SIR JOHN FRENCH DOES NOT EXPECT WAR WILL LAST LONG

"I Do Not Believe it will be a Long War. Spring Promises Well for the Allles. We are Convinced, I and All Those Here, that a Decisive and Definite Victory Awaits Us at the End of all These Haid Months of War."-Sir John I rench.

Charges Member for York as Instigator of Plot to Ruin Him Politically clusion that he has always been

Declares Former Colleague Was at Bottom of integrity. Investigation Into Cost of Southampton Road and that Commissioner Pringle's Report is that he was familiar, very familiar, Unjust—King of Nackawick Scores Former its conception. He knows all about Provincial Secretary and "Political Parasites" it in fact, and yet this same Mr. McLeod was a member of the govfor Their Conspiracy Against Him, Because ernment of this province when the He Wouldn't Bow to Machine Rule

Vames K. Pinder created something ent member for this county at Ot- bonds that were guaranteed. If, as ton railway construction in the will not take up your time to disthe charge of padded accounts, Mr. ish use of the sinews of war. Pinder read a carefully prepared McLEOD'S BACKERS STUCK? uated it.

His statement about McLeod is the more remarkable, since he was the gentleman who nominated him for the house of commons, and he, Pinder, was referred to by McLeod on that occasion as "my good friend, Mr. Pinder."

SAYS HE'S A VICTIM OF "POLI-TICAL PARASITES."

"Taking all the facts into consideration, the character of the evidence of the engineers employed by the commissioner, the accounts and evidence produced by the company showing the cost to them, the character of the report of the commissioner himself, I am justified in stat ing my firm conviction that this investigation, if not instituted for that purpose, was at least directed and carried out with a view of reducing the cost of the railway to the very lowest amount, thereby attempting to injure and discredit me because of my connection with the undertaking.

"I claim, and I say this advisedly and without hesitation, that the course of this inquiry was directed or influenced by a small group of the financial end of the campaign have had occasion to regret their hasty action. The banks, it appear do not consider promissory notes as mere 'scraps of paper. HIGH PRINCIPLES OF HONOR.

you are well acquainted with Mr McLeod's record, and I feel that you are competent judges as to whether or not his record has been such gs would lead you to come to the conprompted in matters of this kind by such high grinciples of honor and

HARD KNOCKS FOR McLEOD.

Mr. McLeod in parliament stated McLeod was a member of the govized. He was provincial secretary of the government when the second guarantee of bonds of \$2,000 a mile was authorized in 1913, and as such Fredericton, N. B., March 23- political parisites, led by the pres- actually endorsed every one of the of a sensation in the house tonight tawa. With many others in this he claims, he was familiar with by making a bitter attack upon his county, I had opposed that honor- these facts, as set forth by Mr Carformer colleague, who was provin. able gentleman's attempt to ride vell, how is he able to explain his cial secretary, Hon. H. F. McLeod. roughshod over the rank and file of conduct in 1913 in endorsing the Smarting under the attack of Mr. the Conservative party. The facts bonds of the company to the fur-McLeod upon him and the Southamp are familiar to all of you and I ther extent of \$2,000 a mile? What house of commons last session and cuss them. We were beaten by means solicitude for the welfare of his conthe condemnatory report of Som- of a convention packed with office stituents with which he closed his missioner Pringle, who investigated holders and hangers on, and the lav-remarkable speech on that occasion? If Mr. McLeod knew that there was wrong being done-and he himse statement criticizing the report and In passing, I may remark that it says he knew all about the matterthe motives which he claimed act- is rumored that some of those who why did he keep silent until the were such ardent supporters of Hon. matter was brought up in the house H. F. McLeod on that occasion and by a political opponent? lent the influence of their names to | (Continued on page three.)

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