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SIR SAM HUGHES AND R. B. BENNETT IN A SCRAP

Temperature of Tory Politicians at Ottawa Seems to go up With the Mercury -- Sir Sam Took a Fling at His Ancient Enemy Sir George Perley and was Rounded up by the Chinook Wind From Calgary.

Ottawa, Aug. 13 — The Commons, today, got an unlovely glimpse of the administration of the militia department at home and overseas under the Borden government. The illumination came principally through a clash between Sir Sam Hughes, the ex-minister of militia who knows the inside workings of the cabinet, and R. B. Bennett, the director of the futile national service subterfuge.

Sir Sam Hughes scored the incompetence of Sir George Perley, the overseas minister and stated that he secured and held his position because of "personal friendship" to the premier. If it was merely necessary to provide a place for Sir George Perley, declared the doughty ex-minister, "it should be possible to find for him an ornamental position where he would not be a menace to the nation."

Sir Sam's fellow Conservative from Calgary rounded upon him. Sir Sam had confessed that he merely "tolerated" General Gwatkin, whom he alleged to be inefficient and had no more to do with the mobilization of the first contingent "than that page boy standing beside you, Mr. Speaker." Mr. Bennett was equally eloquent and equally acrimonious. He defended General Gwatkin by attacking General Hughes.

Gwatkin was a man, said the Calgary Conservative, who "got his work done without crying from the house-tops and without travelling from ocean to ocean." When the history of the war was written, Gwatkin would get credit for much "now claimed by another man"—with a steely and direct glare at the ex-minister of militia. Gwatkin was not trotting around the streets "making every other man he met an honorary colonel."

Liberals' Trenchant Criticism.

It was a humiliating spectacle, necessitating more than once the interposition of the Speaker of the house and at least one withdrawal from Mr. Bennett. During the row Liberals for the most part sat back and looked on but the opposition benches were vigorous and telling in their sharp and trenchant and sharp criticism of the measure before the house—the bill providing for the appointment of an overseas minister of militia (Sir George Perley) and parliamentary secretary of the department of militia (Mr. F. B. McCurdy) and a parliamentary under secretary of state (Col. Hugh Clark) the appointments and salaries to be retroactive and without any appeal to the electors by by-election. Sir Geo. Preley, whose salary was fixed at \$7,000 per annum, and Mr. McCurdy, whose salary was fixed at \$5,000 per annum, have announced their intention of declining the remuneration. Col. Hugh Clark is also slated by the bill for a \$5,000 per annum salary.

Liberal criticism of the measure, apart from the unconstitutional procedure of avoiding the independence of parliament act by bestowing remuneration upon members without an appeal to their constituents at a by-election, was centred upon two points. It condemned the proposal to have a military administration of which there were three separate and distinct heads as cluttering the department with needless officialdom, needless expense and needless confusion in direction. They scored the Col. Hugh Clark appointment on the ground that the duties the member for North Bruce was designed primarily to perform were the writing and the preparation of Conservative campaign literature. For this, Liberals charged, the country was to be assessed his stipend of \$5,000 per annum.

In Line With Policy.

D. D. MacKenzie commented on the serious charge which had been made that Col. Hugh Clark was really engaged in writing Conservative literature and slandering the Liberal party. Mr. MacKenzie thought it was not just to the country that it should be taxed to pay Col. Clark for muckraking against the Liberals. The whole business, he said, was in line with the government's policy in buying up men and papers to defend it and to attack the Liberals.

"The government had bought the Halifax Herald," he said. "Does anyone think for a moment that the gentleman who owned the Halifax Herald would have been made a senator were it not for the fact that he owned the paper? By buying the Herald the prime minister had to take this appendage with it. The same thing hap-

pened in Cape Breton. The Sydney Post, a good Tory paper, had to be bought. It was in deep debt. It was staked on the authority of the gentleman who bought it that it was \$95,000, stated on the authority of the gentleman the Tory party. The paper, however, was bought and with it the same sort of appendage as in the case of the Halifax Herald.

"In line with all that comes the bill now before us. If the prime minister appoints one man to office and there is another who is looking for it, something must be done for that person as well.

"It is said that the member for Queens-Shelburne (Mr. McCurdy) wanted to be Speaker. But the member for Cumberland (Mr. Rhodes) was appointed, so the member for Queens-Shelburne was made parliamentary secretary to the militia department. The member for Centre Bruce (Colonel Clark) was going around the country saying he had the promise of the prime minister that he was to be appointed minister of militia. But the present minister was appointed after the former one had been kicked out, so the disgruntled and disappointed member for Centre Bruce was appointed parliamentary secretary for external affairs. The country has to stand the brunt and pay the money."

Arranging Soldiers' Vote.

Early in the day the minister of justice presented a new bill to provide for the taking of the soldiers' votes overseas which was given first reading with little discussion. All distinctions of age, sex and of race are to be wiped out at the front, and all fighters in the trenches and the nurses are to be given the franchise. The balloting will begin in the trenches in advance of the election day at home, and the votes will be counted overseas to be added later to the result in the proper constituency by a general returning officer. In order to have the voting at the front carried on in advance, nomination day in Canada will precede election day by four weeks. A significant answer was given in the house tonight when the prime minister was asked if the minister of militia was quoted correctly in a recent speech stating that conscription would be enforced "without delay."

The answer was "Quite correct."

Conditions Changed Since 1915.

In introducing the measure, Hon. Mr. Doherty said that the purpose of the bill was to make complete provision for the taking of the soldiers' vote during the war in a more complete form than was provided in the original bill. Since the legislation of 1915 conditions had altogether changed and what was sufficient then was not sufficient today, while the conditions of the war would make it impossible to afford the security necessary for securing the vote here.

In taking the soldier vote overseas now, said Hon. Mr. Doherty, provision had to be made for taking five or six times as many votes as were considered when the original legislation was passed. Further than that the conditions of safety of navigation between this country and overseas had been seriously interfered with. In view of this serious condition modifications to the original measure had been necessary and in view of this it was thought better to present an entirely new act rather than an amending bill.

The bill, apart from making changes to meet these altered military conditions makes some changes in the condition of the military vote.

"It is proposed," said Hon. Mr. Doherty, "to include all soldiers and persons in the military and naval service of Canada and those in the imperial service who were enrolled in Canada, but whose service is such that they can be available for the vote for instance, the aerial service."

All Serving Must Vote.

It was, he said, a matter of taking the vote, not merely of providing the vote, and it would not be easy to get the voter here and there and wherever he might be. Considerable thought, he said, had been given to providing opportunities so that every person serving in the war should be able to record his vote, but the government would be open to receive any suggestion looking to further assistance in obtaining that object.

"It is intended," continued Hon. Mr. Doherty, "to do away with the distinction between the soldier that is of age and the soldier who is not and also to

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Hon. Mr. Marcell—"What about the French reservists with the Canadian forces?"

Hon. Mr. Doherty replied that this question had been considered but the bill did not provide to give them the vote, owing to impossibility of getting the machinery necessary for such an operation, although it was recognized that it was desirable that they should be given the vote.

The bill to provide a salary of \$7,000 for Sir George Perley, overseas minister of militia, and salaries of \$5,000 each for R. B. Bennett and Col. Hugh Clark, under secretaries was next taken up and provoked an acrimonious discussion. Liberal members attacked the measure on the ground that it was a direct violation of the independence of Parliament act. Sir Sam Hughes also had some criticism to offer.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT.

The Assessment Roll of the City of Fredericton, for the year 1917, is now in the hands of the City Treasurer for collection, and all persons herein assessed are hereby required to pay the amount of their respective taxes forthwith to the City Treasurer, at his office in the City Hall, Fredericton. A discount of 5 per cent. will be allowed on all taxes paid in on or before Tuesday, August 21st next after which execution may be issued and proceedings had thereon as by law provided. Interest at the rate of one half of one per cent. per month, will be charged on all taxes unpaid after August 21st, 1917.

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