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A STRIKING INDICTMENT

The Halifax Recorder in the following article exposes in a striking way the insincerity and the shameful record of the Borden government, with special reference to the talk about a national government:

"It has all along been in the hands of Borden and his colleagues to create a national government without either the use of tactics or strategy. All they needed to do was to disregard party lines in all appointments to the public services, in the granting of commissions in the army, in promotions, in the purchase of supplies, in the giving of contracts, and in the management of the patronage generally. Simply these and nothing more—except the honest and economical management of the public business. There was no need of coalitions, fusions, or any other forms of amalgamation, no need of refraining to appoint their own men to the senate vacancies; no need even of deferring by-elections. All that was needed was to forget party until the end of the war. That and that only was the requisite of a national administration. Instead of this they have carried on for the whole war period a perfect carnival of partisanship. 'No grit need apply' has been the sign over every tender and over the entrance to every avenue of promotion with few, very few, exceptions in both civil and military life, while enormous fortunes have been made by numerous supporters of the administration in such quick time as to preclude the possibility of many of them being made honestly. Even nurses in seeking to join the military staffs have been asked by the miserable patronage-monger how their male relatives voted. So completely dominated is the present government by the moneyed interests, so absolutely wedded to partisanship in its narrowest and meanest sense, so involved in the slime of patronage, so absolutely dominated by corruptive influences, that it is hardly practicable to hope for its regeneration and nationalization. There is a stage in putrescence which is hopeless, so that the one and only way for Canada to realize an actual national government is by turning the present one out at the earliest possible moment."

Much has been written about the great results expected from the so-called potato cribs, or pits, or pens, which many people have started this year by way of an experiment in growing this staple vegetable, but observation of those built in Woodstock gives little ground for belief that their



yield will be sufficient to warrant the expense of building them. Most of the cribs show an abundance of potato vines on top and some on the sides near the top, but beyond that their foliage is very thin.

One gentleman is comforting himself with the reflection that if his crib is a failure there is a likelihood that Germany, where the scheme is said to have originated, there will be some failures in the same line.

It transpires that Lalumiere, the alleged dynamiter in Montreal, was one of the Tory-Nationalist machine operators in the notorious Hochelega bye-election in 1912 when Hon. Louis Coderre was returned as Secretary of State. The "Unholy Alliance" chickens continue to come home to roost.

The only semblance of justification which any champion of the iniquitous franchise measure can offer is that it will help the Tories to win the election. Let them not deceive themselves with false

hopes. That is not the way to victory.

The frost was on the pumpkin this year before the pumpkin was ready for the frost.

THE ANXIOUS DEAD.

(John McCrae.)

O guns, fall silent till the dead men hear
 Above their heads the legions pressing on;
 These fought their fight in time of bitter fear
 And died not knowing how the day had gone.)

O flashing muzzles, pause, and let them see
 The coming dawn that streaks the sky afar;
 Then let your mighty chorus witness be
 To them, and Caesar, that we still make war.

Tell them, O guns, that we have heard their call,
 That we have sworn, and will not turn aside,
 That we will onward till we win or fall,
 That we will keep the faith for which they died.

Bid them be patient and some day, anon
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