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**TORY SCHEMING**

On Saturday, the Journal served up an article from the Victoria Colonist, which was typically Matsonian. The article, which stated that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Robert Borden had not yet been able to agree as to the extension of the life of the present parliament, went on to point out that if the Liberals did not agree to the Tory terms, they would be responsible for bringing about an election. Could anything be more ridiculous?

The Rogers press, since the debacle in Manitoba and the exposure of graft all over the country in connection with war contracts, has been loud in its demands that the life of the Borden government be extended for two years after the end of the war. The Journal accuses the Liberals of playing for time, when the Tories are deliberately playing for an extension of years. The Liberals are taking their own time to consider such a proposal, while the Tories are demanding two years of time which do not belong to them.

Why all the rush? The life of the present parliament does not end for a year yet, and in that time much may happen which will have a bearing on the situation. Meantime, the duty of all Canadians, Liberal and Tory, is to prosecute the war with all vigor. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has loyally supported the government in its efforts to cope with the war situation, though he could not bring himself to shut his eyes to the graft which was going on. Loyalty demanded that he protest strongly against the bleeding of the people by the Tory leeches.

ridiculous as to bring about a refusal from Sir Wilfrid, the responsibility for whatever may happen is entirely up to the Conservatives. If the Tories are more interested in providing for themselves and their friends than in conducting the business of Canada at a time when the country is embroiled in war, they must take the consequences. The situation is perfectly clear to all. The Tories want an assured extension of life for two years, and, failing that, they will take a chance on a "patriotic" election. In other words, they do not hesitate to use the war as a party weapon.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS**

The farmer wants free wheat; the lumberman wants free lumber; the people want free food, but nobody wants reciprocity.

Hold-up men in Vancouver are becoming oppressively considerate.

The Roumanian King is pro-German and the Roumanian people are pro-Russian. The King should fight for the Kaiser and the people for the Czar.

Russia put Roumania on the map, but Germany kept an eagle eye on the throne.

Prince Rupert is keeping Seattle worrying over that fish trade, but no amount of worrying will change the geography of the Pacific coast.

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**TIME TAKING ITS REVENGE ON BORDEN GOVERNMENT**

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alist rank and file. For a time there was a disposition amongst seven or eight of the younger and more fiery members, headed by Mr. Sevigny, to stand up for more or less glorious principles and make a fight of it, but wiser counsels prevailed, and when a cabinet shift lifted Mr. Sevigny into the position of Deputy Speaker, the last ounce of starch was taken out of that pocket revolution.

As time went by the Nationalist leaders and followers in the House of Commons were asked to swallow one principle after another, all of which they did quite cheerfully, knowing that they were on the sunny side of the fence and that there must be a good time coming. For some the good time came, for others only promises. Fortune favored Pelletier, Nantel, Coderre, Blondin, who were cabinet ministers.

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and Sevigny, who was in line for promotion. Now that Mr. Sevigny's claim to a portfolio has been brushed aside by the appointment of Mr. Patenaude, it would be interesting to learn if he is the same willing supporter of the government that he has been ever since he found the road to preferment. Meanwhile it cannot be denied that the Nationalist leaders did well for themselves in Parliament and only left that troubled arena when something more permanent offered. Messrs. Pelletier and Coderre are now judges, while Mr. Nantel is a railway commissioner. They also serve who wait till they get something better.

Latterly, for some reason or other, the Nationalists have been falling away from the government. True Mr. Blondin, as Secretary of State, sits so tight that nobody can pry him loose, and Mr. Patenaude, a Nationalist of repute and a skilled organizer in Quebec where organization is so much needed, has just been taken into the cabinet vice Coderre resigned, but things, as Sweet Little Buttercup says, are not just what they seem and skimmed milk masquerades as cream and altogether the Nationalist politicians in Parliament are not feeling as gay as they did, say a year ago. It looks, to some extent, as if the government's face were turned from them and as if they felt the chill.

It may be that or it may be that the political instinct, the sixth sense of Messrs. Pelletier, Coderre and Nantel, saw the government's finish and that they scurried for cover while the scurrying was good—it may be either of these things, but the fact remains that forehanded and foresighted Nationalist leaders are getting out from under and that the Borden government is making no attempt to stop them. What's your hurry? Here's your hat. That seems to be the attitude toward the Nationalist leaders whose relative proportions in the cabinet has recently been cut down one-fourth. Only three Nationalist cabinet ministers grow now where four grew (Continued on Page Three.)

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