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nothing in the matter except to mark time, is shown by its answer to the High Cost of Living deputations which visit it ever and anon. Hope springs eternal in the human heart. These poor fellows come, perhaps, once a month to Ottawa with the idea that the Government will do something, and all the Government does is to hand out another gob of soft soap.

Of course this game can't go on forever. The deputations get wise and even good Tories begin to show anger at the bunk the Government of confidence men tries to put across.

In short, the public is in a rage and to abate that rage the Government has studied a new turn. It's latest trick is to pass the buck. Passing the buck is now one of the best things the Borden Government does. Passing the buck is an old trick—it simply means shifting the responsibility. Give it to him, says the Borden Government to a deputation asking for a lower price on bread, only to be quoted a higher price on scorpions.

Passed the Buck.

This is what happened to a Toronto deputation the other day. It came to Ottawa asking for action—something to bring meat and bacon and eggs and butter and a hundred other things to reason—the last thing, of course, the Government wanted to do. So the Government passed the buck. Bob Rogers pulled his most winning smile, also Mr. Crothers, also that double-salaried patriot, Judge Doherty—in fact, they all smiled and showed their teeth, which are in excellent condition to make short work of the High Cost of Living, but they refused to get busy. "What can we do?" they asked. "Let the municipality have a little investigation of its own. Nail the offender. Bring his name here and then we'll see."

Of course this is begging the question. The Borden Government has conducted all the investigations that are necessary. It has all the information it needs and all the power to act that can be conferred by the laws of some of the chief offenders right there on the spot in Ottawa who are supposed to save the country in an exalt-Canada. Moreover, it has the names of the chief offenders and indeed has ed capacity, but who are really there to keep an eye on their own interests.

There is no telling what a panic-stricken Government might do if that eagle eye were removed.

#### Food Monopolists Control.

A government which is owned body and soul by the food monopolizers cannot complain that it doesn't know anything about the business methods of the men who put it where it is. Ever since 1911 the Borden Government has taken orders from its masters, and the results are plain to be seen. In two jumps the tariff has gone up forty per cent, and the British preference has practically disappeared. The country is delivered, gagged and bound, to the food monopolizers to do with it what they will. What they will, now that the tariff can hardly be put up another notch, is increase prices and squeeze the consumer out of his last penny.

Prices are so high right now that many decent citizens will be only half-dressed, half-clothed and half-warm this winter, but they will go higher. The last stage of privation has not been attained yet. The food extortioners are reckoning on making several more squeezes before the Borden Government gets what is coming to it at the next general election.

Wages, apparently high, are really low, considering the price of commodities and the value of the dollar. No matter what the workingman earns, the Borden Government's food monopolizing friends reckon to take it all out of him. His wages don't really belong to him. They pass from pocket to hand—to the hand that feeds him at prices which are in many cases higher than in War-stricken Europe.

Will Mark Time.

That the Government aims to do

## PASSING THE BUCK IS GOVERNMENT'S LATEST TRICK

**Usurers and Other Human Hogs Who Corner Food Products Are Quite Safe Under Borden Rule—No Serious Attempt made to reduce the Burdens of the People—Rogers, Crothers and Doherty Appointed a Committee to Jolly the Thing Along Until Next Election.**

(By H. F. Gadsby.)

Ottawa, Nov. 10.—As time passes it becomes more and more evident that the High Cost of Living is largely the High Cost of Lethargy on the part of those in authority. The Borden Government has, or should have, at this moment, three reports on the High Cost of Living, but acts on none of them.

One very exhaustive report in two large volumes drawn up by Mr. Coates, the Dominion Statistician, before the war changed the face of affairs, was printed in blue book form a year after the war started. The Economic Commission, of which Mr. J. W. Flavelle, captain of the great meat packing industry of Canada, and chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board, is a leading member, was started out on a similar quest about a year ago, but so far nothing has been heard from it. Silence gives consent, as it were. The third report collected by the late Dr. C. C. James, Professor Maclean and Mr. R. W. Coates, three of the most expert investigators in Canada, must be in hand now, but it has not seen the light yet.

Flavelle in the Way.

Granted that the Economic Commission has not yet lifted up its voice and doesn't intend to, so long as Mr. Flavelle is in its midst, the Government still possesses two reports on the High Cost of Living which must supply the requisite data for a comparison of before the war and since the war prices.

In a word, the Government has plenty of information to go ahead on and the only thing that lacks now is the willingness to legislate against the forestallers and food monopolizers who are the Government's chief friends.

The Borden Government can't plead that it has no power to regulate prices without the ratification of Parliament,

because it took this plenary power at the beginning of the war with the full consent of Parliament and people.

There is reason to believe that the Government assumed this power, not to regulate its friends, the food monopolizers, but to head off further attempts on the part of Parliament to get at the offenders.

As long as the Government has the power to put a stop to the evil and fails to do so, the food usurers are quite safe, because nobody else has the power to touch them.

Jollying It Along.

Sooner than make use of the powers of high, low and middle justice, which reside in it, sooner than make its forestalling friends behave, the Government, ignoring the mass of information already in its possession, appoints a cabinet committee, consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Crothers and Doherty, to conduct another dilatory and indifferent investigation into the high cost of living, which it confidently hopes will outlast its tenure of existence, if not the period of the war.

The cabinet trio may be relied on to jolly the thing along until the final catastrophe. After us the deluge—such is the motto of the Borden Government. It realizes that its days are numbered. Wherefore it intends to have a good time and moreover to allow the High Cost of Living kings who put it where it is, to have a good time too. So far as the High Cost of Living kings are concerned, their idea of a good time is to bleed the people white.

When the Borden Government goes out of office it will be found that a comparatively small group of human hogs have got all the money in the country.



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ARE BLONDES SCARCE?

Authorities Scoff at British Assertion That There are Fewer Blondes.

(Philadelphia Bulletin.)

Large employers of women in this city and heads of hospitals, where detailed birth statistics are kept, are inclined to scoff at a despatch from London which states that blondes are becoming extinct and that not only are more brunettes born in the British Isles, but that infants of dark complexion grow to be stronger and more efficient women.

"I don't believe there is any truth in the statement," said the head of a local hospital. "The English and Irish and Scotch are essentially fair haired races and the preponderance of blondes is still in the ratio of 2½ to one, according to my latest information."

Of three men whose job it is to hire thousands of girls each year and to "fire" quite a few also, one said there was no noticeable difference between the working ability of blondes and brunettes, though all agreed that brunettes were inclined to be romantic and less attentive to the work in hand.

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EXTENSION OF SEWERAGE.

Soldiers Have Begun Work on the Extension along Woodstock Road.

A working party of seventy-five men of the 236th Highlanders began work today on the extension of the city's sewerage system along the Woodstock Road from the corner of Odell avenue to the Old Government House.

At the Exhibition Buildings the work on the new sanitary building has been completed. A fire hydrant is to be installed in the middle of the grounds.

A PLEASING SURPRISE.

If you are sore and aching from a sprain, strain, burns, bruises, or muscular rheumatism, it is extremely pleasing to learn, after you have secured something advertised to relieve your particular affliction, that not only have you obtained a preparation that is excellent for external use, but also one you can safely and unhesitatingly take inwardly for coughs, colds, sore throat, cramps, chills, etc., if necessary to have its soothing and healing qualities go direct to the seat of an internal trouble. Most liniments for example, have only one value—external use—but in the case, say, of the well known Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, the double value—internal and external use—is there. This splendid preparation, from the prescription of an erstwhile old family physician, has been humanity's staunch friend for over 100 years, and its great army of users, thankful for its wonderful virtue, feel that Johnson's Anodyne Liniment—the double value liniment—is "an angel in disguise."

**Doctor Tells How to Strengthen Eyesight 50 per cent. in One Week's Time in Many Instances.**

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Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 6.—Do you wear glasses? Are you a victim of eye strain or other eye weaknesses? If so, you will be glad to know that, according to Dr. Lewis there is real hope for you. Many whose eyes were failing say they have had their eyes restored through the principle of this wonderful free prescription. One man says, after trying it: "I was almost blind; could not see to read at all. Now I can read everything without any glasses, and my eyes do not water any more. At night they would pain dreadfully; now they feel fine all the time. It was like a miracle to me." A lady who used it says: "The atmosphere seemed hazy with or without glasses, but after using this prescription for fifteen days everything seems clear. I can even read fine print without glasses." It is believed that thousands who wear glasses can now discard them in a reasonable time and multitudes more will be able

to strengthen their eyes so as to be spared the trouble and expenses of ever getting glasses. Eye troubles of many descriptions may be wonderfully benefited by following the simple rules. Here is the prescription: Go to any active drug store and get a bottle of Bon-Opto tablets. Drop one Bon-Opto tablet in a fourth of a glass of water and allow to dissolve. With this liquid bathe the eyes two to four times daily. You should notice your eyes clear up perceptibly right from the start, and inflammation will quickly disappear. If your eyes are bothering you, even a little, take steps to save them now before it is too late. Many hopelessly blind might have been saved if they had cared for their eyes in time.

A prominent City Physician to whom the above article was submitted, says: "Bon-Opto is a very good remedy for eye troubles and is widely recommended by the medical profession." You can order Bon-Opto by mail from the Valmas Drug Co., Toronto, if your druggist has none in stock.

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