

Why Sir Clifford Sifton Has no Love for Sir Wilfrid

Was Put Out of the Liberal Cabinet in 1906 for Good and Sufficient Reasons---Now Anxious to Secure Baronetcy and Live in England---No Doubt as to His Financial Qualifications---Arthur Hawkes on the Job as Tin Bugler.

(By H. F. Gadsby.)

Ottawa, Aug. 11. — Big Business is again using Sir Clifford Sifton as a decoy as it did in 1911. Sir Clifford makes a good decoy because he still wears his label Liberal although he ceased to be one years ago. In the last analysis Sir Clifford is a knight who is looking forward to a baronetcy. He will found a family and live in England when he will get the deference due to rank and station.

Sir Clifford does not let more than one-quarter of his mind dwell on Canada and its affairs. The other three-quarters of his mind is on England and his career in the peerage, where he expects ultimately to make as great a success as Max Aitken, now Lord Beaverbrook.

He Hates Laurier.

The one quarter of Sir Clifford's mind which is accustomed to dwell on Canadian affairs is mostly occupied with hatred of Sir Wilfrid Laurier who let him out of his cabinet in 1905 for good and sufficient reasons. Ever since that time Sir Clifford has hated the Old Chief with his whole soul. This hate has grown with years because Sir Wilfrid never made any motion to take him back into his confidence. Hell hath no fury like Clifford Sifton scorned.

Allowed to Resign.

It is passing strange that Sir Clifford should hate Sir Wilfrid Laurier so because the Old Chief was never anything but kind to him. It was only when his faults became too glaring

that Sir Clifford was allowed to resign and then with regret. Although Sir Clifford has been a failure politically, he has been a great success as a business man. He came to Ottawa as poor as a church mouse in 1896 and he is now said to have Croesus looking like thirty cents in rubber money. Much of his wealth synchronized with his regime as Minister of the Interior. During that period immigrants poured into Canada by hundreds of thousands and the Yukon gold fields and liquor concessions were opened up. Sir Clifford shared in that era of prosperity. As the Financial Post — one of the organs of Big Business — aptly remarks he "has made millions in real estate and elsewhere"—mark that elsewhere—but his sources of wealth indicate great vision, a confidence in the future of Canada. In other words Sir Clifford who, like Sir Joseph Flavelle, works without salary, when he works in public interest simply takes what he can get. A peep into Sir Joseph Flavelle's profits in bacon shows us that gratuitous service pays well.

Not a Poor Man.

It is the same way with Sir Clifford Sifton. The laborer is worthy of his hire and the more worthy he is the more he grabs off. Sir Clifford has not come out of public life a poor man. No one would expect Sir Clifford to do so. He is chairman of the Conservation Commission. Having made a good deal out of our natural resources Sir Clifford is now willing to conserve them. Rumor has it that Sir Clifford has made three million dollars in wheat and horses since the war began. Having made that much out of the war he is now ready to win it. This shows great moderation on Sir Clifford's part—if he had been like other men he would

have tried to go milking the war cow after the udder had run dry. Sir Clifford always knows when to quit—which is when there is no more to get.

A Man of Leisure.

Sir Clifford, as the Financial Post says, has enjoyed a well earned leisure ever since 1911. What the Financial Post means that nobody asked him back into public life, not even the Conservatives whom he helped to win in 1911. They were afraid of Sir Clifford. He was too clever for them. Now he is obliged to ask himself back. During all the years Sir Clifford has been out of public life his animating motive has been hatred of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He fed that hate fat in 1911 when he fought Laurier and reciprocity and delivered this country into the hands of the food pirates, and now he is trying to feed it again in 1917. Such is the impulse behind Sir Clifford's alleged patriotism—nothing better than a personal grudge.

Opposed Reciprocity.

What did Sir Clifford do in 1911? Well, using "no truck or trade with the Yankees" as his slogan, he recanted his free trade doctrines, fought reciprocity, organized Canada against the Laurier government, defeated the Old Chief and incidentally handed Canada over body, bones and breeches to the food exploiters like Sir Joseph Flavelle, who have doubled the cost of living in seven years and bled the people of this country of the last cent for the necessities of life. That was Sir Clifford's great feat in 1911—that and the downfall of Sir Wilfrid Laurier as prime minister of Canada. Sir Wilfrid's defeat was a moral triumph—he went down on a bed-rock

CHATHAM MAN LOSES SECOND SON IN THE WAR

Chatham, N. B., Aug. 13. — A deep gloom was cast over the community today when it became known that Gunner Mac Fraser, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Fraser, was officially reported killed in action. This is the second son to fall in the cause of right and freedom, their eldest son, Lieut. Archibald Fraser, having fallen about seven months ago. Mac enlisted in Fredericton with the 28th Field Battery and was a student at the University of New Brunswick at the time. He had been wounded about a year ago but recovered and returned to his unit at the front. One brother, Lieut. Brydson J., went overseas with the 16th Battalion of the first C.E.F., serving through the early portion of the war with that unit for two years. He returned home, was granted a commission and is now on the headquarters staff, Winnipeg. The parents survive, besides two brothers, Roderick of Renfrew, Ont., and Lieut. Brydson J., and four sisters—Marion, Edna, Dorothy, all at home, and Mrs. H. Gordon Loggie, of Peterboro, Ont.

ECONOMY IN WHEAT.

Canada and the United States must cut down their normal wheat consumption by 160,000,000 bushels to meet the needs of Great Britain and the Allies. Hon. W. J. Hanna, Canadian Food Controller, estimates that to feed Great Britain, France and the other Allies, and the men at the front, will require 1,105,000,000 bushels of wheat. This means that at least 460,000,000 will have to be imported from Canada and the United States. There will be under normal consumption in these two countries only 300,000,000 bushels surplus for export, and so by special efforts of food conservation the people of Canada and the United States will have to make up a shortage of 160,000,000 bushels.

Liberal principle, freer trade, cheaper food for the common people.

Handled the Boodle.

When Sir Clifford set out to stab his party in 1911 he did it in no half-hearted way. No indeed. He handled the campaign fund for the big interests, distributed where it would do the most good—or most evil—and made a special point of wrecking the Laurier cabinet individually and collectively. He succeeded all too well. He waved the Old Flag with one hand until the people forgot what the other hand was working for. The people had to learn their bitter lesson through short rations and famine prices. They are fully awake now to the fact that Sir Clifford diddle them in 1911 and he can hardly do it again. The people always have to learn by experience it is their noble weakness to believe that a big man cannot tell anything but the truth. The voice of the people may be the voice of God but mind of the people is often that of a twelve year old child. Otherwise they could not be deceived by the smooth words of a Sir Clifford Sifton. To be deceived twice by the same person would show that they had no mind at all.

"Win the War."

In 1911 Sir Clifford Sifton used "no truck or trade with the Yankees" to deliver this country over to the big interests. He also used Arthur Hawkes to excite the British born. In 1917 Sir Clifford Sifton uses two cries, "win the war" and "union government" with the same object in view—namely to tie the country up to Big Business again. He issues a manifesto to the effect that the Borden government is no good but he does not dwell on that thought very long. Fully three-quarters of the manifesto is occupied with invidious remarks about Sir Wilfrid Laurier—his old bete noir. Sir Clifford lacks the art to conceal his real feelings.

Hawkes on Deck.

Strangely enough, Sir Clifford Sifton is again using Arthur Hawkes as his little tin bugle in Ontario. This chartered crusader who has been in turn, Liberal, anti-reciprocity, Conservative, Canada First and Bonne entente is now in favor of winning the war by fighting the Plains of Abraham all over again if necessary, unionizing the government and making Sir Clifford Sifton prime minister. The old outfit is working together again and Canada had better keep both eyes open.

Wants to Be Premier.

Sir Clifford is getting some assistance in Ontario from certain disguised Tories who are posing as win-the-war Liberals with union government as the immediate object. What they want to win is not the war but a toe hold for some pet in the union government of which Sir Clifford aims to be premier. The conspiracy is further assisted by an alliance of newspaper



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"This proposal was made at the time when the armies of both sides had already crossed the frontier and when it seemed out of the question to call a halt to events. The emperor could therefore only have his thanks conveyed to President Wilson for his offer and thereby remarked that while the present moment was too early for mediating by the neutral powers the president's friendly proposal might later be referred to."

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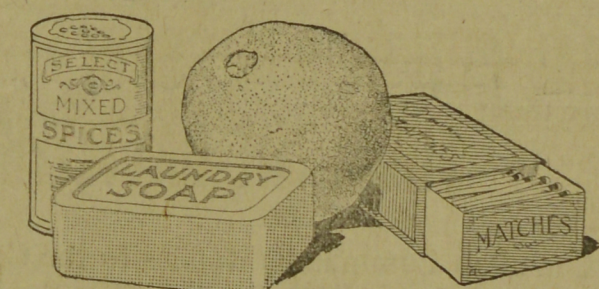
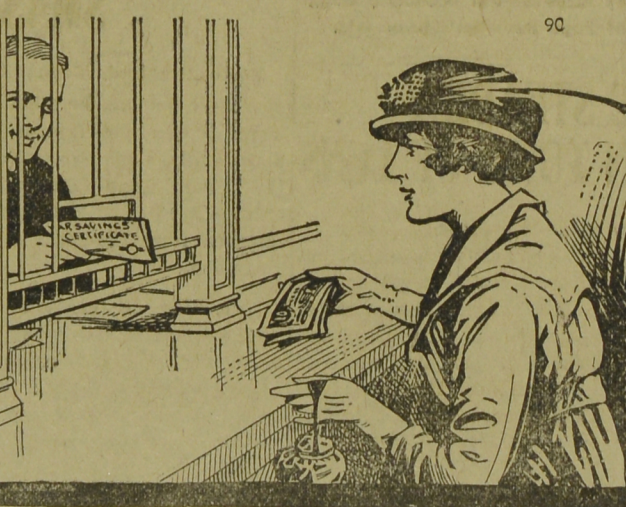
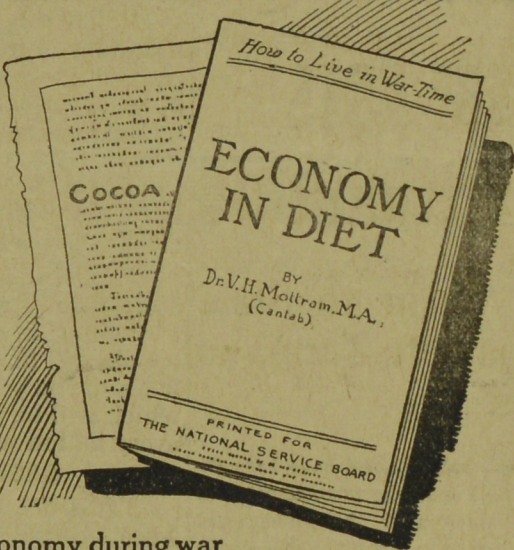
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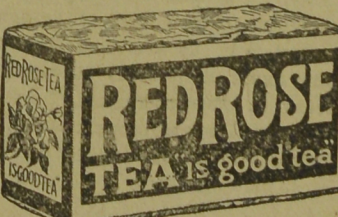
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