

The Borden Government Is Always Investigating

But the Cost of Living Continues to Soar---Its Friends are Given Plenty of Time to Make Money at the Public's Expense ---Commission Appointed a Year Ago Has Not Yet Reported ---Cold Storage Friends of the Government are Being Well Looked After.

(By H. F. Gadsby.)

Ottawa, Nov. 4.—The chances are that many Canadian citizens will experience the high cost of living before the Borden Government reaches a solution of the high cost of living. In fact a solution is the last thing the Borden Government wants to reach.

Too many of their cold storage friends are on the wrong side of the question.

The high cost of living problem is at least five years old, although it has become much more acute within the last two years. The Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, it will be remembered, went out of office in September, 1911, trying to do something that would stem the increased prices. Unfortunately for the Canadian consumers, the pork packers, the cold storage operators and the food users of one kind and another rallied around the old flag—useful old flag that—and defeated the benevolent intentions of the Liberal party. Since then there has been absolutely nothing to keep the high cost of living in order.

The forestaller has had his own greedy way. The Borden Government has not even attempted to make him be good.

Always Investigating.

Of course the Government has been investigating. Investigating is one of the best and most frequent things it does. But it is never in a great hurry about these investigations. Let it be thorough. Slow and sure, like the tortoise—or better still, like the snail, or even better than that, like the glacier that moves perhaps a foot a year.

And then, after all the facts have been dug up and put back again, if they are too bad or shifted into the report, if they are only half good, why bury the report for another two years and let it go at that.

This is what the Government did with the High Cost of Living report compiled by Mr. Coates of the Labor Bureau. It took two years to get it together and another year for the book to reach the binding stage. A wonderful mass of statistics it was, but the conclusions were vague. The Government did not want any morals pointed. It rather leaned to the theory that it was the cost of high living that was being reported on. Being issued under Tory auspices, the report of course

said nothing about the effect on the high cost of living of a 40 per cent. tariff, with an anti-British preference to aggravate the difficulty. How could the report say anything about it? To do so would have been to blaspheme the fundamental doctrines of the Borden government is in power. There's no telling where it will be by the end of this year. In two years it has shot up fifteen per cent: By the law of averages we ought to have by the end of 1916—a 47 per cent. tariff, and then some. Giving the tariff another squeeze is safer than taking it out of the shell profiteers. The people are used to it—long experience has taught them to grin and bear it. But the shell moguls—well, they know how to kick.

The Privileged Classes.

Yes, next to milking the tariff, investigating the high cost of living is the best thing the Borden Government does. It is willing to keep on investigating to the end of the chapter. It hopes to be investigating when it goes out of office. The main thing is that its friends shall have plenty of time to make money at the public expense. Consequently the Borden Government could die investigating. It probably will. It certainly couldn't survive an attempt to act on what it finds out. The few friends it has left belong to the privileged classes who make the cost of living what it is and they certainly wouldn't stand for any spasms of conscience on the part of a Government that owes its existence to them.

In fact the Borden Government has to be very careful to keep these powerful but peevish persons quiet. One of them was planted in the very midst of the Economic Commission, so as to head off any mischief in that direction. This Commission—one of the eighty-six appointed by the Borden Government—has been running for over a year, but it hasn't reported yet. It may be doubted whether it ever will report. If it did report it may still be doubted whether any real knowledge would be available with the Arch Cold Storer entrenched in its very bowels. Incidentally it may add to the high cost of living that the Arch Cold Storer has one of the biggest contracts for embalmed beef for the British army placed on this continent.

Which goes to show that the laborer

is worthy of his hire even if he does perform high public duties ostensibly for nothing.

A Do Nothing Government.

Many deputations have visited Ottawa to interview the Government on the high cost of living, and to see what it couldn't do about it. All these deputations got was a hearing and perhaps a soft nothing by way of an answer. It is not the intention of the Borden government to interfere with its friends making hay while the sun shines. Moreover, the sun is going to shine for the Borden Government's food monopolizing friends as long as the Borden Government remains in office. All the Government's friends, shell makers, horse chatters, the Allison, Garlands, Fosters and the like have been allowed to do well. Why discriminate? Why put a crimp in the food manipulators? On the contrary, lay on Macduff, and damned be he who first cries halt, enough.

Enemies of the high cost of living will not take much comfort out of the fact that the committee which is to investigate, and if possible to slay the listers—Mr. Crothers, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Doherty, none of whom is personally interested in the subject.

Mr. Crothers is the Minister of Labor, but he has never known labor's hardships and vicissitudes. He is a lawyer, to whom the cost of living is nothing more than an academic question. Hunger has never pinched the Hon. Thomas—God forbid that it should—and he has, I am instructed, no little mouths to feed.

The Trades and Labor Congress, by the way, doesn't seem to fancy him as a Minister of Labor. They treat him more like a culprit than a cabinet minister. Perhaps that is the reason they treat him that way. What I mean to say is that labor treats him that way because being a culprit and being a cabinet minister in the Borden Government are one and the same thing. At any rate the labor men don't like his interpretation of the Industrial Disputes Act. His tendency, so they say, is to work it against them.

No Terrors for Bob.

The Hon. Bob Rogers has enough laid by for his old age, so that the high cost of living has no terrors for him. Faced with the high price of sirloin steak, Bob would probably say, "Why not eat chicken?"

As for the Hon. Charles Doherty, he draws two pay envelopes, one as a cabinet minister of Canada, the other as a superannuated judge of the High Court of Quebec. The high cost of living can never daunt him—he is doubly armed.

SHOT HEIFER FOR DEER.

Albert County Youth Gets Himself Into Much Trouble.

A Hopewell Hill correspondent of the Telegraph writes:

A Hillsboro boy 15 years old got himself into trouble this week by shooting a heifer belonging to a well known farmer there. The young fellow, it seems, salted down the carcass and burned the hide, but left the head where it was discovered. At the magistrate's court yesterday, where he was called to answer the charge of unlawfully killing the farmer's animal, he contended that he thought the heifer was a deer.

He got clear of the more serious charge, but will now be prosecuted for hunting deer without a license.

A REPORT VIA SAYVILLE.

Berlin, Nov. 6 (by wireless to Sayville).—In Roumania, southwest of Predeal, invading Austro-German forces yesterday captured Laemu Reight, it is announced officially. Further progress was made southeast of Rotherthum Pass.

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New York, Nov. 6.—Among the passengers on the steamship St. Louis, arriving from Liverpool today, was M. P. Grace, the well known shipping authority and head of the shipping firm of William P. Grace & Co.

Mr. Grace predicted a gradual increase in ocean freight rates, which he said will be brought about by the enormous gains Great Britain has made in steamship construction.

"Business in England," he said, "is as good as ever. Never before have people generally been so well off, for they have employment everywhere and money is plentiful in all classes."

"When I left Liverpool Great Britain had five million men under arms and she is recruiting at the rate of about a million men a year."

"Everywhere you go you find that the people have abundant confidence in the government. England has commenced building ships again very rapidly. She has time now to turn her attention to the industry and is replacing the tonnage destroyed by the war."

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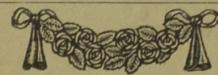
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