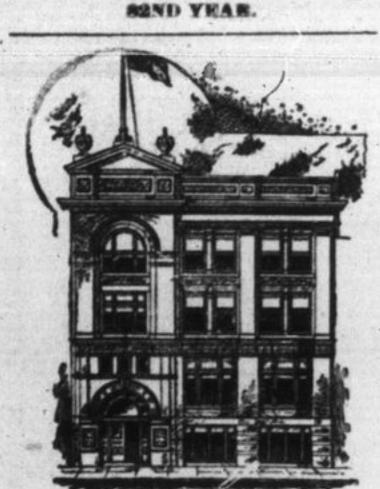
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THE GOVERNMENT ON TRIAL.

The Conservatives are on trial even more than their opponents, as the frauds now being exposed are of recent occurrence and under the rule of men now in office. If the Borden government is to survive ft must confess, reform, reconstruct. Sir Rob- will be followed by the prayer that ert Borden may have to do now what ter and more capable men, and land which they represent: change the methods. No more patronage, no more profits in civil service appointments, no more of the leaches that infest and have infested Ottawa for ten years or more, in selllike professional cracksmen. And if loot was taken in former days it is not too late for Liberals now in public life to join in punishment of the guilty in compelling restitution. Toronto World, Conservative, and edited and owned by H. Macleay M.

NO ELECTION IN BRE

The Toronto News has a special reason why a federal eletion should occur at once, but it is reason that does not look at all pecial after if is closely examined The reason that the war may before parliamen has expired by efflux of time, that there would likely be an ection in 1916.

In Britain the present parliament ig its end, and, but for the war, there would be an election this year. But the political parties are agree that an appeal must not take play until after the war, and legislatin, if need be, will be carried to that effect. The colony, or the daughter of the empire, as Canada is called, can very fittingly the mother country in this

the Toronto News has another reason, and one less tenable hat already quoted. It is that year there will be an imperial Terence in London, and the premand two or three of his colleagues just attend it.

Unless the war is over there will be no conference in 1916, and if it is over next year (1916) there will be an election in Britain and the conference can await its outcome. Canada can take pointers from Britain at the present time and make no mistake.

### NOT ALL POWERFUL.

The leader of the Opposition in Saskatchewan, W. S. Willoughby, of Moose Jaw, says he wants the people of the province to vote, apart from an election, and through a plebiscite open the liquor question. If they do not favor prohibition, he would, if in power-and the "if" is an important word in this connection-move to have the liquor trade put under an independent commission, one free from all political control, and "removable only by the Legislative Assembly for cause shown." Ontario, he added, had recently appointed such a commission. Has it? The Whig does not understand this to be the last minute, and without ac- feated. Sort of Boomerang, eh! and without making any announce- ly. ment with regard to it, Hon. Mr. Hanna withheld the veto, upon certain commission appointments, and nouncement with regard to dissolu will exercise it as he likes. If the tion What, during a war? Yes. The half a mind to shed a tear? Forget it. For brooding over Commission gives evidence by its war can run amuck while the Conwork of its efficiency, if it satisfies servative party runs an election. The the provincial secretary and does not soldiers can call a halt in the fight-

ence, it will get all the power which trenches. the government originally promised. The point of special moment is thisadvocated.

At an early date the 21st Regiment and the Queen's Hospital increased representation in the Com-Unit will leave Kingston. Their pre- mons by a change in Canada's con-

AN AFFECTIONATE FAREWELL

entually they will follow the course, have won the admiration of the King, at Ottawa at present. his counsellors and ministers, the government of Canada and the English-speaking people everywhere. took the First Contingent some time to reach the battle line, but when its battalions did get there they gave evidence of a valour that has not been surpassed in the war. One of the finest tributes is that which the Duluth Herald pays in these words:

"These Canadians are making a record to be proud of, and they are making it by themselves and for themselves, whoever may later reap the direct benefits of their achievements. We of the United States cannot help but deplore the war; but neither can we help but rejoice in year, by mail, cash ...... \$1.00 One year, if not paid in advance \$1.50 the manner in which our closest and One year, to United States ..... \$1.50 best neighbors are acquitting themselves in the eyes of the world.

.The men who are now leaving us are nearer and dearer, as a body, than the men who have already gone to Europe. Not that there are so many more who call this city their longer in our midst and have formed shoe day yet. friendships and relationships that wll continue throughout and survive

Our hearts go out to these heroic young men. They carry away the affectionate remembrance and good wishes of all our citizens. And they a war-time election. will have the consciousness that they the God of Battles will be with them, he should have done long ago; not to guide and protect them and make only reorganize, but put in some bet- them an honor and a blessing to the

The Grain Growers' Guide, against both the old political ing and refiting to the government, partes, has a cartoon which is de- have fired on the White Flag supplying the departments, looting scritive of voting in the trenches. Suez, and killed letter-bearers. Kul-Ir a field are two deep cuts, in tur is gaining converts for hich the soldier boys stand or sit Huns. with their feet in the water. In one an election agent, a supporter of the government, addresses the men in khaki upon the value of the franis raised, "Heh! the Germans are anywhere. coming." The answer from one who is climbing up the embankment is, 'Tell the Germans to come back tomorrow. I've got to vote." In the foreground is the polling booth to- brought to light. If the war is to wards which the men are being be fought without rules perhaps the On a scrap of cartridge paper. marched in a line. One shouts, "Who gave us the rotten boots?" and the response, "Who killed the navy bill?" Others are reading the campaign literature. A heeler is passing a box dow, while a second drops a package scrap-heap and gehenna just as cer- In the way of down-right service marks, "It won't be our fault if we don't get a majority here." In the distance a Grit campaigner is pounding out powerful arguments to the men in the trenches, and a free lance, to one side, promises to free three Gerright. The cartoon is meant to be communities, the torpedoing of paspointed, and it is. It makes a mockery of electioneering in the trenches defenceless civilians show that they during a war, and emphasizing a are utterly callous. truth which the Liberals have asserted all along-that the men who are at the front, and fighting the battles Springfield Republican. of the country, should not be disturbed by the bitterness of party poli- ing suggestion that sons should bear tics. "The Canadians," says Guide, "have abundantly proved their courage and their fighting qualities on the field of battle. Their female line as much as of the male, work of smashing German militarism

> strife." EDITORIAL NOTES

must not be hindered by political

bluff! A joke surely. No two men mination in it. could undertake to damage other, at any cost and inconvenience as a party expediency. The thing is unthinkable. And yet it originates from political circles in Syracuse.

The government was warned that if it changed the grades and plans (which it did) of the G. T. P. the company might refuse to accept and run it; and that is just what has happened. The political juggling of the government has had its effect.

Mr. Fisher, a member of the Austhe case. The province has a Com- tralian parliament, says that both mission whose members the govern- new Zealand and Australia made a ment carefully selected, because their specialty of the soldier vote, and that politics were of the right color. At in both the governments were dequainting the Legislature of the fact. Nice thing to contemplate apparent-

Look out for an immediate an-

hurt the government by its independ- ing while they argue politics in the

The Toronto Telegram is persuadthat the Ontario Commission is not ed that the government will fare betindependent of the government, that ter at the hands of the people by an it is not all-powerful, and is not of election after the war, and it canposition leader in Saskatchewan has is thinking about in contemplating mittee will investigate. an appeal now. But the die appears to be cast.

Prince Edward Island is to have sent destination is not known. Ev- stitution. But as the petition for it to the Imperial Commons has gone and the example, too, of those who astray the change will not take place constitute the First Contingent which in an election ordered now. The is now in France. The Canadians country is being beautifully served

Dr. Neely, M.P., is after the Scott government-a Liberal in pursuit of the Liberals, was opposed to prohibition in Saskatchewan, and to the methods of the government in bringing it about. He is opposed to haste or precipitation, calling it a steamroller method. Prohibition is not, then, a party measure.

As An Example.

(Buffalo Courier.) If those warring nations had deiberated as long as Italy has there wouldn't have been any war.

Dilatory Mothers.

(Oswego Times.) Owing to the dilatory tardiness of their mothers in mending their T. A.\* will spring in action stockings many of the girls have With his rifle 'neath his arm. home, but because they have been so far been unable to observe low But if you want to see him Jump

> Real Senate Reform. (Hamilton Herald.) to go to the country with a program of real senate reform, there would not be so much cause to deprecate From your home tucked in your

Succeeding Sensations (Guelph Mercury.)

It's just one hang thing after auother. You no sooner let the furnace out than the ice man comes around the corner and wants to re- Or Jean or Marguerite, new your summer contract.

> Kulture Increases (Woodstock Sentinel.)

from their ally, Germany.

Election Squads' Progress.

(Toronto: Star.) If Hon. Robert Rogers in persuading Sir Robert Borden that his troops "can romp to Parchise. His pockets bulge with elec- is," he may find that his troops will tion boodle. In a second cut the cry spend next winter several miles from

> What is the Secret? (Montreal Mail.) Admiral Cochrane's secret to Allies will show that they are able to fight that way too.

Heading For Destruction.

(Belleville Ontario.) The administrations of Sir Rod- I hope this finds you all right." mond Roblin and Sir Richard Mc. A good long newsy letter. of bogus ballots through the win- Bride are headed straight for the Is the best that you can yield of ballots down the chimney. A tainly as is the Government of Sir To your Tommy in the field. third, clambering over the roof, re- Robert Borden unless he succeeds in deposing Dictator Rogers.

Anything Goes. (Toronto World.) The plain intimation to the Allies is that the Germans are going to adopt any method of warfare no atter how devilish. Their record mans if they only promise to vote of bomb-dropping on undefended senger ships bearing women and children, and inhuman attacks on

A Question of Surnames.

A "genealogist," writing to th New York Times, makes the interestthe family name of their father and daughters the family name of their mother. This would hardly help matters: children are descendants of the of course, but this is true of sons a well as of daughters, Hyphens wouldn't help, for they would soon multiply beyond reason. The modern system of surnames is a development of surnames is a

Dead rats under the floor of th City Clerk's office are causing much the kind and quality which the Op- not imagine what the government trouble. The Civic Property Com-

The street cars are giving good service. The horses are as good if not better than in use in similar service in Canada.

Hugh Smith was selected candidate for the Ontario Legislature by the Frontenac Conservatives. Members of Independent Order

of Forresters marched to Chalmers Church. Rev. M. Macgillivray preached the sermon. Sir John Macdonald and Hon. Oliver Mowat had a happy chat re-

garding boyhood days in Kingston. James Redden was elected president of the Mechanics' Institute. citizen timed the firemen in getting to the dry dock. From the time the alarm sounded until they were at the fire was two minutes.

A Fredericton soldier now on the firing line in Belgium has sent to the Gleaner for publication the following poetry written by Sgt. Frank S. Brown of Princess Patricias Canadian Light Infantry:

What is the call, The bugle call, The call that has no betters? The silver call That beats them all,

The music call for letters.

You take a silver trumpet And sound the dread alarm, Or run like a streak of hail, Just take the same old bugle And sound the call for "mail."

No one who's not been there himself Can tell just what it means To have a live epistle

jeans. A tripping sweet John Collins To a thirst you wouldn't self, Isn't in it with a starving heart That gets a word from Nell.

Or if the maiden's name is Kate. A scented word of love-him makes A week's dull drudgery sweek. Why, any mother's soldier son Who learns the bugle cry, Just stops his heart and holds

For fear he'll be passed by.

treall a tremble. His hand is a put like pegs. His eyes stick of in ver. He goes all of a quit the With the ague in his legs, And if his name's not on the list, He wilts like a frozen bud, Until another mail call drags Him ploughing through the mud.

He's not a correspondent, And his answers may be few; His opportunities are slim, To write his "billet doux." But when he does, it is beneath A spluttering pine knot taper. With a broken nib and an ink-starved

Now the moral is for folks at home, Don't wait for him to write And don't say "Dear Tom-must

What is the call, The cheering call, That every other betters? A silver call, A longed-for call, The music call for letters. Tommy Atkins.

The Whitewash Brush.

Monetary Times. "The political whitewash brush will not satisfy the Canadian citizen. He is willing to be taxed for his share of the burden of the war. He objects to being taxed to purchase for middlemen feather beds for life. The cause of war justly demands his

The crimes of bribery, corruption, thieving, extravagance and carelessness in connection with the purchase of Canada's war demands immediate action by Canada's prem-

of convenience, and it is rather a Red Cross nurse, being one of The Barnes-Roosevelt libel suit a straining a point to find sex discri- the nurses accepted for this service from Regina.

Walt Mason

used your name in vain? Forget it. Don't call upon him

to explain; forget it. If you are straight and good and true, it boots not what men say of you; don't fuss, or pause the

rag to chew-forget it. Your wife has got a nagging

tongue? Forget it. You thought her smooth when she

was young? Forget it. She had enough of work and care to

Forget it. The kids kick up a beastly noise? Forget it.

You cannot read for girls and boys? Forget it. Some day

they were back, to make the floors and rifters crack-forget

it. You have a toothache in your ear? Corget it. You've

FORGET IT

they'll leave the old home shack, and the

you are not safe or sane; forget it.

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"He was a young man and very Has some one played a scurvy trick? Forget it. Has and returned to the vestry having some one soaked you with a brick? Forget it. Don't let accomplished the service to his ow the memory endure; a scheme of vengeance will not cure satisfaction. "I think I got through the sera single sore, you may be sure-forget it. Has some one

vice without a mistake, John?" he remarked to the old clerk, who was "It was first-rate, Master Dick. said the old man, with enthusiasm. 'I don't know as I ever heard it better done." After a pause he added, "But the old parson, he never gives us the evening service in the morn-

Public Works, has taken occasion to call Rev. S. G. Bland, D.D., 'a friends in Kingston, and they are legion, will not appreciate the in

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