

Which? Put Yourself for a Moment in the Place of the Kaiser. Which Would You Regard as the More Favorable to Hohenzollern Success--the Manifesto of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, or that of the Union Government of Canada?

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## ARE THESE HANDS CLEAN?

It is quite evident the Patriot has become greatly excited over the profting disclosure made in yesterday's Guardian. It will be noted that the Guardian did not refer to the transaction as graft, though the Patriot does. In this particular instance profiteering was undoubtedly the main offence. The Patriot and its friends have been denouncing Sir W. Flavelle for profiteering by making a profit of two-fifths of a cent on every pound of bacon by a private firm to the public. In the Warburton case we had a friend of the Government making a secret deal with the Government whereby he made a profit of from 500 to 600 per cent. If it is wrong and worthy of condemnation by the Patriot for Flavelle to make a profit of 80 per cent. in the public market in open competition, surely it is much more heinous for a private individual to make a profit of the government of from seven to eight times as much and without competition.

Our contemporary in extenuation of the exorbitant profiteering says Mr. Warburton built a causeway? What has become of that causeway? It is not visible now and surely if it were built some trace of it would be left. The Patriot also alleges that the price for the whole shore front for military purposes was referred to arbitrators who gave the award for \$13,035. This is the first public intimation of the matter being referred to arbitration and why should arbitrators have been called in when we have an Exchequer Court to hear such claims? Why avoid the Exchequer Court? Is it not a fact that the Exchequer Court hearing the claim for railway land damages very ruthlessly cut down Mr. Warburton's claim for damages? This may have been the reason why the case went to arbitration. However, who were the arbitrators, where did they sit, and whom did they call?

With regard to Mr. Sinclair, we do not think his going on a commission a crime, but he has been so severe upon anyone drawing government pay we thought it might be as well to show that he was not above going on a junketing trip himself when opportunity came his way. But when the Patriot says that Mr. Sinclair's expenses were paid but no allowances for his time, that statement is absolutely incorrect or else the Auditor General's report is incorrect, for these items are given by the Auditor General re the expenses of Mr. Sinclair on this Swine Commission.

June 14-Sept 2, 81 days @ \$5.00 per day, and \$555.81 expenses ..... \$960.81  
The Patriot will have to explain this away to its readers the best way possible.

## WINNERS IN GUARDIAN CONTEST

**Mrs. W. A. Cumming Wins McLaughlin Automobile.**  
**Miss Hattie Huestis Wins Willis Piano.**  
**Mrs. H. S. Hinton Wins The Victrola.**  
**Mr. A. E. Jenkins Wins Sleigh, Harness and Robe.**

The above are the prize winners in the Guardian's subscription contest which closed at 8 o'clock Saturday night, the final count of the votes being made by two well-known business men of Charlottetown. Mr. A. Irwin, King's Printer, and Mr. Geo. W. Harrison, Mgr. Canadian Bank of Commerce.

The contest created much interest from the time of its institution eight weeks ago until the close Saturday night. All of the winners worked hard, but some of them were severely handicapped by the storm which was on for several days in some of the districts. The only regret is that the Guardian can not award an automobile to each one of the contestants. However, each contestant will be amply rewarded for his or her work.

The Guardian has increased its circulation very materially by the contest and wishes to thank the contestants for the interest each of them took in the contest. All candidates who remained active until the close of the contest will receive a ten per cent. commission on all subscriptions turned in during the campaign and the prize winners will receive their prizes at once.

**MISS MAE McQUEEN WINS \$25.00 FOR NOMINATING THE FIRST PRIZE WINNER.**

The prizes are as follows:  
1. McLaughlin Touring Car.  
2. \$400 Willis Piano.  
3. \$255 Victrola.  
4. \$135 Sleigh, harness and robe.

**District Prize Winners.**

Mr. H. M. Brothers—\$100 Diamond Ring.  
Miss C. Gallant—\$75 Diamond Ring.  
Miss D. Brown—\$50 Diamond Ring.  
Duncan McLean—Wrist Watch.  
Gerald Brenner—Wrist Watch.  
Miss L. Inglis—Wrist Watch.

The standing of all the candidates in the contest is given below:  
1. Mrs. W. A. Cumming, 239,743  
2. Miss Hattie Huestis, Summerside, 167,776  
3. Mrs. H. S. Hinton, Charlottetown, 160,125  
4. Mr. A. E. Jenkins, Georgetown, 154,911

A number of the candidates were present when the final count was made last night and much good natured bantering was indulged in before the count and before the vote was announced. While each candidate regrets that he or she did not win the capital prize, yet all express of themselves as satisfied as to the fairness and justice of the awards.

**SIMCOE SUNK; FEARS FOR SEAL**

The following wire was received from the marine agent at Halifax yesterday by Captain Taylor:—  
Wireless from Grindstone reported the Simcoe sunk today ten miles south west of the Magdalen Islands. Crew took to the boats. The Seal was within eighty miles but have to in mountainous seas. Naval patrol made search. Could find no trace. Fear both steamers are lost.

**CONDENSED SPECIALS:**  
In this column advts. are inserted at two cents per word net.

**WANTED OFFICE BOY, APPLY**  
Guardian Office, 1515-12-44r.

**\*FARADOR MACHINE TO LET**  
by week or month. Apply to 224 Eustice street, 600-10-12Mf.

**FURS WANTED—HIGHEST PRICE**  
paid for furs. Apply J. S. Wedlock, 1620-12-8M31.

**\*FOR SALE A LARGE MIRROR**  
Inquire at Guardian, 1443-11-29Mf.

**LOST—TWO WEEKS AGO TWO**  
pieces stove lining. Finder leave at E. Toombs, grocery, 1599-12-8M31.

**OLD NEWSPAPERS FOR SALE AT**  
5 cents per bundle. Guardian Office, 1580-12-7Mf.

## ANOTHER PATRIOT FALSEHOOD NAILED

**Telegram to Mr. A. B. Warburton Stating that the Government Had Paid McKenzie and Mann Illicitly, Described by Sir Thomas White as Absolutely Untrue.**

(From our own Correspondent.)  
OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, who arrived in the City today gave an emphatic denial to the statement of Mr. Hartley Dewar (as telegraphed to A. B. Warburton and published in the Patriot) in regard to unauthorized payments of money by the Government to the Canadian Northern Railway. One statement was that an order had been passed paying six million dollars to the B. C. C. N. R. Line. This was described by Sir Thomas to your correspondent as "an absolute fabrication."

The second charge was that in the absence of the Governor General and without Parliamentary warrant \$25,000,000 was paid to MacKenzie and Mann through the Bank of Commerce. The facts are that MacKenzie and Mann have now transferred their stock to the Government as by the legislation of last session. The people of Canada own the C. N. R.

Certain interest payments and obligations recently came due under the legislation passed last session the Government has met the lawful debts of the C. N. R. Any payments made are for the public owned road and the benefits to the Canadian people, which could not afford to let interest payments be defaulted.

The legislation under which action has been taken is clause three of the Act passed last session providing for the acquisition by His Majesty of the capital stock of the Canadian Northern Railway. This clause reads as follows:

"So soon as the said five-sixths of the said shares have been transferred as aforesaid, the Government in Council may assist the Canadian Northern Railway or any company included in the Canadian Northern Railway system in paying and settling any indebtedness of such company or postponing the payment thereof on such terms as may be agreed upon and for such purposes may make advances out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, provided however, that until authorized by Parliament the total or such advance shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five million dollars."

The C. P. R. stock has been transferred as provided in the Act to the Government. MacKenzie and Mann have no interest whatsoever in the road and any payments have been on behalf of a public owned line. The statement of Sir Thomas White is as follows:

**STATEMENT BY SIR THOMAS WHITE, MINISTER OF FINANCE.**

"Upon my return to my office this morning after a week's absence in the election campaign in Ontario my attention was directed to certain grossly inaccurate and misleading statements attributed by the press to Mr. Hartley Dewar, K. C., of Toronto with reference to payments under the Act of last session of Parliament authorizing the Canadian Northern Railway system upon the acquisition of its common stock as by the said legislation provided. With reference to these alleged statements I have the following observations to make:

"(1) The statement that payment of \$6,000,000 has been made to Messrs. MacKenzie and Mann is wholly without foundation. There is no vote of Parliament authorizing such payment and no Order in Council has been passed or considered respecting any such payment.

"(2) The advances which have been made under the Canadian Northern Railway Legislation of last session of Parliament have been upon the certificates of the Financial Controller of the Department of Railways and Canals under the authority of an order in Council passed November 15th last. They have been made in the manner in which payments to the way of subsidies, loans or the proceeds of Guaranteed securities have been in the past and in strict accord with the statute which authorized them.

"(3) The certificate of the Financial Controller of the Department of Railways and Canals, dated November 16, 1917, authorized advances in payment of principal and interest on equipment account of \$5,998,752 and for interest upon underlying securities of \$7,155,111, making a total of \$13,153,863. Against this certificate \$12,500,000 was advanced. The Financial Controller's next certificates were dated November 28th, 1917 and covered the principal of a loan amounting to \$1,670,453 maturing due in New York which could not be renewed in the interest upon underlying securities and principal of equipment securities aggregating \$869,958.

The above are all the advances which have been made to date under the legislation in question. Demand notes of the Canadian Northern Railway Company and its subsidiary companies bearing interest at six per cent have been received by the department in respect of these advances and mortgages upon all their assets have been executed by the Canadian Northern and its constituent companies to His Majesty to secure the said advances. The five-sixths of the six hundred thousand shares of capital stock of the Canadian Northern Railway Company formerly held by private owners have as required by the statute, been vesting in His Majesty so that the Dominion Government is under the legislation of last session, the sole proprietors of the Canadian Northern Railway system. It follows that any advances made by the Government for interest upon underlying securities or principal or interest upon equipment bonds, or for the purpose of paying maturing obligations of the system is to the benefit of the Government as proprietors and owners of the system. It was for this purpose an object that the Legislation of last session was passed by Parliament and provision made by Parliament for assistance in paying the indebtedness of the system.

"(4) The suggestion that any part of the proceeds of the victory loan was required or used to make the payments herein mentioned is wholly without foundation. The above statements have been checked and verified by me with the Deputy and Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance."

**LIBERAL EDITORS TO TROOPS OVERSEAS**

**Say the Union Government Can be Relied on by the Soldiers.**

In its yesterday's issue the Patriot gave a perverted and untruthful account of an important telegram which has been sent overseas and which has been signed by the leading Liberal Editors in Canada. The following is the telegram sent and will show that the men behind the leading Liberal papers in Canada have no hesitation in declaring by which side the interests of the soldiers at the front are most likely to be safeguarded.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 8.—The following cable was sent yesterday addressed to Lieut-General Sir Arthur Currie, or the acting commander of the Canadian Corps in France, and General Turner, commander of the "Canadian Troops in England."

"In the midst of Parliamentary Election in which the interests of Canada's soldiers are the supreme concern, and in which they are rightly taking part the undersigned editors of Canadian Liberal newspapers who are supporting the principle of the Union Government desire to express to you and through you to the members of the Dominion's overseas forces the assurance:—

"1.—That in their opinion the present Union Government is formed primarily for the purpose of securing support for the troops of the field.

"2.—That the new Government includes or has the support of practically all the Liberal leaders, and has the support of all the Liberal Premiers in the Dominion except in Quebec, and

"3.—That it can be relied upon to deal with conditions in Canada and abroad which have been subjected to criticism in the past."

(Signed),  
Stewart Lyon, Toronto Globe.  
J. W. Dafeo, Winnipeg Free Press.  
J. E. Atkinson, Toronto Star.  
G. F. Reed, Pearson, Halifax Chronicle.  
E. W. McCready, St John Telegraph.  
Col. Davis, Hamilton Times.  
T. H. Preston, Brantford Express.  
W. F. Kerr, Regina Leader.  
W. J. Taylor, Woodstock Sentinel Review.  
J. I. McIntosh, Guelph Mercury.  
W. Davidson, Calgary, Alberta.  
J. G. Elliott, Kingston Whig.  
W. E. Smallfield, Reinfew Mercury.  
H. T. Blackstone, Orillia Times.  
H. J. Pettypiece, Forest Free Press.  
H. B. Donley, Simco Reformer.  
H. P. Moore, Action Free Press.  
Howard Flemming, Owen Sound Sun.

## PREMIER MURRAY CALLS FOR AID

Premier Murray telegraphed to Premier Arsenault yesterday inviting the most generous assistance from the sister province, and Premier Arsenault replied promising substantial aid. The telegrams follow:

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 9, 1917  
Hon. A. E. Arsenault,  
Premier, Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
The capital city of this province and Dartmouth have been overtaken by an appalling disaster. You will see the public appeal for help in the press. The Province of Nova Scotia, while doing its full duty in the emergency nevertheless invites and will welcome the most generous aid from the sister provinces.

G. S. MURRAY,  
Premier.

Charlottetown, Dec. 10, 1917  
Honourable G. H. Murray,  
Premier, Halifax, N. S.  
Will call meeting of Council at an early date as possible and can promise that substantial aid will be forwarded.

A. E. ARSENAULT,  
Premier.

## HALIFAX RELIEF FUND

His Worship Mayor Brown opened a Halifax Relief Fund list in his office yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. With no solicitation the neat sum of \$475 was subscribed by 8 o'clock last night.

Today a committee will call on as many citizens as possible with a view to making Charlottetown's contribution worthy of the city and commensurate with the great need of Charlottetown and the province have not experienced no material loss in connection with the war; Halifax has suffered seriously. It is up to Charlottetown to give out of its abundance and its prosperity to its neighbors to whom they are justly entitled to sympathize and with those whom they have power to aid and bless."

The list is now open in the City Clerk's office.

Following is the list to date:

Charles Fleisher	\$25.00
Alfred Jane	2.00
Judge Fitzgerald	1.00
E. Parkman	25.00
Miss Anna Fitzgibbin	50.00
Miss Anna Fitzgibbin	10.00
A Friend	1.00
Angus McKenzie	5.00
Bruce Stewart & Co and emp.	181.00
A. F. Houston	5.00
Allan Forsythe	20.00
Revere Hotel	25.00
G. D. Wright	5.00
J. A. Clark, Exp. Farm	10.00
L. B. Miller	10.00
Rev. C. R. Freeman	10.00
Guardian Pub. Co., staff	40.00
Davis and Fraser	50.00
	\$475

## YESTERDAY'S STORM

Yesterday the province was visited by another fierce snowstorm though fortunately of short duration. The snowfall was unusually heavy, ten or twelve inches having fallen between noon and eight o'clock. With a fairly brisk breeze blowing the roads became badly drifted. The trains, considering the severity of the storm made fairly good time. The Murray Harbor train arrived an hour late. The train for Georgetown, leaving the City at 3.20 had some difficulty in getting to Moncton, Stewart arriving there at 7. The Elmira train from Souris was held till this morning; the Pignish train arrived at Summerside at noon and was held there till this morning. The 4 p. m. train from Charlottetown arrived at Summerside an hour late and was held there till this morning.

The Northumberland arrived in Summerside yesterday morning was held there on account of the storm. She will leave this morning for P. du Chene.

The Car ferry made the trip from Formentine to Borden bringing a full cargo.

The terminals were somewhat jammed up but were cleared immediately after the storm. All trains and steamers are expected to make schedule time today.

## ELECTION PROSPECTS IN ONTARIO

**Careful Estimates Concede Possible Return of Twelve Laurier Candidates in Ontario and Probably Only Seven. Many Recent Conversions to Union Ranks.**

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—Unless there is a powerful and unexpected undercurrent among the farmers against the Military Service Act and in favor of Sir Wilfrid Laurier the Liberal leader will not have as many supporters from Ontario in the next Parliament as he had in the last. After following Sir Wilfrid Laurier with unwavering loyalty for twenty-five years they are now deserting him in large numbers. Pride of race is strong among these people and the splendid record of Scots and Scotch Canadians in enlistment and in action appeals more to them than loyalty to a leader whose sincerity in supporting the men at the front they are beginning to doubt. It is a safe estimate that at least ninety-five per cent. of the Presbyterian clergy in Ontario are Unionist. They and the women voters will more than double those in the old Conservative party who may advocate Union and then use the ballot in an effort to secure immunity from military service for relatives or maintain an adequate supply of farm labor.

In Prescott and Russell where there is a large French-Canadian vote and in South Bruce where many German Canadians live it is conceded that his candidacy will be elected. Other seats in doubt are West Peterboro, North Waterloo, Kent, South Perth, West Hamilton, North Essex, Haldimand, Nipissing and Temiscaming in Kent, North Essex, Nipissing and Temiscaming there is large French-Canadian vote and in North Waterloo, Perth and Haldimand many German electors. In West Peterboro the situation is complicated by a factional fight and J. H. Burnham seems unable to secure the united support of his own party or enlist many followers from the ranks of his former political opponents. In West Hamilton two Unionist candidates are living the Unionist support and the Independent Labor candidate may win. Unionist leaders will not concede Sir Wilfrid more than twelve supporters from this province and hope to prevent him having more than seven. There is an average of 1,500 voters, a constituency overseas, from this province so that a small Laurier majority in a constituency on Dec. 17th will be no guarantee of success to Sir Wilfrid's candidate. If the soldiers vote overseas is strongly supporting the government, then a majority of five or six hundred of the home vote might easily disappear when the returns come from the votes of the men overseas.

## CITY COUNCIL VOTE \$2,000 FOR HALIFAX RELIEF

**Important Meeting Held Last Night.**

The regular meeting of the city Council was held last night, there being present his Worship Mayor Brown, City Recorder Martin, Health officer (Dr) MacMillan, Councilors: Wright, Miller, Rattray, Smith, MacKenzie and Jenkins, City Clerk Clark, Collector Van Idenstein, Marshall Cameron, Mrs. F. M. Stewart and T. B. Ranagan, Rev. Mr. Freeman and representatives of the Patriot and Guardian.

After the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted on motion of Coun. Wright a letter of complaint, addressed to the health officer and signed by R. C. A. Grant, John Coyle, John MacGillivray, and John Murnaghan was read regarding a cattle and swine pen being erected by the P. E. I. Railway at the north east end of Dorchester street.

Dr. MacMillan stated that he had talked to Mr. Grady, Supt. of the Railway who had informed him that cattle are not permanently in the pens and that a wire enclosure would be erected. The doctor was of opinion that the place was nuisance and a menace to the safety of children.

After considerable discussion by Couns. Smith, Wright, Rattray, and Recorder Martin it was moved by Couns. Wright and seconded by Coun. Miller that a protest be sent by the Mayor and Health Officer to the railway authorities at Moncton regarding the present and proposed cattle pens. Carried.

Mayor Brown then introduced the main object of the meeting—relief for Halifax. He said that on good authority he could say there are now over 25,000 homeless people in Halifax

## The Record of the Union Government

They abolished patronage in appointments to Government positions, in the purchase of supplies and in awarding of Government contracts.

Patronage was the Worst Evil in Politics.

They controlled the packing houses by ordering that they must not charge a profit of more than two per cent of their sales—that is to say only two cents profit on a dollar.

They passed an order providing that the flour millers can make a profit of only 25c on each barrel of flour. They stopped the use of grain in the manufacture of liquor.

They stopped expenditures on almost all Public works with the object of conserving our finances for the war.

They greatly extended the powers of the Food Controller, giving him practically unlimited authority. They increased the separation allowance to wives and other dependents of soldiers under the rank of Sergeant from \$20 to \$25 a month.

They are standing no nonsense from the Quebec Exemption Tribunals who tried to make a farce of the thing. Thousands of appeals from these Tribunals have been taken by the Government representatives and will be tried promptly. The Government are seeing to it that Quebec does not escape its duty.

They have been in office only eight weeks and have been hampered through having to run an election forced upon the Country by Laurier.