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Pointed Paragraphs

Eupid can see a silver lining of a dark cloud.

A hot temper warps a man's better judgment.

He who starts out to meet trouble has a short journey.

But it is more blessed to receive than to give away.

We realize the hardness of this world step on a banana skin.

When a woman's age begins to tell on her, she just can't make it shut up.

When an intelligent cook makes a mistake he fixes things so that another gets the blame.

The chap who always tells the truth is apt to tell nine unpleasant ones out of a possible ten.

Were some people to talk of only what they really know they would have no need of language.

It isn't necessary for a woman to be an artist to draw men's attention. A perky feather will answer.

THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT PROTECTS BIG INTERESTS

Will Not Allow Them to Have Competition in the Business of Shell Making—Transcona Shops Will Not be Used as Suggested by D. A. Thomas.

(By H. F. Gadsby.)

Ottawa, Dec. 23—No surprise is expressed here at the government refusal to turn the Transcona shops into a national munition factory which, besides cutting private profits out to a considerable extent, would furnish a reasonable price standard for army contractors.

It has been a matter of common knowledge for months that these four million dollar shops belonging to the people of Canada had been handed over to a private company capitalized at fifty thousand, in which one of the leading members of an old side kick of the Hon. Frank Cochrane's in Northern Ontario. The only new thing about the case is the publication of the facts.

From the time the war started the Borden government, like Pharaoh, hardened its heart, and far from treating the deadly peril of the British empire as a national crisis, proceeded to handle it as a strictly party affair. On that basis, England has spent some half billion dollars in Canada, all of which has been distributed among party friends. Let the galled jade wince, our withers are unwrung—that was the attitude of the Borden government towards the dear old Mother Country, at least as far as army contracts were concerned.

ENGLAND OBJECTED.

Naturally, a time came when England objected to paying through the nose for war supplies simply to keep

he Borden government's friends sweet, and D. A. Thomas, and later on Mr. Hichens, were despatched to Canada, their object being to put it to Premier Borden if GREAT BRITAIN DIDN'T HAVE A RIGHT TO EXPECT MORE FROM ALL THIS JOVE TALK THAN THE HIGHEST PRICE FOR SHELLS THAT THE TRAFFIC WOULD BEAR. They also suggested that the Shell Committee, as then constructed, was a pirates' lair, which ought to be broken up, though of course, they used more careful language. The premier promised to look into the matter but postponed doing so and it was only when British war orders began to drop off that the reorganization of the Shell Committee was actively undertaken. In short, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Hichens did a little squeezing on their own account, shut off the supply at the source and deprived the bloodsuckers of their nourishment. After that, the Shell Committee decided to be good and since then they have not tried to crowd the mourners.

SET IN ITS WAYS.

It took sixteen months to effect this change of heart in the Shell Committee and it will probably take another sixteen months to convince the government that thimblerrigging British shells for the profit of their party friends is no game for true patriots. When Mr. Thomas and Mr. Hichens suggested that the Transcona shops

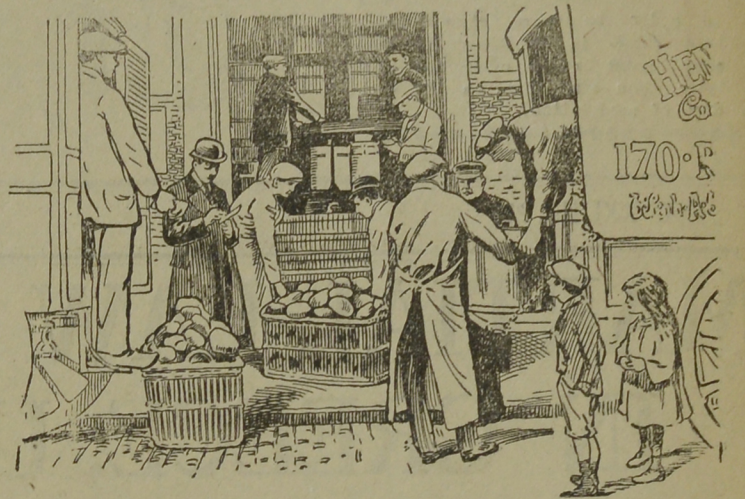
be used as a national munition factory on a rock-bottom cost price basis for shells they might as well have saved their breath. They were talking to a government terribly set in its way, A GOVERNMENT CONVINCED THAT THE GREATEST WAR IN HISTORY WAS TO BE HANDLED AS A GIGANTIC WINDFALL FOR THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, AND WHO HAD HANDLED IT THAT WAY FOR OVER A YEAR. It was not likely that they would be swayed by any altruistic proposals from a brace of Lloyd-George ambassadors. Under ordinary circumstances they didn't like Lloyd-George anyway, and the war wasn't going to make any difference. So Mr. Thomas and Mr. Hichens didn't get much more than a stepmother's welcome.

HUNGRY MIDDLEMEN.

It can hardly be escaped Messrs. Thomas and Hichens that they were asking the government to go against its whole previous policy. From the very start the Canadian war contracts were awarded with a view, not to reaching the producer directly and getting the lowest price, but to greasing as many middlemen as possible. In one case, the binoculars, there were exactly eight middlemen between the manufacturer and the consumer—and all took a good bite. Wherever a middleman or two could be worked into a contract the government went out of its way to get them. It believed in laying up treasures of gratitude against the next general election—a practice which it continues to this day. Mr. Fallis, M.P.P., being the latest patriot to come between the Peel county farmers and the horses they had to sell to the government. Mr. Fallis butted in to the extent of three thousand dollars but he sees nothing wrong in it because horse dealing is his business and not a finicky delicacy about making money out of the universal misfortune. Besides, who was Mr. Fallis to consider himself better than the Borden government, which had acted along on the theory that the war was being waged less for humanity than for the middleman?

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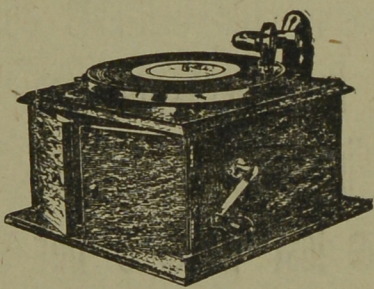
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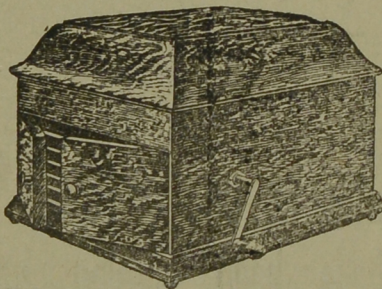


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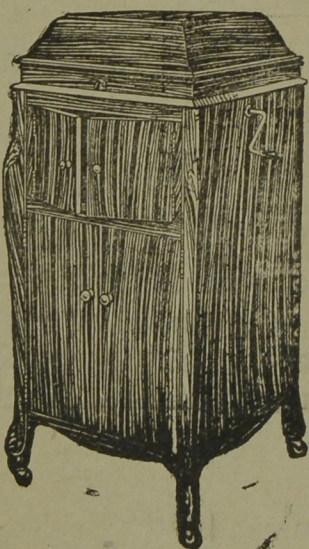
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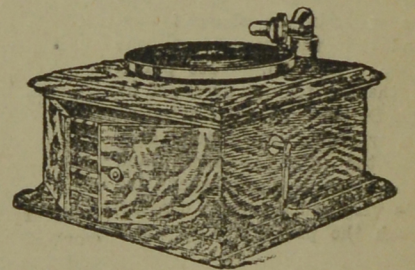
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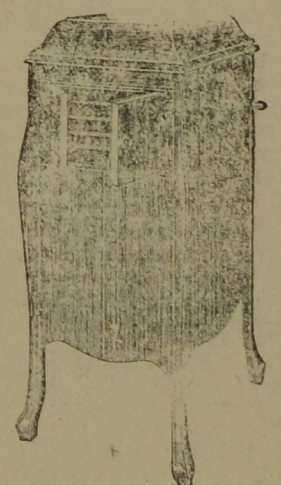
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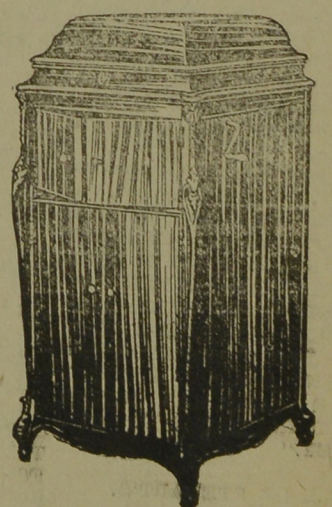
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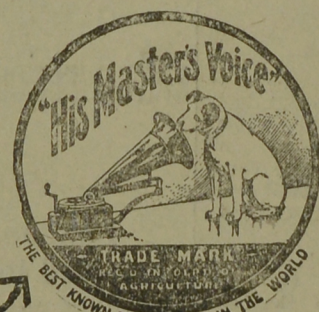
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