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PATRIOTISM.

The speakers at the Conservative convention struck a true note of Conservative patriotism: "Be true to your party and your party will be true to you." That is the highest level of patriotism it is possible for them to attain to.

One speaker, evidently intoxicated by the excitement of the moment, declared, "The man who votes Liberal is not worthy of the name of Britisher." What a glorious conception of British worthiness that Conservative must have. Evidently the necessary qualifications for a Britisher is an ability to peddle postoffice and drill hall sites, at fabulous prices, to a site-loving government. Collecting sites is a hobby of the Borden government. It is about as useful as the hobby Mark Twain's friend developed, of collecting echoes, and more profitable to the seller.

Prince Rupert Conservatives need not run away with the idea that they are the only patriots who were permitted to display their patriotism by catering to the site hobby. There are others. There are sites, just as expensive, in Vancouver, and most other SELLING MUNITIONS OF WAR. places, though Rupert has one advantage over the othersthe site here has a pumping plant all to itself. If there are any statisticians in the party, they might find it interesting to calculate how many million gallons of water you must pump before you can grow a postoffice.

The real secret behind the site-buying is the fact that a Conservative government must spend to live. When it quits spending, it is time for the post mortem examination. can't expect to get such a valuable thing as Conservative patriotism for nothing. Every valuable commodity has its price, and Conservative patri. otism has several prices, all piled on top of each other.

The war was a perfect windfall to the Conservatives. Fvery nickel of the millions that

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have been squandered in the past three years can now be attributed to the war, though it will take years of the present war taxes to pay the enormous sums squandered before the war was dreampt of. Not only has the war been an excuse for the huge past expenditure, but it has opened up untold new avenues for patriotic activity. A tremendous amount of expensive patriotism was lavished on the purchase of horses, autos, binoculars, shoes, drugs, etc. Every Conservative glance cast on a decrepit old nag cost the country a liberal per centage on the purchase price. It is perfectly legitimate to charge a price for such patriotism, but, according to the rules of the game, it is quite illegal to be caught charging. One poor soul got rid of \$9,000 worth of the very best; had the money in the bank, and must have thought he was in a fair way for Conservative fame, but, alas, he had to hand it over. Such patriots must be more careful in future, as the credit of the party must be kept up. Graft, but don't be caught grafting, is their motto.

In an editorial, well reasoned after a manner for which it is famous, the San Francisso Argonaut discusses the question of a neutral nation selling munitions of war to a belligerent, and defends the practice.

It defends the practice not only as being according to usage in all wars by all nations-by Germany, conspicuously among nations, for she has been foremost as a producer and seller of such wares to all who could buy-but defends the practice as being right in itself. In regard to this it says to those who are

"But for the fact that mu- PRICES tion in the world woult find it necessary to stock armaments

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in sufficient quantities for any conceivable emergency that might arise. They do not do this, because they know that they can always supplement neutral nation that is willing to sell to them. An embargo of this kind would mean that armament factories would spring up all over the world like mushrooms. No nation would sleep in peace unless it was perpetually ready for an Armageddon."

It is well to keep in mind, however, that the agitation in the United States for an embargo on war munitions originates with the pro-Germans. As Germany cannot be a customer for these goods they think Uncle Sam should refuse to sell to anybody. The such wares to any belligerent in Wisconsin. is well described by the Argonaut. But the picture that is drawn would not strike a Prusmaker as a bad one. They land, arrived on Sunday. would like to see the whole world armed to the teeth, a condition they are now out to town. produce. But mankind will not have it so .- Toronto Globe.

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BELLA COOLA JOTTINGS

Mrs. F. Robinson with chilcondition that would result if dren left on the last steamer. neutral nations refused to sell They will take up their residence

Mrs. R. Hill and son, who have spent the winter with relations at sian colonel or a Krupp gun- Point Prim, Prince Edward Is-

Reginald Hill, net foreman at world turned over to soldiering the cannery, will reside with his and war. That is the world- family at Allertson's house in the FOR

> Vincent Clayton and the Heckman Brothers brought a drove of twenty-five beef cattle from the Clayton ranch at Anaham Lake last week. They will be disposed of for home consumption.

The thoroughbred bull loaned have to ask favours by the government to the local Farmers' Institute came up on the Chelohsin and is now on Mr. Hammer's place at Noosatsum.

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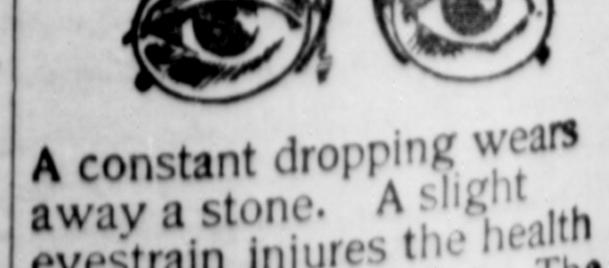
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