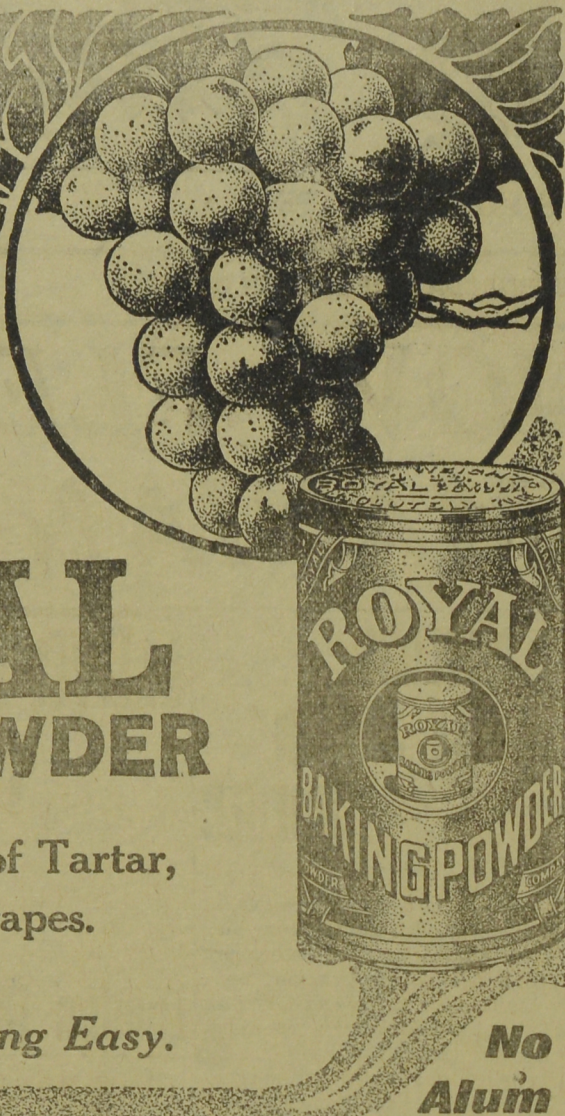


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Government Not Anxious For a War Time Election

**Soldier Vote Has Been Alienated From the Government by
Numerous War Scandals---Government Anxious to Get An-
other Reprieve From Parliament---New War Lord Passes
The Buck on the Nickel Question---Cochrane the Nickel
Company's Handy Man.**

(By H. F. Gadsby.)

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—People well read in Canadian history smile at the disciples of the party which stoned Lord Elgin and burnt the parliament buildings at Montreal, making a parade of their superior loyalty to the Mother Country through the mouth of a pinhead like ex-Ald. McBrien of Toronto, aided and abetted by a dead one like Honorary Colonel W. K. McNaught. These protestations have disgusted even Toronto, and Toronto in the past has stood a lot of this kind of talk without having her stomach turned.

The fact is that at least sixty per cent. of the officers on active service are Liberal in their politics and the rank and file under normal conditions would divide between the two parties on a fifty-fifty basis. As matters stand, however, there is no doubt that the soldier vote, enraged at the wholesale looting at home, and the Ross rifle abroad, would go overwhelmingly

against the government. There are three hundred and seventy-five thousand soldiers enlisted now and the word that is on every man's lip is "graft." When you ask them for corroborative evidence they mention paper shoes, Colonel John Wesley Allison, 900 per cent. profit on shell contracts, Camp Borden and matters like that.

Canada has a great reading population. **Soldiers Well Posted.** Our soldiers, both at home and at the front, have kept themselves well informed through Canadian newspapers of the doings at Ottawa. They are fully abreast of all the vagaries of the Borden government and are not to be caught with the stale ruse of dumping one sinner to save the rest. Which is to say that the dismissal of Sir Sam doesn't save the Borden Government's bacon with the Canadian soldier, either at home or overseas.

This soldier vote on which the government so obviously reckoned when it made its arrangements for balloting on the field of battle—this soldier vote which both parties agreed should be given its full privileges, has been alienated from the Borden Government by the scandals in regard to war supplies, and can no longer be counted on. This being the case, the Borden Government is not anxious for a war-time election, and would willingly accept a reprieve of another year from next October. They don't want the day of wrath to come until their profiteering friends have sucked the last drop of blood.

Indeed, it would be no surprise if apostles of the Borden government in Toronto or elsewhere began to speak of the soldiers at the front as disloyal to the Mother Country because they are keeping a close enough eye on Canada to be anxious to kick the Borden Government out the first time they get the chance.

Has a Cracked Lip.

Ask a soldier at the front, whose life, maybe, has been endangered by the Ross rifle they put in his hands—ask him what he thinks of the boasted loyalty of a Government that allows him to be shot full of holes with our good Ontario nickel and he will say, "Don't make me laugh. I've got a cracked lip."

And just at this point the Hon. A. E. Kemp, the flaming Timman, who has just been appointed as Sir Sam's successor, rises to explain that the public mustn't have these naughty thoughts about Canadian nickel.

He says that they did all that the British government requested of them and that the British government, not the Borden Government, is responsible if the International Nickel Co. puts a

broad interpretation on a gentleman's agreement and sells our nickel to the Germans, who shoot it back at us on the battlefields of Europe by land or sea. In short, our War Lord elect passes the buck.

The Nickel Question.

This is all sheer buncombe. When the British Government told the Borden Government to make the proper arrangements for regulating the dealings of the International Nickel Company with the enemy, it supposed, of course, that the Borden Government would go about it in a business-like way and would require something more than the company's word of honor that it wasn't selling to the Germans. That it did sell to the Germans—millions of pounds since the war began—is notorious. That it is still selling to the Germans, via the Deutschland and other undersea boats, also via German agencies in alleged neutral countries has been proved up to the hilt by the Providence Journal, which is in close touch with the British Embassy at Washington, and receives thence the facts which offset the pro-German propaganda in the United States.

In a word, the British government is responsible for nothing but its request to the Borden Government to make such sensible and effective arrangements with the International Nickel Company as would prevent it assisting the enemies of the British Empire with the chief raw material of modern warfare drawn from a British overseas dominion.

The British Government knew, of course, that the International Nickel Company's nickel came from Canada, and supposed naturally enough that the Canadian government having the whip hand, would make the International Company be good.

Cochrane the Handy Man.

What the British Government probably overlooked, or was not aware of, was that the Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways in Premier Borden's cabinet, is the International Nickel Company's handy man for Canada. It was the International Nickel Company that made Frank Cochrane a political possibility. Thus and so was Canada given a nickel-plated Minister of Railways, who, when he passed on to Ottawa, put a nickel-plated Premier—to wit, Hears—in his place in Toronto. This is the deadly trinity—Cochrane, Hears and Ferguson. It seems a great pity that Mr. Kemp should have to do all the explaining, Mr. Cochrane being too sick to talk just now, and being no speaker even when he is well and strong. Indeed, the International Nickel Co. will have to be looking soon for some more vocal apostle in the Borden cabinet, some-

body who can make her worse appear the better reason. With Mr. Cochrane dumbness is a habit and dumbness can well be overdone.

The McNaught Type of Loyalty.

When the soldier takes these matters into consideration he smiles at the McNaught protestations of superior loyalty for the party that lets him in for a raw deal like that. And that smile becomes a hoarse guffaw when he thinks of his wife and little children left at home to be leeched dry by the government's food profiteering friends. Sustain her as you will with separation allowances, patriotic funds and so on, the cost of living goes ahead by leaps and bounds—the war being the excuse—and the government does nothing to the leapers and the bounders except to threaten them with an order-in-council which makes four bites of a cherry and thus gives the looters time to get away with the swag. The food profiteer never seems to think that he ought to take his medicine with the rest of us and cut down his profits during war time, and of course the Borden Government would never think of mentioning it to him. Let your food hog persist in his swinishness.

There is no doubt that this is a loyal government. It believes in sacrifice—that is, sacrificing the consumer to the food profiteers. It's heart's desire is to remain in power till the last man is starved to death and the last dollar is shaken out of him.

ANNUAL MEETING OF MILLVILLE RED CROSS

The Red Cross Society of Millville held their annual meeting on Oct. 16th. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. A. Hay; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Abner Sharp; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. I. F. Kierstead; Secretary, Mrs. J. G. Owens; Treas., Mrs. M. M. Jones.

The secretary reported the amount raised during the year by fees, dues, special collections, etc., \$204.56.

The treasurer's report was as follows: 8 quilts, 63 pajama suits, 43 hospital shirts, 55 handkerchiefs, 4 knitted face cloths, 5 pairs wristlets, 2 dozen pillow slips, 4 dozen towels, 282 pairs of socks, sent to the various calls for such articles. Also 15 pairs socks sent to the boys at the front from our own town.

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"I am," replied the red-nosed man.

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