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THE COMMISSIONS

The Victoria Times has the following comments to make on the very pointed letter which Sir Sam Hughes sent to Premier Borden, tendering his resignation as Minister of Militia:

In his letter of November 1st to Sir Robert Borden, the reply to which was a request for his resignation, Sir Sam Hughes wrote: "Permit me to draw your attention to every commission that has been formed. They look beautiful on paper, but few, if any, have been anything like perfect in practice. The Hospital Commission, the Pensions Board and the National Service Commission all seemed lovely when they set out, but everyone concerned with them knows of the absurdities they contained."

Canada knows about the absurdities of the National Service Board from which Sir Thomas Tait was forced to resign in disgust. It is a political body composed of eleven Conservatives and one Liberal, who clearly was appointed under a misapprehension. But the country requires more information concerning the late minister's reflections on the Hospital Commission and Pensions Board. What were the absurdities in their cases? Are they there still? These are two vitally important bodies. They have to do with the treatment and repair of our battered soldiers, for their sacrifices and the maintenance of their dependents. Sir Sam Hughes should have amplified his statement affecting those boards. Certainly he will have to do so when parliament meets.

Sir Sam Hughes' remark about the agitation against the Prime Minister in opposition

days refers to the revolt in the party parliamentary ranks five or six years ago. This was organized by a group of Montreal Tories and reached such a serious stage that for a time two caucuses were being held by the opposition members. The harassed leader submitted his resignation and the names of Sir James Whitney and Sir Richard McBride were mentioned in connection with the post. Finally Mr. Borden's friends managed to get some of the recalcitrants into line and a petition was presented to the leader requesting him to withdraw his resignation. Certain British Columbia members will recall the incident. They refused to sign the petition.

Sir Sam Hughes refers to a rumor that the Prime Minister contemplated retiring to the Supreme Court bench, "handing over the premiership to another under whom it is well known I would not serve." To whom did the minister refer? Mr. Rogers? Probably; we know that the Minister of Public Works has frequently been acting-premier of late. It is unnecessary to say that the selection of Mr. Rogers as Prime Minister would be a menace to the state.

Our late war minister says that in the midst of the war it took four months to get the cabinet to authorize the purchase of trucks for the Second Canadian Division at wholesale prices instead of allowing large commissions to local agents who would not have handled the order at all. The Rogers wing of the cabinet must have been exceedingly strong. The war could wait. Let the boys have their commissions.

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armed. The correspondence between Sir Robert and his ex-minister proved to be justification of these charges.

It was plain that the confidence of the opposition had been misplaced.

Sir Wilfrid said that Sir Thomas Tait, chairman of the national service commission, had been compelled to resign because of this jarring and discord. On the very day that Sir Thomas resigned Sir Robert Borden had coolly and gladly asked him to take part. To have accepted, Sir Wilfrid declared, would have been to condone the existing condition of things.

Sir Wilfrid said there was no truth in the charges that he had not done his duty in regard to recruiting. He had done his duty in the past and would continue to do it in the future. The only thing that really mattered, he said was the winning of the war. That was more important than the triumph of any political party.

Turning to the nickel question Sir Wilfrid said that the government should take steps to make it absolutely certain that Canadian nickel is not finding its way into Germany.

It had been announced, Sir Wilfrid said, by Hon. A. E. Kemp and by Hon. Arthur Meighen that parliament is to be asked for an extension of time and that in the event of a refusal the responsibility would be placed on the Liberal party and himself.

"I am not afraid of responsibility," said the Liberal leader. "I have taken it upon many occasions but always having in view the welfare of Canada. The ques-

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tion of responsibility has no terrors for me, but we shall await the proposals of the government; we shall see 'the arguments' they put forth and then we will be equal to the responsibility."

At the afternoon session, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That this convention of representative Liberals of Eastern Ontario, takes this earliest opportunity of placing upon record its unswerving loyalty to the King and Empire; and pledging ourselves to assist in the continuing and vigorous prosecution of the present war to ultimate success, and at the same time to record our resentment at the reported remarks of certain Conservative politicians impugning the loyalty of the great Liberal party; which remarks we consider as entirely unjustified and an insult to the thousands of true Liberals who today mourn their sons and brothers who have given their lives at the front, as proof of their loyalty and love of the British Empire and that this convention expresses its condolence and heartfelt sympathy with all Canadians who have lost sons and relatives at the front."

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DATED at Vancouver, B. C., this 1st day of November, A. D. 1916.
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LIQUOR ACT, 1910.

(Section 42.)
NOTICE is hereby given that, on the first day of December next, application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for renewal of the hotel licence to sell liquor by retail in the hotel known as the Northern Hotel, situate at Port Simpson, in the Province of British Columbia.

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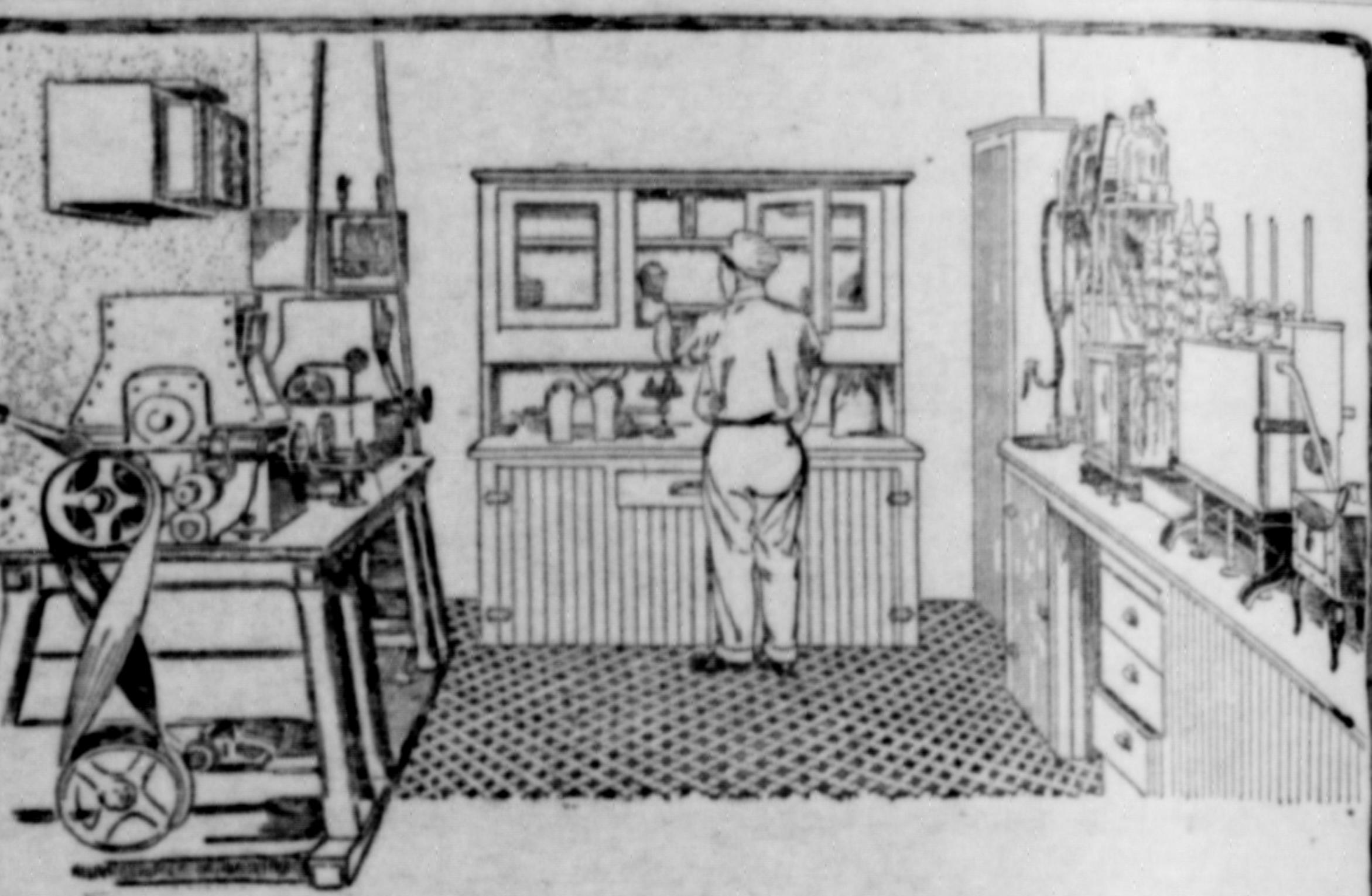
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