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THE ONLY TRUE PATRIOTISM

The intelligent readers of our esteemed Contemporary must feel sorry for the position it finds itself in over "those rotten boots supplied the Canadian soldiers."

PURCHASE OF WAR SUPPLIES

Today we publish a verbatim report of the historic speech delivered by Sir Robert Borden on the report of the Committee on Accounts which investigated the complaints regarding war purchases.

regard to any consideration at all except to employ men of the ripest experience, the highest ability and most perfect integrity, and, having selected that one man or those three men, we shall confide to them the whole direction and control of all supplies which are to be purchased under the appropriation of \$100,000,000.

This is business government, and characteristic of the whole policy of Sir Robert Borden since he took office. As the head of every department he appointed the most practicable men he could find—no square pegs in round holes—and now that the "emergency" has materialized in grim war, he intends to appoint the most skilled business men obtainable to supervise and regulate the purchase of supplies.

FOX CAPITAL WANTED

"If you could guarantee us 5 p. c. and the return of the money invested you would get all the money you wanted. We have sent \$70,000,000 to Europe at from 4 to 4 1/2 per cent, and if the Island would guarantee us 5 per cent, on our investment and the safety of our capital, we would send as many million dollars for investment as there are foxes in captivity in the Island."

Thus spoke a Wall Street stock broker when interviewed by a fox stock salesman the other day. Why is it that fox-breeders have not risen to this bait? Simply because in the past they have paid such enormous dividends (at the expense of reserve) that they are ashamed to offer what sound financiers consider an adequate return on their money.

And the industry does want more capital. There is no use denying the fact. In order to make the business as lucrative and attractive as possible dividends must be paid in cash, and to pay cash dividends foxes for breeding must be sold, and to sell young foxes, syndicates must be formed and new companies floated.

ENTERPRISING FOX CO.

The advertisement of the Silver Fox Ranching Company in this issue is more than an advertisement. It is an education and a revelation in fox farming.

The actual returns in cold cash from this pair of foxes in three seasons, 1912-13-14, was \$74,300 and the original "plant" increased in value by eight additional foxes.

There has been a slump in the fox market, consequent largely upon the financial upheaval caused by the war, but more largely still on the fact that so many who had such a story as the above told did not tell it and those who were looking for investments of that kind did not know where to find them.

AS OTHERS SEE US

Concluding a splendid tribute to the Canadian people generally and to Premier Borden particularly on the excellent manner in which the war preparations, equipment and enlistment were carried through.

NOTES

Neuve Chappelle will rank as one of the world's greatest battles. The total British losses in killed, missing and wounded are placed at 12,811, whereas at Waterloo the British total loss was a few less than 7,000.

When peace is made says the Vancouver Province, the world will know that the signatories to that peace are those not only of the belligerents in Europe, but that the Foreign Secretary will set his signature to a document to which the whole British Empire pledges itself.

A St. John, N. B., exchange says: "Eighty-four prisoners are at present confined in the county jail, nearly one-third of whom are women. During the last few months there has been a marked increase in the number of female prisoners."

WAR TAXES ARE PROVING A SUCCESS IN EVERY WAY

People are Paying Them Cheerfully for They are Not a Burden

Despite the hostility of Laurier and his lieutenants to the raising of additional revenues by war taxes in order to carry on the war, those taxes are now in operation.

The Liberals in Parliament fought the taxes on two grounds, apart from their pretence that they were not really war taxes at all.

They said that the people would be burdened. They represented the people of Canada as unwilling to pay the taxes.

They said the revenue would not be restored.

Misjudged the People.

The Opposition, as usual, misjudged the Canadian people. They thought the Canadian people were of the same stamp as the Liberals in Parliament, which was, to say the least of it, hard on the people of Canada.

Throughout the Dominion the war taxes are being paid, not only readily, but cheerfully. They are not a burden. Real Canadians are glad to do their share in supporting the arms of the Empire.

A Complete Success. As to the taxes being sufficient to

meet the needs of the country there can be no doubt. Every indication points to the complete success of the measures taken by the Government to cope with the financial situation created by the war.

Since the introduction of the budget, the revenue has more than equalled the receipts for the corresponding ante-bellum period of last year. The marked improvement which is taking place is shown clearly in the following comparative statement for the months since the outbreak of the war and those of the previous year:—

TOTAL REVENUE.

Table with columns for 1913 and 1914, and rows for August, September, October, November, December, January, February, and March, showing revenue figures and changes.

CLAIMS TURKEY MOBILIZED AS ONLY COURSE

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 21—(via London).—"I am glad you asked that question. This is not a war of the Turkish Government, but a war of the Turkish people," said Enver Pasha, who is, at the age of 33 years, War Minister and Generalissimo of the Ottoman army.

"Undoubtedly the world finds difficulty in understanding that the Turkey of today is no longer the Turkey of the past, but that nevertheless is a fact which should be apparent to all impartial observers," he continued.

THERE WAS NO WAY OUT

"You have come to interview me. Well, I will make an exception in your favor. I am averse to talking to men of the press. What do you want?" "The exact reasons for Turkey participating in the war," was the reply.

"You refer, no doubt," said Enver Pasha, "to the assertions in the newspapers of Great Britain, France and Russia, that Turkey entered the war to help Germany. This is very true at this moment, not when we mobilized. Today Austria-Hungary and Germany help us; we help them. But we mobilized because there was no way out."

"Long before we took this step Russia had grown ugly on the Black Sea and in the Caucasus, invading our territory there, while England had already operated against Mesopotamia and had concentrated a fleet before the Dardanelles. We were unwilling to start hostilities, and even after the Russians attacked our fleet in the Black Sea, we still waited one week before war was declared."

"We know that Turkey would again be led to the slaughter-block. Being unwilling that this should happen, we took the only course open. We Turks feel that we have a right to exist, especially when the best of us are straining every effort and are catching up with other countries in intellectual and material development. I believe that there is much good in the Turkish people, contrary to what our traducers say. At any rate we are about to prove it."

Not a Clique Now. "There was a time when Turkey was merely a Government clique, which was not trusted by the people, but gradually the people are beginning to feel that they themselves are Turkey. I think that this is the healthiest sign here-to-day, and there is also the promise that the progress of all civil life will be rapid."

"We are taking care of our troops to-day, hence their loyalty. Formerly a man was given a rifle and had to shift for himself as best he could; now he is given a uniform and a cap."

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR READERS OF THE GUARDIAN. Furnished by W. S. Louison.

SLUMBER. By Walt Mason. For all your worry and your weeping, for all your pain and woe, just try some good old-fashioned sleeping—the finest cure I know.

For all your worry and your weeping, for all your pain and woe, just try some good old-fashioned sleeping—the finest cure I know. "Ah yes," you say, "such talk is easy, well man may hand it out; but when with ashaman one is wheezy or when he has the goiter, or when black care with him is drilling, all sleepless as his eyes; he cannot slumber for a shilling, no matter how he tries." So speaks the timid human rabbit, filled with forebodings dire; yet sleep folk may acquire. When I am sick, I travel backward and lock my chamber door, and say, "So help me Albert Edward, I'll sleep or bust a snore!" I count some sleep imaginary cavorting o'er a stile; such animals flip and merry, and always make me smile; I watch those muttons soiled and frowzy, their long procession keep, and pretty soon I'm feeling drowsy, and then I am asleep. At first I counted seven billion before I get repose but now, when I reach half a million, I nearly always doze. You watch your ewes and lambs mounting the stile, a deluge deep; you keep on counting, counting, counting, until you fall asleep.

May's Arrived. Buttericks Fashion Patterns also Delineator Patons. Includes an illustration of a woman in a long dress.

The Strong, Neat and Durable Kind Get Your Poultry Netting Here. You will find just what you want in our big showing of extra high quality poultry netting.

Fennell & Chandler. Victoria Row. Includes an illustration of a dog.

The Silver Fox Ranching Co. Statement of Actual Results from the Breeding of Two Pairs of Pedigreed P. E. Island Silver Foxes. Includes a table of results and a coat of arms.

The Silver Fox Ranching Company. Alberton, P. E. Island, or 53 State Street, Boston, Mass. 9675-4-27m6i.

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