## Some Ottawa Glimpses

Special Correspondence by H. F. Gadsby.

The Ross Riffe in Parliament.

brave soldiers have died because of as it wanted to be bound. It could the defects in the Ross rifle that it slip its bonds any day with the conwas appropriate that the dying hours sent of all parties concerned. "All of the recent session of Parliament the parties"-there's the rub. The should be taken up with a debate on party of the first part, Sir Charles this important subject. .

in need of careful treatment, so that enough, but the party of the second the public mind will harbor no con- part, the Borden Government, fusion in regard to such a vital mat- wasn't. It preferred to remain ter. The fundamental fact to bear "bound." Why? sturdier and more serviceable wea- friendship-whether for men or in order to swell Sir Sam's pride as a are no good. Allison and the Ross fine target rifle-none better-but in point. Sir Sam, so to speak, pigtoo delicate for active service where headed particularly when he is the shooting is necessarily rough and wrong. The more wrong he feels ready and lack, so to speak, the Bis- the more pigheaded he becomes. This

With this fact in giew-the attempt as the gun-jamming at St. Julien and den Government was bound "in per- the United States. within the last two years and a half, active service test.

So far this article has proceeded first fall out of the Ross rifle and its on the assumption that Sir Charles great protagonist Lieutenant-Gen-Ross might have been unwilling to eral Sir Sam Hughes. surrender his contract and that the Government might have to handle 1915, that the Canadian soldiers behim drastically. But when Sir gan to throw away their Ross rifles. Charles Ross comes forward, as he In spite of this summary proceeding has done several times in the public which must have reached the ears the rupture as he was sitting down press, and tells us that there hasn't of the Borden Government, the Secbeen a day since August, 1914, when ond. Third and Fourth divisions

Ottawa, Feb. 20 .- So many of our Government was "bound" only so far Ross, was no Shylock, standing on The facts about the Ross rifle are his pound of flesh. He was willing

in mind is that the Ross rifle Mark | Well, presumably because Sir Sam Three, with which our soldiers were Hughes was Minister of Militia, and provided in this war, is the Borden he stood or fell by the Ross rifle. Government's own child. It is of Just here it is worth remarking that their authorization and is built ac- he did stand and fall by it-he left cording to plans submitted by their the Government just about the time experts since they came into office in the Ross rifle Mark Three was defin-1911. The Ross rifle of the Liberal itely discarded as the weapon of the regime was known as Mark Two, Canadian soldiers in the field. It has and is said to have been a much been said that Sir Sam's vice is pon than its successor which was rifles he sticks by them after given a longer barrel and finer sights everybody else has decided that they Bisley prize snatcher. It was a very rifle Mark Three are two examples explains why, in face of facts, such

of the Borden Government to shift Festubert and our boys throwing it responsibility for the Ross Rifle away and grabbing Lee-Enfields Mark Three to the Laurier Govern- wherever they could find them, Sir ment would be laughable if it were Sam continued to dote on the Ross not dastardly. It is almost as pitiful rifle. One of the excuses put foras the Hon. Mr. Meighen's attempt ward was bad ammunition-not Can-, to pass the buck to Sir Charles Ross, adian ammunition or British am-Mr. Meighen's theory is that the Bor- munition, but stuff made in petuity" by a contract by the Laur- the Ross rifle did the same ier Government in 1902. The words thing with good loyal ammunition

"in perpetuity" are of course fallac- made in England, it was said then ious. No contract can be "in per- that the chamber was a shade too petuity." But outside of that this small and some of the rifles were "perpetuity" in regard to Ross rifles rebored. Subsequently the boits were was harply defined. It could be ter- "tempered," with the result that minated by giving a year's notice. they were made as brittle as glass That is to say, it could have been ter- and other tinkering was done. Any- our soldiers when they kept loading minated in 1912 or in 1913—one thing rather than do what common them up with the Ross rifle a full year, two years before the war start- sense dictated-abandon the rifle year after it had been proved defeced-or again in 1914 or any time, and start making one that stood the live.

As a matter of fact, there hasn't The manner in which Sir John Ross Rifle Mark Three is no longer been a minuate since the war began French's adverse report on the Ross in use as an active service weapon. that the Borden Government, act- rifle, dating June, 1915, was pigeon- Sir Charles, Ross disclaims any wish ing strictly within the terms of the holed, also General Anderson's let- to hold the Borden Government to contract, couldn't have stopped the ter on the same subject, is an old any contract to manufacture Ross manufacture of Ross rifle Mark story now but a bad one. The Bor- rifles, when he can manufacture Lee-Three and had a better one made. den Government seems to have treat- Enfields just as well. And yet the Moreover the contract on which Mr. ed these reports as if they didn't Government professes to consider it

the Borden Government's so strongly who saw a giraffe for the first time. being turned out at the rate of a was a contract drawn up in times of "There ain't no such darned thing," thousand a day! peace, and liable to be swept aside in he muttered under his breath. war emergencies. In war every gov- Somehow or other the comments of ernment grows arbitrary. With the the British authorities on the Ross KAISER QUITE ANGRY consent of the people it takes ex- rifle found the light in the "Ottawa] traordinary powers to itself, as the Citizen," whereupon there was a Borden Government did under the great clatter among the cabinet min-War Measuress Act. Under that Act Isters and General Gwatkin, an offi- Wilhelm Lets His Wrath Be the Borden Government was likensed | cer who had the good of the Canadto deal sharply and directly with ian soldiers at heart, was much everything that needed such dealing. blamed for being over-zealous and Nice customs, says Shakespeare, bow was in grave danger of losing his job to great kings. And similarly bow in the Militia Department. However, to the Borden Government armed milder counsels and powerful friends with the War Measures Act, provided prevailed and General Gwatkin was of course that the Borden Govern- retained in a post in which he had ment wanted them so to bow. Which proved himself a public benefactor. Thus did General Gwatkin take the

he hasn't been willing to turn his worse armed with the Ross rifle, factory over, as rapidly as possible, which they carried with them to Remarks made by the Empress to to the manufacture of Lee-Enfields France. It was not until after Sir her intimates gave the latter to unor any other equally serviceable rifle Douglas Haig's report in June, 1916, derstand that the Imperial wrath -when Sir Charles Ross comes for- that the use of the Ross rifle was dis- was directed principally against von ward and tells us that we begin to continued at the front. All of which Bernstorff. The Empress complainsee how silly Mr. Meighen's talk is goes to show how much the Borden ed that the Emperor's representaabout being "bound." The Borden Government considered the lives of

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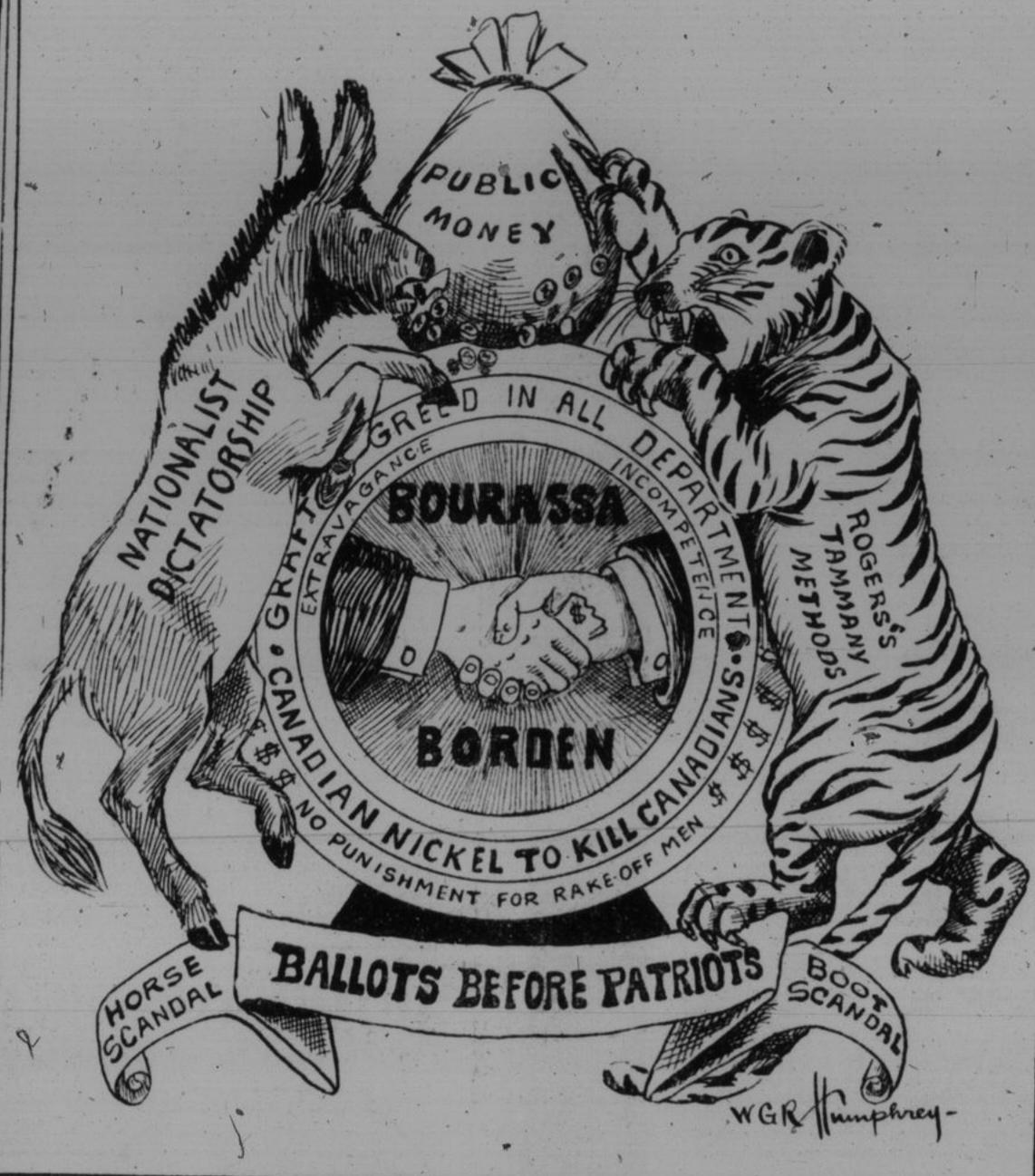
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THE NEW COAT OF ARMS FOR THE NEW BRUNS WICK TORY PARTY.

But this is not the limit. The Meighen rests his honor and that of exist. They were like the farmer self "bound" until February, 1918.

-H. F. GADSBY.

# OVER BREAK WITH U. S.

Felt by the Ejected Envoy.

Paris Feb. 20 .- I hear from a very good source that the news of the diplomatic rupture with the United States arrived like a bombshell in the Imperial circles at Potsdam. New tension with Washington af-

ter the submarine note was expected, out nothing as drastic as rupture. On the same morning (February It was as far back as the spring of Bernstorff announced that a new 3th) a cablegram from Count von note from President Wilson might be expected, but nothing else.

to the table and flew into a violent rage, so those who were in touch

tives at Washington invariably created misunderstandings and had always been handling "the hyprocritical English pastor at-Washington," meaning President Wilson

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg finally managed to appease the Kaiser, taking up von Bernstorff's

The Emperor ordered the Chancellor to do all that was possible to avoid making matters worse. This would explain the memorandum, transmitted by the Swiss Minister, as being prompted by von Bernstorff, following a message from the

CALLS IT A BLUNDER.

Refusal to Admit Overseas Pressmen to Parliament.

London, Feb. 20 .- The refusal to admit press correspondents to the press gallery at the opening of Parliament, which evoked protests from the London representatives in letters to the Morning Post, is the subject of an editorial in the Bost. Under the caption, "Who is to Blame?" the Post, which is essentially a Conservative organ, speaks of the matter as a serious and quite avoidable blunder, adding that inadvertence cannot be pleaded in the face of the representations made by the Canadian High Commissioner. The Post believes that the slight was deliberate and against the service of the Empire.

Mrs. (Rev.) Rattray, Tweed, is recovering nicely from her recent operation at the hospital, Toronto.

Farmer's Wife on Hotel Accommo-

Inverary, Feb. 17 .- (To the Editor): While looking over the columns of your paper I noticed a Can you blame us for turning down couple of articles written by two the hotels and going to the Chinese CONDEMNED BY leading hotel-keepers of Kingston. or other restaurants? There every Both of these articles appear to be person is treated the same. directed against farmer's wives wife, who has been visiting Kingston | had his dinner and paid his way unon behalf of the large majority of til it closed its doors, drove into women in the country.

much about women buying ten cents | tomer. On being told he was not as worth of buns and eating them in yet he was ordered to get out of the his parlor. We are not going to yard, which he did, but not before assert that it seldom occurred. Any horses that could take him home. tea or coffee, slice of ham and all the bread and buns she wanted in a restaurant and she would be welcome. Because perhaps one or two women, did this, why condemn all the women our dry goods from Toronto; get

one hotel-keeper would do a mean their supply of feed from the various trick, all hotel-keepers were mean

drove my horse into one of the lead- produce. ing hotel yards, asked the hostler to put him in and feed him hay and found no fire in the sitting room.

er. I went out with my wraps on. would be used better. Every place own rights, was locked except the dining-room. If you want us in your hotels, and The meat was tainted I never but at your hotel tables treat us with tasted the butter. It was left on courtesy, give us a good square meal the plate. I could eat neither meat and the majority of us as farmers' nor butter. I do not for one minute wives are both able and willing to think that this kind of grub was pay our way. served to their boarders. If it was they would not have them long. This was reserved for their country

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asked if we might have the use of under way for some time.

men whom I have heard talking. premiums by \$6,748,758.97.

My husband, who for thirty years another hotel yard, was met by the 'Mr. Cousineau complained so hostler and asked if he was a cus-

doubt this is the experience of hundreds of others.

We as farmers purchase our furniture directly from the factories, our grocerie's from the country We might just as well say because stores, and the farmers are obtaining mills throughout the country, who bring it in by car-loads. We can The last time I visited Kingston I obtain outside markets for all our

The farmer of today is somewhat more independent than he was oats. I went into the house and twenty-five years ago when he used to stand on that market and coax The lady of the house came in and the city people to buy butter at twenlooked at me as if I were an intrud- ty cents a pound, eggs at ten cents a dozen, potatoes at fifty cents a bag At dinner time, I went into an and meat at three or four cents a other hotel, thinking perhaps. I pound We are able to assert our

-FARMER'S WIFE. NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Of William Moss While Extinguishing Fire in His House.

farmer residing about four miles for a long time. from Maberly, had a very narrow escape from death on Friday. Mr. Goodfellow, Tyendinaga, departed men, while many other crosses, hon-Moss has been a sufferer from rheu- this life on Feb. 12th, in her sixty- ors and foreign decorations have matism and is practically a cripple ninth year. Deceased was an only gone to the men of both institutions. from the disease. On Friday his sister of Sandy Grant, M. P. P., and As a result of the depletion of the house caught fire and Mr. Moss had been ailing for the past two universities, foreign students are crawled to the roof and was success- vears. ful in extinguishing the flames, He came down safely, but in a short time fire broke out again, and for a second time he had to go up on the house, but his time he became so chilled he lost the use of his hands and fell to the ground, breaking his collar bone and receiving severe injuries about the ribs. Dr. Barker, of Sharbot Lake, is in attendance. Mr.

Moss is seventy years old. Mr. and Mrs. Mack Marks held an enjoyable "At Home" on Friday evening. Rev. Mr. Coles has come to visit his brother at the rectory. Miss Myrtle Kirkham and Lloyd Sergeant spent Sunday at Brooke. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Buchanan leave for their home in Earlton this week. Dr. Hanna was in the village on Tues-

Arthur Murphy has sold his farm, lot 18 in 1st concession of Sheffield

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The 1918 Steel Orders are Announce ed in New York.

New York, Feb. 19 .- Great activity is evident in all branches of the steel industry, but many of the plants are still embarrassed by the deranged transportation system. Domestic manufacturers of cars and locomotives have closed additional con- The Great Universities of Oxford and Camof rolled, forged and cast steel, and a greater tonnage is under negotiation. The significant fact is that orders are being placed as far ahead as the first quarter of 1918.

Aid Granted Railway.

Ottawa, Feb. 19 .- The statement of financial aid granted and paid to the Grand Trunk Railway Co., and STRUCTORS GO TO' THE FRONT. branch lines, owned, controlled, and part of its system, by the Dominion Government, Provincial Governments and municipalities since the organization of the Grand Trunk up till June 30th, 1915, totals nearly \$11,- heavy hand on education in Europe. 000,000, according to figures pub- and its effects are felt here not only lished by the Department of Ralways in the complete derangement of the

Steel Foundry Dividend.

common stock.

Commercial Notes.

succeed Governor Frank O: Lowden, the changes were working out.

year ending Dec. 31st, shows earn, of the great universities of Oxford ings of 5.32 per cent, against 6.20 and Cambridge to mere shadows of per cent., in 1913, after the preferr- their former extent. Instead of hav-

Frederic Nicholls, Sir Henry M. Pel- ions of small schools, with about 500 att C.V.O., E. R. Wood, all of Toron- each. There is the same reduction to, Sir Rodolphe Forget and George to mere shadows in the extensive H. Smithers, Montreal, and F. W. universities and technical schools Ross, Quebec are the directors of the throughout the country, at fondon, Toronto Street Railway Co.

American steel mills are being overwhelmed by a flood of foreign inquiries for rolled steel products. are engaged in research work, in for 750,000 tons have been added to wireless telegraphy and map-making the tonnage pending one week ago. for the Government.

The sum of \$10,000,000 is to be friends, who unfortunately happened invested in motor car plants in Great larly affected, particularly in the to drop in. There were three of us. Britain by the Ford Motor Company, teaching staffs, about 25,000 school We paid fifty cents a piece and then according to plans that have been teachers having been taken from the

some parts of their hotel. They In 1916 the Mutual Life Assurance army. The scholars in the secondary simply told us the doors were locked. Company of New York paid policy- schools have also suffered marked This is the treatment that is ac- holders a total of \$68,654,843.80- lesses, as the top-fourth boys have corded to us not only myself but a sum exceeding the amount received fallen within the military age. Even numerous others, both men and wo- directly from policyholders through the elementary schools have felt their

**BUDAPEST PAPERS** 

more particularly. I as a farmer's frequented the Windsor hotel always One Organ Demands That 000 refugee Belgian children, and Count Von Reventiow Be Placed Under Restraint.

sixty years. Another large school Berne, Feb. 20 .- Three Budapest has fifty-seven woman teachers. newspapers condemn submarine warfare. The Pesti-Naplo attacks Count dispute his word but we venture to he told him that he had a team of Von Reventlow as the principal exponent of submarine warfare and dewoman, who would do that must be a great stranger in the city as for corded to farmers and farmers, wives tooks. Admired the control of the control of the city as for corded to farmers and farmers, wives tooks. Admired the city as for corded to farmers and farmers, wives tooks. 15 cents she could get a cup of hot and we cannot understand why. No tacks Admiral Von Tirpitz and de- western front, the eastern front, the mands a cessation of what it calls Balkans, the war in the air and nava

Brazil Warns Germany. Paris, Feb. 20 .- A wireless des-

patch received here from Berne, Switzerland, says the Brazilian Minister at Berlin, by order of his Government, has warned Germany that Brazil will hold her responsible for the fate of three Brazilian vessels ap- ished 1,075, killed 113; St. John's These vessels left Brazil for En-

by Germany of her submarine block- Christi furnished 240; killed 44.

two miles east of Thomasburg, Ed- ning of this year Cambridge had furward Wilson departed this life on nished 13,138 men at the front, of Thursday last at the age of gixty-one which 1,403 had been killed, 1,945

SECOND SECTION

25,000 PUBLIC SCHOOL IN-

operated by the Grand Trunk as a More Women Teachers-Changes in Studies-Geography of Countries

at War Greatly Stimulated.

London, Feb. 19 .- War has laid a present educational system, but in the prospect of far-reaching changes Toronto, Feb. 19 .- The directors after the war. The basis of these fo the Dominion Steel Foundries prospective changes is the modernizhave declared an additional dividend ing of education, making it more of 5 per cent, on the common stock, ing of education, making it more bringing the total for the year to practical for coping with everyday date to 25 per cent. Last year the business affairs of life. This, in directors paid 40 per cent, on the turn, has precipitated a heated controversy over whether the English school system is to be "Germanized." A. F. Mackintosh, of J. C. Mackin- Premier Lloyd George's recent choice tosh & Co., Halifax, was elected a of Prof. Fisher, head of Sheffleld Unimember of the Montreal Stock Ex- versity, as minister of education, was one of the steps to get a practical John A. Spoor has been elected to educator in charge of affairs while

The present effect of the war on The United Cigar Stores for the education is shown in the reduction ing about 7,000 to 10,000 students. Sir William Mackenzie, the Hon. they are now reduced to the dimens-Glasgow, Sheffield, Manchester and all the great cities. All the ablebodied students have gone to the

> share of the effects, in the loss of teachers, the military occupation of over 1,000 schools as hospitals, barracks, etc., the displacement of 110,-000 gupils by this military occupation of schools, the taking in of 25,the substitution of women for men

> > Change in Studies.

as teachers. One school has a wo-

man teacher for the first time in

Even the courses of study are maoperations. In another locality war The Pesti-Hirlap publishes expres- loans, war taxes and similar subjects sions from three members of the are discussed. Letters from relatives Chamber of Deputies who are op- at the front are regularly read beposed to submarine warfare. One of fore the classes, as 95 per cent, of the them is quoted as saying: "We made pupils have relations at the front. the whole world turn against us." Much of the composition is on war and another, "All American countries subjects. Geography of the countries are joining our enemies. This is at war has been greatly stimulated; sheer madness." Count Karolyn, also the history of the Balkan and leader of the Hungarian Independent other countries of which little had party, the newspaper adds, said: been known. At one school the boys "I regret deeply the phase of the have constructed a sand map 20 by war into which we entered with the 13 feet of landers, the Dardanelles

declaration of submarine warfare." and the Trentino front in Italy. It is at the great universities, how ever, that the greatest change has occurred. At Oxford, which is a university grouping of 22 schools, Balliol has furnished 690 soldiers and has had 87 killed; Oriel fugnished 540, billed 97; Magdalene furnished 725, killed 106; Trinity furnished 630, killed 86; Christ Church furnfurnished 485, killed 59; University. furnished 554, killed 58; Queen's tente countries since the declaration furnished 403, killed 42; Corpus

Cambridge shows the same large representation at the front, and At his late home in Hungerford, heavy death lists. Up to the begin-Maberly, Feb. 19.—William Moss, years. Deceased had been invalided wounded, 213 missing or prisoners. Victoria Crosseses had gone to five Mrs. Goodfellow, wife of Robert Cambridge men and eight Oxford



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