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LOYALTY

The Conservative press is weighing Sir Robert Borden down with fulsome flattery since his return from Europe. It cannot find adjectives enough to express its admiration for the determination he has shown in assisting the mother country since the outbreak of war. We do not seek to detract from the work done by the premier, but it would be interesting to know just what the Conservative press expected him to do. Immediately war broke out, the duty of Canada was plain, and Canada has done her duty without any unnecessary fuss. The premier had no difficulty in deciding on his course of action, and simply has done what any other Canadian in the same position DOMINION ELECTION and circumstances would have done. What would a Canadian soldier think if the Conservative press devoted columns in enlarging on the fact that he did not run away when he faced the Hun hordes?

In carrying out Canada's war policy, the government has had the loyal support of the opposition. In every measure devoted to the furtherance of the Allies' cause, the Dominion government has had the support of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues to a man. The aged ex-premier has worked harder than many younger men in promoting recruiting, while the short-sighted and extravagant financial policy of the Hon. W. T. White has been gently dealt with meantime, in view of the circumstances.

Loyalty and self-sacrifice are not peculiar to any political party or faction, and every Canadian, from the humblest citizen up to Sir Sam Hughes, is anxious and willing to do his

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or her share in defeating the Prussian. It was legalty to Canada and the Empire which prompted the opposition to demand that wholesale robbery on the part of army contractors should be instantly stopped, and it was criminal disloyalty which paid eight separate and distinct profits on army binoculars, and furnished the government with aged and infirm horses at top prices. With the assistance of a loyal opposition, the premier is doing his best to uphold the name of Canada in the struggle, but he may expect instant and severe criticism from that opposition whenever any of his supporters seek to reap handsome profits at the expense of the country, or the boys at the front.

Since the premier returned the question of a Dominion election has again been broached by the Conservative press. It seems that the Tories would like an election before Christmas, or a postponement for two or three years. If the Dominion government devotes all its energies to the big business on hand, and forgets all about electioneering for a season, it will best serve the interests of the people. After his recent experience in Manitoba, the Hon. Bob Rogers is likely to be one of those who desire to wait for three years. Bob's faith in his electioneering abilities must have sustained a nasty jar. The "election wizard" tried hard to slip a general election over before the Winnipeg bomb exploded, but failed. Sir Sam should make him an Honorary Colonel and ship him over to London, since his talents will not be required in Ottawa for some considerable time.

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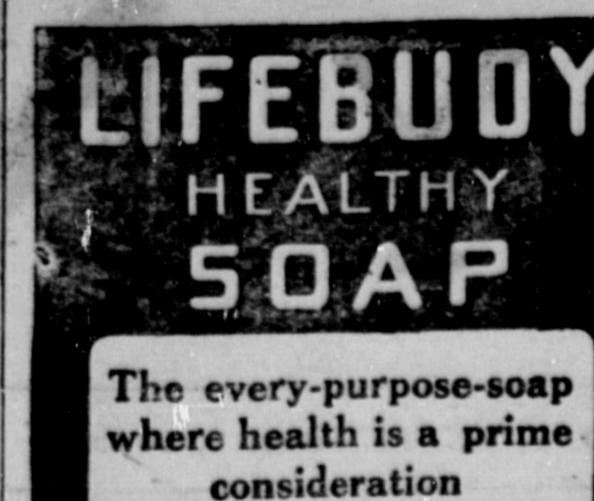
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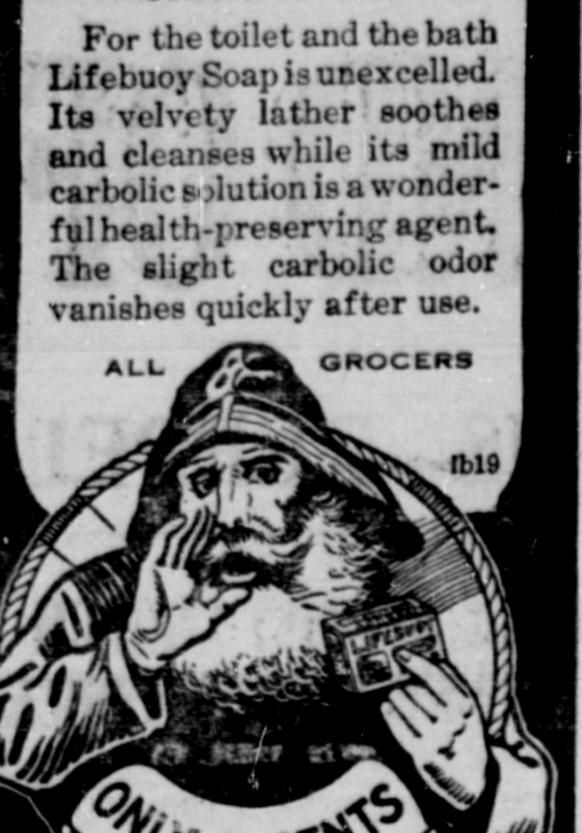
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MAJOR-GENERAL SIR SAM

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a wart and as painful as a corn, ness indeed if he fails to point the tobacco habit.

dian Eye Witness, and his duty to do it .-- H. F. Gadsby. is to chronicle Canadian actions at the front, of which this is one of the most - brilliant. This is a subject after his own heart, and Sir Max may be expected to excel himself, not only because a great occasion engenders noble words, but because it was Sam who made him Eye Witness and he has got to do something to earn his money. As Sir Max gets to the front about ence a month-the custom of the War Office being to indulge in personally conducted Alex M. Manson, B.A. tours for important war correspondents-it is only natural that he should fall back on London as the main theatre of action and the Knighting of Sir Sam as an event of historical significance to be

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described with great wealth of detail. All Canada can say to Sir Max is to go to it.

This country cannot hear, and lin fact never has had a chance not to hear, too much of Sam Hughes. If others were silent Sam always spoke up for himself, which was the reasonable course. because who could know the facts better. It is only fair to Sir Sam to say that he never understated the facts. He extenuated nothing that could glorify Sam Hughes. He made it clear that he did not hate himself and then left you to draw your own conclusions. Outside of demonstrating that the other fellow was a liar and a chicken thief Sam instituted no invidious comparisons. He let it go at that. A plain, unvarnished confession of real merit-that was all he aimed at. Such was the literary style, the grand manner, simple but strong, of Sam Hughes, journalist, statesman and soldier, a manner that Sir Max Aitken cannot do better than copy if he is to sing Sir Sam's praises in sizable words. All Canada asks of Sir Max is that he sing it in prose. The poetry him at first, but the longer he of the event may sweep him off uses it the better he'll like it and his feet, as at times poetry has the odds are a hundred to one swept Sir Sam off his, but Sir against his ever mailing it back Max would be well advised to stick to King George as a misfit. Fierce to Mother Earth. He can do that radicals will tell you that a by playing up the politics of it. knighthood is as disfiguring as He will be a very poor Eye Witbut it isn't. You can take Sir out that this Knighthood of Sir Sam's word for it, that after the Sam's is a complete, final and a first feeling of revulsion is over triumphant answer to all that has and your system has got accus- ever been said or thought about ! tomed to it, the thing is not un- sham shoes, foundered horses, pleasant. It grows on you, so to window glass binoculars and other Accounts Committee. Incidentally Sir Max Aitken's account of the it is the postscript to the Hutton short, sharp struggle in Bucking- correspondence, fifteen years late ham Palace which terminated in perhaps, but a satisfactory anthe knighting of Sam Hughes has swer nevertheless. He laughs best 2nd Avenue, near McBride Street not been written, but when it who laughs last. Sir Sam is now comes to hand it will be a prose in a position to give his old enepic in the best Morning Post emy the merry ha-ha but our style. Sir Max Aiken is the Cana- guess is that he is too big-hearted

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