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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 unflinching 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.

GROSS MISMANAGEMENT.

The Federal Government is undoubtedly entitled to a measure of credit for its attitude towards the prosecution of the war. In sober truth, though, it had no choice. The overwhelming sentiment of the Canadian people, Tory and Liberal alike, was to give our last man and our last dollar in support of the Empire. The Government merely interpreted correctly the wishes of the people. In war times most men's minds are in a state of chaos, and war business is usually transacted in a rush and hurry. Mistakes consequently are inevitable and likewise more or less extravagance. We are prepared, therefore, to overlook much so long as the general results are good, but it is asking too much to expect us to applaud the administration of the Militia Department by Sir Sam Hughes. There is an old saying that one cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, nor can one expect good business administration from a mercurial ego who works like the proverbial bull in a china shop. It is our firm belief that out of every three dollars which has been spent by Canada on the war, at least one dollar has been wasted. Evidence in support of this is overwhelming, to wit: The Ross rifle, for which millions upon millions were spent, has been discarded; the Eaton Machine Gun Battery, towards which the Government contributed a quarter of a million dollars, in addition to the private contributions, is quite useless and stands wrapped up in its tarpaulins not "somewhere in France," but in one of the English camps; the Oliver Equipment, bought by the hundreds of thousands, is unfit for active service; and there is the case of the rotten boots, the graft in binoculars, bandages, horses and medicines. There is also the silly, though perhaps sentimental thing like the "shield shovel," patented by Sir Sam's lady stenographer. Camp Borden and all its extravagance stares the country in the face as a huge blunder. The people of the country, including a great many of the thinking followers of Sir Robert Borden, will never forgive him for tolerating Sir Sam Hughes and keeping him in his cabinet.

A BELATED APPEAL.

Premier Borden has at last made an appeal to the people of Canada to aid in enlistment for the war. The Toronto Star of last Thursday had a timely article showing the Premier's delay in this matter, when it said:

"Up to October 11 the total number of Canadian casualties in the war had been 52,026. Up to date, October 19, the war has been in progress two years two months, two weeks and two days. And yet in all that time there has been such pitiful weakness and lack of aggressive purpose on the part of the Prime Minister that up to the present hour the Government of Canada has made no appeal to the men of Canada

to enlist for the war.

"Although urged for over two years to make such a call and throw all the official national influence into the scale in favor of enlistment, the government has, ever and always, somehow escaped the actual making of any such call. The government has formally authorized others from time to time, to raise such forces as they clamored for the privilege of raising. The government has always paused there. It has used no pressure in favor of enlistment. It has used no influence in favor of it. The earlier pronouncements of its authorized spokesmen were, on the contrary, discouraging—they said, in fact, more men were offering than were needed.

"Even now, when it seems no longer possible for the government to preserve its two-year-old policy of neutrality between the hot enthusiasm of the volunteer and the fish-like coldness of the slacker—even now the government nervously suggests that 'a united appeal be made by the representatives of the two political parties,' as if the making of such an appeal were some desperately dangerous political hazard which the party in office is afraid to face the responsibility of taking. It is a pitiful confession of the fears that have tormented a weak administration for two years past, during which time the country needed, if it ever did, or ever will, courage at the helm.

"And in this cause, which a timid government has feared to support with its official voice, its authority and influence, in urging enlistments, the sons of the country have already suffered 52,000 casualties."

Hon. Sydney Fisher handed out a few plain truths on matters connected with recruiting in Quebec in a speech at Ottawa on Thursday. He declared that there had been lack of leadership and mismanagement, and placed the blame where it belongs—on the shoulders of the Borden Government. Hon. Mr. Fisher wants to know why General Lessard, a brilliant French Canadian officer, who won distinction in South Africa, was not placed in charge of recruiting in Quebec and given a free hand. The reason is not far to seek, General Lessard is a Liberal in politics and does not toady to Sir Sam Hughes. For this reason he is not allowed to go to the front or take an active part in recruiting, but is sent off to Ontario, where there is nothing for him to do.

Halifax Recorder: While Sir Robert Borden is inviting Sir Wilfrid Laurier to co-operate with him in recruiting, the Toronto Mail and Empire, the Toronto News and the Halifax Herald, describe Sir Wilfrid Laurier as a man whose assistance ought to be rejected.

Through Our Sieve

No man ever surprised a woman by telling her he loved her.

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With potatoes at \$3.50 and perhaps \$4 a barrel, you don't hear anything about pulling the farmer's leg.

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The Kaiser at the western front urged his men to fight for honor. As T. Atkins says, men always fight for what they haven't got.

When Greece decides to go to war it won't have army and navy or much else to take. The Allies have appropriated about all that Greece has.

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Brunswick Street Baptist. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Rev. I. W. Williamson, of Wolfville, N. S., will preach at both services. Bible school at 2.30 p. m.

Methodist Church. Rev. T. Marshall, pastor. 10 a. m., prayer meeting; 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., service. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. All seats free; all welcome.

George Street Baptist. Rev. J. E. Wilson, pastor. Prayer meeting at 10 a. m., public worship at 11 a. m., subject "Living for a Purpose," and at 7 p. m., subject "The Problem of Judas." Sunday school at 2.30. A welcome to all.

Reformed Baptist. Rev. H. C. Archer, pastor. Preaching on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sabbath school at 2.30 p. m.; prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. All are welcome.

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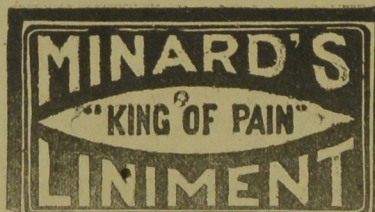
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