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Since the Borden government came into power they have been accused of some of the coarsest deals ever pulled off in any country. Postmasters and office holders of all kinds have had their official heads drop so fast in the basket that a cry of protest rang throughout the ranks of the better element in that party from the east to the west of Canada. The inhuman conduct of several by-elections and the scandals of money wasted in the purchase of government sites—in Prince Rupert—has stamped that government as the most cold-blooded and corrupt administration that ever held office in any country.

It has hardly ever been known in any civilized country however, that political corruption has entered into the official administration of the army. The commercial side of the army may indeed be made the butt of party greed, but the British soldier has always been considered a man of honor and a gentleman, and no politician has ever dared to trespass on his integrity.

It has remained for Colonel the Hon. Sam Hughes to attempt to degenerate the militia of Canada. At the head of Earl Grey's Rifles in Prince Rupert was a man who could hold his head up with the greatest in the land; a man who was honored with the position of first mayor of

Prince Rupert; a man who had previously been elected first mayor of Fernie; a man who has held many positions of honor and trust throughout the Dominion, and who is physically of that kind who is fit to stand before kings. This man has also held many positions of military trust, and to his enthusiasm and patriotism is due the formation of that splendid military corps which has been the pride of Prince Rupert. Associated with him were Lieutenants McMordie and Agnew, men who are also typical of the best of Canadian manhood, and who have specialized in military matters. In view of these facts the abrupt disbandment of this company without any excuse or explanation creates a very serious condition for the people of this country.

According to reports which are current on the streets, the local Tories became jealous that men of Liberal leanings should be in charge, especially in view of the fact that the company was to be increased to a battalion and that a fine armory is to be constructed. Accordingly steps were taken to have them removed, and it appears that as no valid excuse could be given the disbandment of the company was resorted to.

This brings up an issue so serious that the average man can hardly realize it, and the men who are playing politics



MME. CAILLAUX, WHO KILLED M. CALMETTE

This is a good picture of the wife of the French minister of finance, who, because of the editorial opposition of the Figaro to her husband, entered the office of the paper and shot dead M. Gaston Calmette, the editor. After the murder the minister of finance resigned, and a reconstruction of the French cabinet resulted. As the woman was led to the police station through a cheering crowd, she shouted: "Now can people say any more that my husband and I lead an unhappy married life?"

In this city must be so frightfully ignorant that they do not know what they are doing. The result will be that in order to be a soldier a man must be a Tory of the most degenerate type. Surely it will be impossible to get a man with the necessary qualifications to take charge again. The officer who will take charge must be a man of honor, a gentleman and a soldier. Could such a man be found who would countenance the insulting dismissal of brother officers? Assuredly not, and if the attempt is made to organize a battalion with officers who would stoop to such practices it will be a sad day for the militia of Canada.

The core of Canadian patriotism has been attacked. If these conditions prevail no more can we hold up our heads and believe that in our army there exists the best traditions of the British race. The army, like the rest of the civil service, would be seething with political graft. No longer could a man serve his country as a loyal subject of the King. He must first bow his head to Canada's political boss and put partisanship ahead of patriotism. This is what the Borden government is about to do for Canada. This is what the local coterie of Tories would do to the fair name of Prince Rupert. This is what our "popular" member Mr. Clements has been doing in those silent hours when he did not even break forth into local print. Citizens, what are you going to do about it? Will you still support the Tory machine or will you raise a protest up to high heaven that will bring down in fragments this structure they have raised up on their false heads?

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D. S. McKenzie of Fort McMurray, who accompanied Fraser on the down trip, brought these pelts: Red foxes, 189; silver, 24; mink, 479; lynx, 9; rats, 143; bear, 9; wolves, 14; wolverine, 2; weasels, 137; otter, 20; skunk, 15, and two coyotes. The value of the fur catch in northern Alberta for the season is placed at several million dollars.

Survey Skeena River

A proper survey of the Skeena river estuary has never been made, but this summer a complete survey of the waters round the mouth of the Skeena, including the entrance to the stream, will be made. This is to enable large vessels to navigate this area whenever occasion for doing so arises.

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