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WANT CLEANER POLITICS.

"I believe that we have arrived at a time when the people of Canada want cleaner politics. I have never believed it necessary to be dishonest in public life, while being honest in private life. I believe the people of Canada are looking for better things, and are expecting service from the public men, men who occupy positions of trust in the different. And never in the history of Canada has there been a more opportune season than while this struggle is on. Let us have cleaner politics and more honest business in the conduct of our public affairs."—Premier Norris, of Manitoba, at London, Ont.

MESSAGE TO YOUNG MEN.

"After a long life I shall remind you that already many problems rise before you; problems of race division, problems of creed differences, problems of economic conflict, problems of national duty and national aspiration. Let me tell you that for the solution of these problems you have a safe guide, an unfailing light, if you remember that faith is better than doubt, and love is better than hate.

"Banish doubt and hate from your life. Let your souls be ever open to the strong promptings of faith and the gentle influence of brotherly love. Be adamant against the haughty; be gentle and kind to the weak. Let your aim and your purpose, in good report or in ill, in victory or in defeat, be so to live, so to strive, so to serve as to do your part to raise the standard of life to higher and better spheres."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at London, Ont.

SIR SAM IS OUT!

Lieut. General Sir Sam Hughes, recently described by a local military officer as "Canada's foremost statesman and chiefest fighting man," is no longer a member of the Borden government. At Ottawa yesterday, in response to a request of the Prime Minister, he tendered his resignation as Minister of Militia and Defence. The doughty Sir Sam's wings had been clipped and there wasn't really much left for him to resign. Some time ago Mr. F. B. McCurdy, M. P., was appointed Under Secretary of the Department and more recently Sir George Perley was appointed Overseas Minister of Militia. This left very little for Sir Sam to do, and when Premier Borden asked for his resignation he promptly came across with the goods. Sir Sam is a man of wonderful energy, but he suffered from swelled head, and made many enemies in his own party, who have been clamoring for his dismissal. Premier Borden has at last been compelled to yield and Sir Sam's official head is now in the basket. The remainder of the incompetent outfit will go just as soon as the people get a chance at it.

Discussing Sir Sam's case a few days ago, the Toronto Globe said: "Now that Sir George Perley has been sworn in as Overseas Minister of Militia, Ottawa is all agog to know what the government is trying to do with Sir Sam Hughes. It was thought, when Mr. F. B. McCurdy, M. P., was appointed Parliamentary Secretary of Militia, that Sir Sam was off to England to take up overseas duties for the rest of the war, either in the position that has now been allotted to Sir George Perley or at the front. Sir Sam did go to England, but he did not stay there. He is a living demonstration of the fact that a man can come back. But the Government seems determined that he shall not come back all the way, for it is now announced that Mr. McCurdy is continuing to perform the more important duties of Minister of Militia, and that Sir Sam contemplates a "rest" or a "holiday." With Mr. McCurdy holding Sir Sam's citadel at Ottawa, Sir George Perley in supreme command of Sir Sam's European outpost, and a commission handling the purchase of munitions, people are naturally asking where does Sir Sam himself come in? The general opinion seems to be that the Government is going to reorganize the whole business of the Militia Department, and wash its hands of responsibility for the waste and chaos of the past by blaming it all on Sir Sam Hughes. Further disclosures, it is thought, are inevitable when reckoning comes, and the opinion seems to be in the words of one Toronto paper, that Sir Sam, Ross rifle on his shoulder, is to be let go up against it alone. But we can't imagine that all this is going to happen without a few words from Sir Sam."

THE FIRE FIEND.

The fire record for 1916 shows that of 1,625 fires reported, 676 were in the homes of our people. The great majority of these dwelling house fires occur at night, when the lives of the occupants are endangered.

From the 676 homes the greater portion of the families were turned out at night in wintry weather. In these fires 141 lives were lost.

The chief causes of these home fires are: Carelessness in allowing defective chimneys to exist; carelessness in the overheating of stoves and furnaces; carelessness in the use of matches, and carelessness in many other ways.

Before winter weather sets in, the householders should see that the heating equipment is fire-safe, that there are no cracks in the chimney to allow sparks to enter the attic; that furnace pipes are thoroughly clean and at a safe distance from woodwork; that stoves, ranges and stovepipes are in safe condition and all surrounding woodwork protected, and that lamps and lanterns are in good condition.

Carelessness with matches caused 69 fires last year; overheated stoves and furnaces, 51; defective and overheated chimneys, pipes, etc., 62; electrical defects, 55. These causes are all easily avoided and should be guarded against in future.

Homes should be made reasonably fire-safe by taking the simplest necessary precautions. Safety first is as essential in the home as at work.

Manchester Guardian: A very noticeable feature of this Presidential campaign was the constant use of a new campaign document—a cleverly-written full-page advertisement—which would appear in varying form from week to week in the leading newspapers opposed to the policy advocated by the writer of the "advertisement." In these campaign documents the claims of the Republican or Democratic party would be set out in bright and epigrammatic style, and very often constituted an effective reply to the editorial matter which appeared in another part of the journal. Democratic newspapers published the advertisements of Republican campaign committees with the same cheerful enthusiasm with which the Republican newspapers published the arguments of the Democratic committees, and presumably at the same rate per page. In this way the American public had every opportunity of reading both sides of each question.

Westminster Gazette: The keeping of the seas by our navy appeals to each of us in a different manner. Our food table is a marvel. Our foreign correspondence is likewise wonderful. We cannot help appreciating the power of our fleet. A Canadian subaltern told me the other evening that until he came across with his contingent he had not thought much about the navy. His fleet of transports was conveyed by a cruiser from the Canadian shore and the word was passed around that she would be relieved at noon on a certain day. Eleven o'clock came, but there was no sign of the new boat. Half an hour later smoke was visible on the horizon, and at 12 prompt, No. 2 cruiser swung around and took her place at the head of the line, whilst No. 1 turned back. "Uncanny," was his word.

It is said that many tons of nickel were stored in the Deutschland (on her first return trip) for transportation to an enemy port. Commenting on this, the Montreal Herald observes: "As Canada is the only source of nickel on this continent, it is a fair presumption that the Deutschland's cargo must have come out of the Canadian mines. How much longer are Canadians going to be fools enough to allow this priceless natural treasure to be owned and exploited by foreign interests? There is enough slaughter of Canadians and British as it is, without Canada's nickel being sent to Germany to help along the hellish work of that nation."

Toronto Globe: Sir Sam Hughes is reported as stating that when the war broke out there were only three first class militia regiments in Quebec, but Ontario had many fine units and splendidly trained officers. Sir Sam had at his command General Lessard, a distinguished French Canadian officer, who was kept out of Quebec and away from the front because he was not a worshipper at the Hughes shrine. Had General Lessard been sent down to Quebec to raise and command the French Canadians in 1914, thousands of recruits would undoubtedly have been obtained as the result of his labors.

A woman is known by her dressing table. If it is neat, she is simple; if it is bare, she is intellectual; if it resembles Aetna after an eruption, she is temperamental, and if it is locked, she is mysterious.



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Through Our Sieve

Dear me, Winter, this is so sudden.
Charles Evans—Sir Sam—shake!
Well, we still have "Sir Sam's Own."
A snow plow? There ain't no such animal.
Optimist—"The snow, the snow, the beautiful snow!"
Pessimist—Sorry when you come, glad when you go.
Will Sir Sam make a streak for the trenches?
The Republicans and the Canadian Cabinet are all saying "What's the Hughes?"
Coal dealers advise us to keep cool, and at the rate prices are going up, no doubt we will.
With more than ten telephones Sir Sam's Own evidently intend to keep up their lines of communication.
The Hughes stock seems to be on the slump these days. Last week it was Charles Evans and this week it is Sir Sam.
Only a few years ago \$1 wheat was viewed by the consumer with alarm, whereas he now looks upon it as a roseate hope.

The doughnut also has joined the high cost of living. You see it was not possible to make the hole any larger without also enlarging the doughnut.

A man driving an automobile needs accident insurance, liability insurance, life insurance, burglar insurance, fire insurance, gasoline, tires, leisure, a garage expense appropriation and in addition a diploma as a mechanic.

Every married woman has at least three husbands—the one she brags about to her friends, the one she thinks she has and the one she really has. It isn't difficult to induce the other chap to compromise when he realizes that you have the best of it.

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