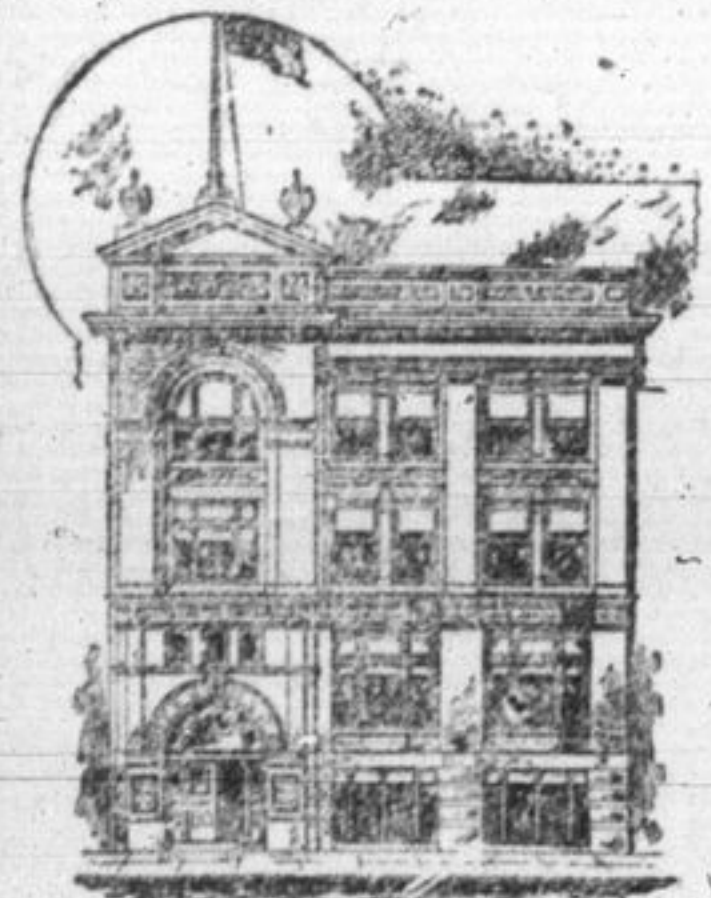


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HYPOCRISY AT A PREMIUM.

The Federal Government has under consideration a Bill which proposes to give to the men who have enlisted for active military service, for Canada, of any age, whether on the voters' lists or not, votes which they will register for or against the Government. No one objects to the enfranchisement of the soldiers. The only thing that is not apparent, and cannot be demonstrated, is how anyone, at the front, immersed in the most serious of all businesses, can desire to participate in an election. The average soldier, of any party, must curse the Government that, without the necessity, would order an election in his absence, and expect him to take any intelligent interest in its result.

There is no occasion for a dissolution of Parliament in the near future, and no occasion for the formal proceeding of ordering the soldiers in the trenches to vote. And how? From the office of the High Commissioner in London ballots will be sent to some officer on the front, to be distributed by him, (in a manner not defined), marked in anything but a secret way, and returned to Canada through the officials of the Government, and counted for or against its candidates on the night of the election.

The thing has never been tried in England, and it is safe to say it will not be tried. Lord Kitchener, the Minister of War, has not been, and will not be, consulted on this matter, because he is not a politician, and will not, if he knows it, permit of anything which will distract or disturb or affect the discipline of the forces. The proposal owes its origin to the belief of the Government that it can influence in some way the soldiers to support it, though the experiences of some of them at Valenciennes and since, in the wretched way in which they have been outfitted, in the grossly offensive partisanship that has caused all the grafting, will not surely win their favour.

The Canadian soldiers will appreciate a, its-felt value the hypocrisy of the Government in this matter, and will, in the ballots, if allowed by Kitchener to use them, put a proper estimate upon it.

The Hamilton Spectator discusses the shoe scandal as if it were a trifling affair. An evidence of the disposition of the partisan to condone any political iniquity, no matter how atrocious it may be.

FOUL AIR IN SCHOOLS.

The Board of Education has very properly directed attention to the regulations which are supposed to govern the schools of the city, and especially that which relates to the ventilation of the class rooms. There is no subject of more importance. It relates to the health and mental activities of the pupils, and it is the one supreme law with which some teachers are not acquainted. Children go home, after the school sessions, and complain of headaches, of lassitude, of depression, and the physician who goes into the cause finds that it lies with the ventilation of the schools.

Kingston has had two schools enlarged and rebuilt during the year, and an expert, one of large experience in Europe, visits them and finds that the systems of ventilation are simply inadequate. Discussing the situation with the writer this expert declared that the air ducts are too small, that through one of

them this air would have to rush at the rate of twenty miles an hour in order to meet the necessities of the rooms it is supposed to ventilate. His demand was a most reasonable one—that the windows should be opened during the recesses in school studies, and, unless the inclemency of the weather prevented it, there should be no variation in this rule.

What a pity it is that when the city is putting so much money into new schools it should not have the best systems of ventilation that are available. Last year a friend of the Whig had occasion to visit some of the new schools in the west, and found that automatically the class rooms were heated and ventilated in what seemed to be the most perfect way. The heat was regulated by an appliance that worked infallibly. The air was passed through large ducts and screens of water, and purified, and then, (in winter), warmed before it reached the class rooms. Everywhere it was fresh and invigorating. Deprived of this perfect ventilation the teachers should be directed to read the regulation of the Education Department and to enforce it without fail.

The Senate has suggested that as it has the time it be permitted to investigate some of the Valcartier scandals. Why not? There are enough of them to occupy both branches of Parliament for months to come.

THE GRAFTERS MUST GO.

It is worthy of note that there is one Conservative paper which is not inclined to excuse the Government for the rottenness of its administration. Two belted knights have expressed themselves in a very suggestive way. Sir George Foster, at a political meeting in Toronto, urged that the Government "should not be blamed for corruption committed by individuals to whom contracts had been given." Sir Edmund Osler was willing to admit that mistakes had been made, but there would be no graft "in the expenditure of the additional \$100,000,000 voted by Parliament for war purposes." What about the \$30,000,000 and more that has already been spent on the war?

Let the World, edited by W. F. Maclean, M.P., answer. In the issue of his paper on April 9th this appeared: "The revelations at Ottawa in connection with the purchase of army supplies call for drastic action on the part of Sir Robert Borden and his Government and the Conservative party. They must dissociate themselves with any wrong-doing, with any attempt to take advantage of the country or of our soldiers in the field. They cannot stand for graft, for unfair profit, or for worthless or inferior goods. If members of Parliament do wrong they must take the consequences. If officials were parties to fraud, or were lax in duty, they must be dismissed and punished if within the power of the law. Wherever contractors acted unfairly or took undue profit they must make restitution. In other words, the Department of Justice must be put in operation in the most vigorous way, and more than any one else the Cabinet must be held to strict accountability."

"The Conservative party as a party must clear itself before the country. They have an active Opposition in front of them, and the people will await an immediate statement and the action that must follow. The system of purchases by way of a patronage list, no matter how long in use, must now be wiped out forever. There must be open competition, and every contractor must be compelled to put in a declaration as to his good faith in every respect in filling any and every contract. War graft of every kind must go, and the World believes the Conservatives have the opportunity and the duty of saying so now."

There is no mending matters in that declaration. There has been rascality, and it cannot be ignored and condoned. The World holds the Government to account, and demands that it clear itself by forcing the men who raided the treasury to make restitution, by chasing out of office every one who has been a party to the wrong-doing, by destroying the patronage list at once and forever, and by having tenders and competition on every public contract. The World sees the inevitable result of the revelations at Ottawa. They will surely damage the Government, will rob it of the public confidence, and probably destroy it—unless there is an immediate repudiation of all that has contributed to the present scandalous conditions. The party will recall the declaration of a greater man than any one who now holds office when he said, "These hands are clean." It will remember that a judicial commission vindicated his honour. And it will not forget that the people, in their wrath and indignation, ended the reign of the Government whose offences smelt to heaven.

Premier Borden is too touchy. He has been exhibiting his temper of late, being easily ruffled. He should study and imitate Mr. Asquith, the man of the hour, the great tribune of the people, whose mood is never ruffled by an opponent. He is a model for Canadian statesmen.

EDITORIAL NOTES. The liquor bill of Canada in 1914 was one hundred million dollars. Equal to the new loan which the Canadian Government makes for war purposes. Here's something to think about.

Two Grit officials in Ottawa have been asked to resign because they have been tainted with the scandals. But not a Tory official has been disturbed. Why? There is a reason. Are the ministers afraid of an explosion?

The inspectors of the license department are visiting various points in the Province and examining the books of the liquor vendors in order to ascertain whether the Government in receiving its due proportion of the bar receipts. The Government is a partner in the business.

The Toronto World says the grafters must go—all of them—in office and out of it. But there is not a word to that effect from the treasury benches. There are members of Parliament who should be forced to resign. There are officials who have been flagrantly at fault.

The soldiers at the front—in Belgium, France, or Germany—will have his opinion of the Government that expects him to vote in an election sprung in his absence, and under circumstances that do not win his support. If the soldier is to vote intelligently let the election go until after the war.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has exposed the misrepresentations of the Government's news bureau in Ottawa. It had been sending out posters of the most villainous type, and he exhibited a sample copy in the House. The Premier expressed his regret, but he did not say that the lying posters should be suppressed.

PUBLIC OPINION

Should Be Amended. (Toronto Globe.) That treacherous campaign poster ending with "Borden Backs Britain" should bear the addenda: "Boots, Binoculars, and Bones."

No More War. (Montreal Mail.) The Toronto Globe raises a warning voice that the Canadian bayonet must be improved after this war. Why waste time? There isn't going to be any more war, you know.

Will He Do It. (Toronto Globe.) Let Sir Robert Borden withdraw the lying posters sent out by the authority of his unscrupulous Master of Elections if he would convince the people of Canada that he is no party to the use of the stiletto in politics.

Give It To Them. (Hamilton Spectator.) Graft is detestable, and should receive severest punishment wherever found. France, Austria, Russia, Germany and Britain—all are cursed by its infamous brood. Yet, to judge by the tone of some Canadian papers, one might think that Canada stands alone in this respect as an example to all nations.

Why The Gloom. (Montreal Gazette.) The crew of the raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich professed to be awfully cast down when Captain Thierichens informed them that the ship was to be interned for the period of the war. Probably by this time their gloom is on the wane. The 50,000 bottles of beer on board should help to console the sailors somewhat in their grief at not being sent to Davy Jones' locker by a French or British shell.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Many Aldermen think the streets should be improved by the contract system. The day work plan is not giving satisfaction. It is contended that by the day work plan a great deal of money is wasted and value not given.

A certain alderman at a meeting of the Fire, Water and Light Committee objected to the presence of reporters. He thought that committee meetings should be private. Dr. A. P. Chown, who graduated from Queen's University will leave early in May for the Old Country where he will continue his medical studies in several universities. Mrs. Chown will accompany him.

NOTHING'S WRONG HERE. What's the matter with this town? Nothing, sir, it's you! Are you helping it along? Lots of things to do! Finding fault with this and that! Doesn't cure the ill; Taking off your coat and hat! Is the way to fill the bill!

What's the matter with this town, Anyway?—you ask; If there's anything that's wrong, Righting it's your task! Knocking, maybe, has its place, But it's up to you— With a bright and smiling face— To do some boosting, too! What's the matter with this town, Matter is that men Find it easier knocking down That helping up again, Let's get busy right away, Lots of things to do; Nothing matter with the town, The matter is with you! —Baltimore Sun.

Kindness is usually best exemplified in deeds, not words.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

A strong headed man may be weak minded.

Gossip is the ammunition used in the guns of knockers.

A man who buys a blind horse should also consult an oculist.

But a man who rushes the growler is never in a hurry himself.

Nothing worries some women like troubles that failed to develop.

Consoling.



Miss Plumleigh—"I wish I could reduce about twenty pounds." Mrs. Thynne—"Never mind. Styles in figures change so often yours will be in vogue some-time if you live long enough."

Some Shooting! Those Krupps can shoot to beat the band; But from the Allied fleet Came shots that crossed the ocean and Knocked down the price of wheat.

Special Delivery. "Can you send kisses in letters by parcel post?" "I think the recipients would rather have them by special delivery."—Baltimore American.

Heard On The Train. "Do you play poker?" "No; I need all the money I've got."

Uncle Sam Take Notice. Don't look for trouble; but don't be unprepared when trouble lands you.

A Useful Custom. "What do you think of this Lenten let-up on social pleasures?" "It's a good thing. It enables me to save up money for our regular Easter splurge."

Going Through. "I hear that Jones is on his uppers; is it true?" "I guess so. I met him this morning and he said he expected to be on his feet in a few days."

A Thought For To-Day. The cure for a heart-ache is to be found in occupations which take us away from our petty self-regardings, our self-pitying, our morbid broodings, and which connect our lives with other lives and with other affairs, or merge our individual interests in the larger whole.—C. G. Ames.

Polite. "Is my wife forward?" asked the passenger on the limited. "She wasn't to me, sir," answered the conductor politely.—Purple Cow.

Foolish Question. Bell Hop—Did you ring for water, sir? Kentucky Colonel—Ring for water, sah! No, sah! Why should I ring for water? This room isn't on fire, is it?—Life.

Ephemeral Embellishment. Barber—Hair pretty thin, sir. Been that way long? Man in Chair—Long? I was born that way. It is true that subsequently I enjoyed a period of hirsute efflorescence, but it did not endure.

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