053,140.63	Due by Banks	1,972,628.28
Notes in Circulation	2,697,203.00	Govt. and other Bonds	2,415,635.78
Deposits	38,136,428.72	Govt. Deposit for Cancellation Fund	150,000.00
Due to Banks	770,161.34	Call and short date Loans	3,091,543.84
Acceptances	25,306.66	Assets immediately available	
		Loans and Discounts	16,016,168.10
		Bank Premises (Freehold)	31,426,115.42
		Acceptances per contra	1,134,429.65
		Other Assets	25,306.66
			80,220.32
			\$48,682,240.35

A GOOD RECORD

The year 1914 has been a banner year for the Mutual Life of Canada, having written the largest business in its history. This success is due very largely to the excellent settlements to Policyholders in the way of profits and the fact that it is a purely mutual company, being relieved of paying any of its earnings to stock holders.

Toronto Saturday Night, in its annual review, says the Mutual Life is probably the best Life Insurance Company in Canada to-day. The fact that this year's business secured under conditions of such financial depression speaks volumes for the merits of the company. Those contemplating insurance will save money by placing their application with this excellent company.

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Mrs. Stephens, Picton, who has been knit business managers for the Red Cross Society, Ex-mayor James Coxford, Picton, broke, died in the county town this week.

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Deeblehen Steel Sells Bonds.

New York, Feb. 15.—The Deeblehen Steel Corporation has sold \$1,000,000 of its 29-year 5 per cent. first-class and refunding mortgage bonds to Hallgarten & Co., William Salomon & Sons, Leas & Kuhn & Sons. The bonds sold were

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