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UNDER FIRE

The report from Ottawa that Mr. J. W. Flavelle, chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board in Canada, proposes to cancel a number of contracts made by the Shell Committee before its dissolution, and that General Bertram may resign from the Munitions Board by way of protest, brings up once more the whole question of war profiteering. The cancellation of shell contracts by the Munitions Board must mean one of two things: either that the prices at which they were awarded were grossly excessive, or that persons have been obtaining contracts who have no facilities for making prompt delivery. In either case the Shell Committee cannot be held blameless. Its members as trustees for the Imperial government were in honor bound to secure the lowest possible prices as well as prompt delivery.

The demand for a thorough judicial investigation into the operations of the Shell Committee continues. It is voiced as vigorously by newspapers which support the Borden government as by the opposition press. The following from The Montreal Daily Mail, a strong Conservative paper, whose editor is a half-brother of the minister of finance, indicates that public dissatisfaction is widespread and keen:

"It is with reluctance that The Daily Mail suggests the incompleteness of what is termed General Bertram's valedictory. A public duty, however, cannot be evaded, and it is a public duty to remind General Bertram that his statement, utterly lacking in detail and definiteness as affecting the criticism of the work of his committee, does not allay suspicion, but tends to strengthen

it. Major-General Bertram has been accused of enriching his private interests from business placed by the Shell Committee under his direction. He has been accused of showing favoritism in the distribution of shell orders, and of allowing prices to the manufacturers (including his own concerns) out of all proportion to the cost. Not one of these charges did he deal with in his valedictory, except in relation to the price of shells, and in this particular matter he withholds from the public the very information it desires.

"Major-Gen. Bertram would have been well advised to say more or say nothing. His latest statement, padded with information which appears to be a crude pretext for putting the public off the scent in regard to the operations of the late Shell Committee. The public is ready to be convinced that General Bertram can justify every transaction consummated under his official auspices. While it will not jump to any half-baked conclusions, it will accept definite answers to definite accusations. General Bertram, in his utter lack of frankness in defending the work of the committee, has done poor service to himself, and has very materially strengthened the demand for a public investigation of his direction of the Shell Committee."

Sir Robert Borden may desire that the operations of the Shell Committee shall be forgotten, and Sir Sam Hughes may stand up for General Bertram and his colleagues against all their critics, but when attacks like those of The Montreal Daily Mail come from within the party it is difficult to see how an investigation can be refused without increasing the suspicion, already abroad in the



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The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of this notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination; the said writing may be in the form numbered five in the schedule of the Municipal Elections Act, and shall state the names, residence, and occupation or description of each person proposed in such manner as sufficiently to identify such candidate; and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1916, in the Council Chamber at the City Hall, Fulton Street, from the hour of 9 a. m. to the hour of 7 p. m., of which every person is hereby requested to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Qualification for Mayor.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as the Mayor of any city shall be any person who is a male British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, not disqualified under any law, and has for the six months next preceding the day of nomination been the registered owner in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property in the city of assessed value, on the last municipal assessment roll of One Thousand Dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, and who is otherwise duly qualified as a Municipal Voter.

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