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EDITORIALS

Yesterday's election illustrates a well known old truth, that to make a martyr of a man is to restore him to popular favor. Nobody had charged Mayor Newton with dishonesty in connection with his disqualification and the blunder made in the Montreal trip was completely overshadowed by the popular sympathy for the man who is down. The same thing happened in Vancouver in connection with Mayor Taylor, for the oftener they unseat him, apparently, the larger his majority grows. With ex-Alderman Morrissey it was different for, while he contended that he was innocent, the facts showed that the city's account was made out in his own handwriting.

In today's issue will be seen a little more of the terrible graft that has been carried on in militia affairs under the Borden government. It was bad enough to find that rotten boots were sent to the Canadian soldiers at the front in order that a few party manufacturers should be enabled to rake off an exorbitant profit. But on top of that came the evidence that in nearly all the orders for supplies for the war government middlemen were allowed to slip in, one drug clerk securing as much as \$9,000 profit on the drugs and dressings required for the wounded soldiers while many of the poor boys in the trenches were suffering for the want of comforts which this sum would have supplied.

Now comes the report that

party men were employed to purchase horses for the army in Canada and that not only were exorbitant prices allowed, but many of the horses were too old for service, while 400 of them never appeared "in the flesh" at all, although cheques were issued to pay for them. The government cannot be excused by pushing the blame off on somebody else. It was their duty to see that honest and competent men were secured for that purpose and if they didn't do this they are themselves to blame. It would not be so bad if they did not try to shield the culprits as they are trying to do. Such crimes deserve the greatest punishment, and the country will demand that they be brought to trial.

One of the hopes for the future is that several of the papers which have strongly supported the Borden government in the past have come out in strong condemnation of this graft. The Ottawa Citizen and several other Eastern Conservative papers have expressed themselves in no uncertain way so that the facts of the case are beyond dispute. In Britain this conduct would be considered treasonous and it is time that a similar sentiment was created in Canada. When a man will stoop so low as to rob his country in the hour of her peril he has put himself beyond the protection of her laws and should receive the severest penalty that can be meted out. The government, too, that allows it should come in for similar treatment.

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WHY HONEST CONSERVATIVES
ATTACKED BORDEN GOVERNMENT

TERRIBLE GRAFT CARRIED ON IN CONNECTION WITH BUYING
OF MILITARY HORSES—400 HORSES NEVER SEEN,
BUT CHEQUES WERE ISSUED FOR THEM

(BY H. F. GADSBY.)

Every day is wash day in the Public Accounts Committee. At the present writing, for example it's horses and spades that are being cleaned up—particularly horses.

Somebody has said that all's fair in love and horse trades. Even parsons have been known to go wrong when it was a horse that was in question, so what wonder if the government's transactions demand a little investigation. Frank Carvell is handling the job as chief inquisitor and there are never less than three nervous cabinet ministers on the spot to see that he doesn't stumble into a mare's nest.

Briefly stated the horse story is this. With the first Canadian contingent there were available to be sent 8,486 horses, of which 7,818 were newly purchased and 665 belonged to the Permanent Force. Of the 7,818 purchased 341 were accompanied by the proper vouchers and were accepted, so to speak, on faith.

The horses from the west were bought at an average price of \$150, but those from the mysterious east—which grows more mysterious about its horse trades the further east you get—brought an average figure of \$173. Not that the horses were any better, perhaps, but that the vendors were keener and the buyers more eager.

Of the 8,486 horses available to be sent only 7,620 crossed the ocean. Of the 866 left behind 466 were sold at Quebec for an average price of \$54 and 400 have never been heard of since. Rumor disposes of the missing 400 in various ways. Some died of advanced age at Valcartier, while others who had the hiccups fit to cough their head off, found the road to the glue factory, or are now figuring in mullage, canned chicken and calves foot jelly. All these are useful articles of commerce, but inglorious. On the whole it was a sad ending for four hundred horses that set out to seek the battle reputation at the cannon's mouth.

Although horses prices ranged from \$125 to \$225 in various parts of Canada, the average price for the Dominion over was \$173. So that Canada was out of pocket on the 466 old crocks sold at Quebec for \$54 each—something like \$56,000, and on the vanishing 400, who made no return whatever to the Dominion treasury, another \$69,000—a total discrepancy of \$125,000 on the first batch of horses purchased. This does not represent the total loss, because the prices quoted are f.o.b. at the point of purchase, and do not include any freight and fodder. One witness testified that there was a fine business done in slaughtering horses at Valcartier, and that he saw as many as eleven shot and handed over to the knackers in a single morning. Cartage to the

glue factory must have cost something.

If the glue factory explained everything the committee could rest easy, but legend continues to gather in most embarrassing fashion around the vanishing four hundred. Some say that they were on the list, but never existed in the flesh—being mere ghosts of horses, astral bodies of chargers that remained at home, where the cheques were paid, and were present at Valcartier only in spirit. Some say they were pallid substitutes for horses that missed the train to Valcartier, and that they died sooner than face the Auditor General. Some say—but what's the use of piling up conjectures. The fact remains that nobody knows what became of them any more than you or I know where Moses is buried. The horses are gone, and the vouchers, descriptions, labels and other marks of identity are gone with them.

Without going further in pursuit of these wild, weird horses, the committee gets down to brass tacks in the shape of Mr. Arthur De Witt Foster, M.P., who spent \$72,000 for 428 horses in Kings, Hants and Annapolis counties, in Nova Scotia. When I say spent I mean that \$72,000 was placed to Mr. Foster's credit in the Bank of Montreal and the young M. P. issued cheques against this account to three men who did the actual buying—F. B. Keever, a personal friend, T. C. Woodworth, of Halifax, and W. P. Mackay, secretary to John Stanfield, the chief government whip.

Arthur De Witt Foster, M. P., Kings County, N. S.—no relation to Sir George—is the youngest member in the House of Commons. Four years ago next September, fortune marked him for her own and seizing him gently by his football hair shifted him to Ottawa, where he made a great hit with her cherub face and rah-rah manners. Arthur was a college boy and he looked the part. He was elected on a temperance and social purity platform, and was a great favorite with the Dorcas Society. In time he became a real cute little politician and banged his desk, and shouted "hear, hear," and laughed savagely at the opposition on the slightest provocation. He developed along other lines, too—smoked a cigar with the corner of his mouth and wore his hat at an angle of 60 degrees counting from the side of his head. Ottawa is the forcing bed of genius and presently Arthur was a broker, selling black fox stock and things like that at his office in Sparks Street. It was there he became a financier—you can learn a lot from foxes, black or otherwise—and by the time the war broke out he knew his way round pretty well. He knew it so well, in fact, that somebody high up said: "We want horses, Ar—"

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