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EDITORIALS

In today's issue will be seen an attack of the Ottawa Citizen, a leading Conservative paper, on the grafting carried on under the Borden government in connection with military supplies for the war. But the wasteful expenditure of public money was carried on long before the war was thought of. The following figures showing the expenditures under the Laurier and Borden governments are interesting in this connection:

Laurier.	
1908-09	\$62,358,000
1909-10	75,409,000
1910-11	89,835,000
Borden	
1911-12	\$105,847,000
1912-13	135,002,000
1913-14	127,478,000

In connection with this development in this country was at its acme in 1911 so that the expenditures instead of increasing since that date should have decreased. The Borden government will have to explain what it did with the money.

As a matter of fact, the people know what has happened to the money. We in Prince Rupert know where a hundred thousand odd went; and that is in purchasing government sites in this city at double their values and then wasting huge sums on excavations. What has happened in Prince Rupert has happened all over the country and it is no wonder that the expense of running the country has increased 50 per cent under the Borden government. Now they try to pay this off by a so-called war tax, but not one cent of this "war tax" goes to pay for the war. Every time you put a war stamp on your letter—and you will be doing it in a very few days—you will be contributing to the cost of yonder postoffice site where the government sunk a hundred thousand dollars of your money.

But it wasn't sufficient to put on a "war tax" to pay for the reckless expenditure of the Borden government. They had to go ahead and compel the people of the Mother Country to contribute their share. At the time when the British taxpayer is either paying for the cost of a universal war or down to his middle in the mud of the trenches fighting for the very existence of the Empire the government of Canada comes along and says: "You must contribute toward the deficit of

our government. In the last four years we were extravagant in our expenditures and now we must get the money somewhere so we have decided to make you pay your share." In other words, as Sir Wilfrid skillfully put it: "When the product of the British manufacturer escapes the German submarines the government of Canada is waiting with another torpedo unless they contribute an extra fee to the Canadian government." And this at a time when Britain is fighting for the existence of the Empire. This flag-waving Borden government has not a spark of patriotism left or they would not increase the British preference at this crisis in the history of the Empire. Shame on Sir Robert Borden and his government.

H. F. M.

In every direction in which enquiry is turned, as far as enquiry has gone as yet at Ottawa the same condition has been revealed in connection with the buying of war supplies. Always between the government and the firm that could supply the goods the government needed, there seems to have wedged in the speculator, who, perhaps with no previous knowledge whatever of the materials he was dealing in, just bought and sold and skimmed off the deal a few thousand dollars for himself.

How far and wide these operations have been carried remains to be shown, and the whole country will insist upon knowing. Only the fringe of the purchasing, which in all runs away up into the millions, has been scrutinized so far. But so far not a corner has been peeped into without revealing the patronage merchant right there, taking large tolls on the public money as it was paid out.

The thing is a disgrace to the country. We feel sure that the revelations will surprise and disgust the Prime Minister. They will have much the same effect on Hon. W. T. White, Hon. George E. Foster, and Conservatives as well as Liberals the whole Dominion over. The amazing part of it is that men should have the effrontery to attempt these daylight robberies and expect to get away with the goods, knowing that the Auditor General was on duty and that Parliament would meet and its committees get to work. Did they imagine that there would

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be no reckoning? Did they think the Germans were going to capture the country and burn the records? Did they look to the party truce for shelter, or did they expect a general election to raise a dust in which they could slip away?



CAPTAIN AGAR ADAMSON.

Who will probably command the Princess Patricia's until a new commander is appointed, following the death of Colonel Farquhar and the indisposition of Major Gault.

38th REGIMENT, EARL GREY'S OWN RIFLES.

Orders by Major J. H. McMullin, Commanding, April 3, 1915:

Parades.

"A" Company will parade at the Exhibition Building on Wednesday and Friday, April 7 and 9, at 8 p. m.

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SO-CALLED WAR TAX AND HOW IT OPERATES

(Official From Ottawa.)

Re one cent war tax on letters and post cards mailed in Canada for delivery in Canada, United States or Mexico, and on letters mailed in Canada for delivery in the United Kingdom and British possessions generally and wherever the two cent rate applies:

A war tax of one cent has been imposed on each letter and post card mailed in Canada for delivery in Canada, the United States or Mexico, and on each letter mailed in Canada for delivery in the United Kingdom and British possessions generally, and wherever the two cent rate applies, to become effective on and from April 15, 1915.

This war tax is to be prepaid by the senders by means of a war stamp for sale by postmasters and other postage stamp vendors.

Wherever possible, stamps on which the words "War Tax" have been printed should be used for prepayment of the war tax, but should ordinary postage stamps be used for this purpose, they will be accepted.

This war stamp or additional stamp for war purposes should be affixed to the upper right hand portion of the address side of the envelope or post card, close to the regular postage so that it may be readily cancelled at the same time as the postage.

In the event of failure on the part of the sender through oversight or neglect to prepay the war tax on each letter or postcard above specified, such a letter or postcard will be sent immediately to the nearest Branch Dead Letter Office.

It is essential that postage on all classes of mail matter should be prepaid by means of ordinary

MANUFACTURE ALCOHOL INSTEAD OF LIQUORS

Regina, Sask., April 6.—In view of the decision of the Saskatchewan government to abolish the spirituous liquor trade the agricultural and manufacturing committees thought that the distilleries of the country could easily be used for this purpose to great advantage. The committees were of the opinion that commercial alcohol could be sold at 20 cents a gallon after a good profit had resulted to the manufacturer. As denatured alcohol is manufactured from beets and potatoes, the farmer engaged in raising these vegetables would be assured of a return of over \$50 per acre. Denatured alcohol is now being used in the United States and Germany very largely as a substitute for gasoline. In the former country the retail price ranges from 18 cents to 20 cents per gallon, and in the latter 16 cents to 24 cents per gallon, according to figures secured. The Regina Board of Trade is of the opinion that the manufacturing of commercial alcohol would overcome the unemployment resulting from the closing of the hotel bars.

PRINCE RUPERT CADET CORPS.

Orders by George Leek, Cadet Instructor, for the Week Ending April 10, 1915:

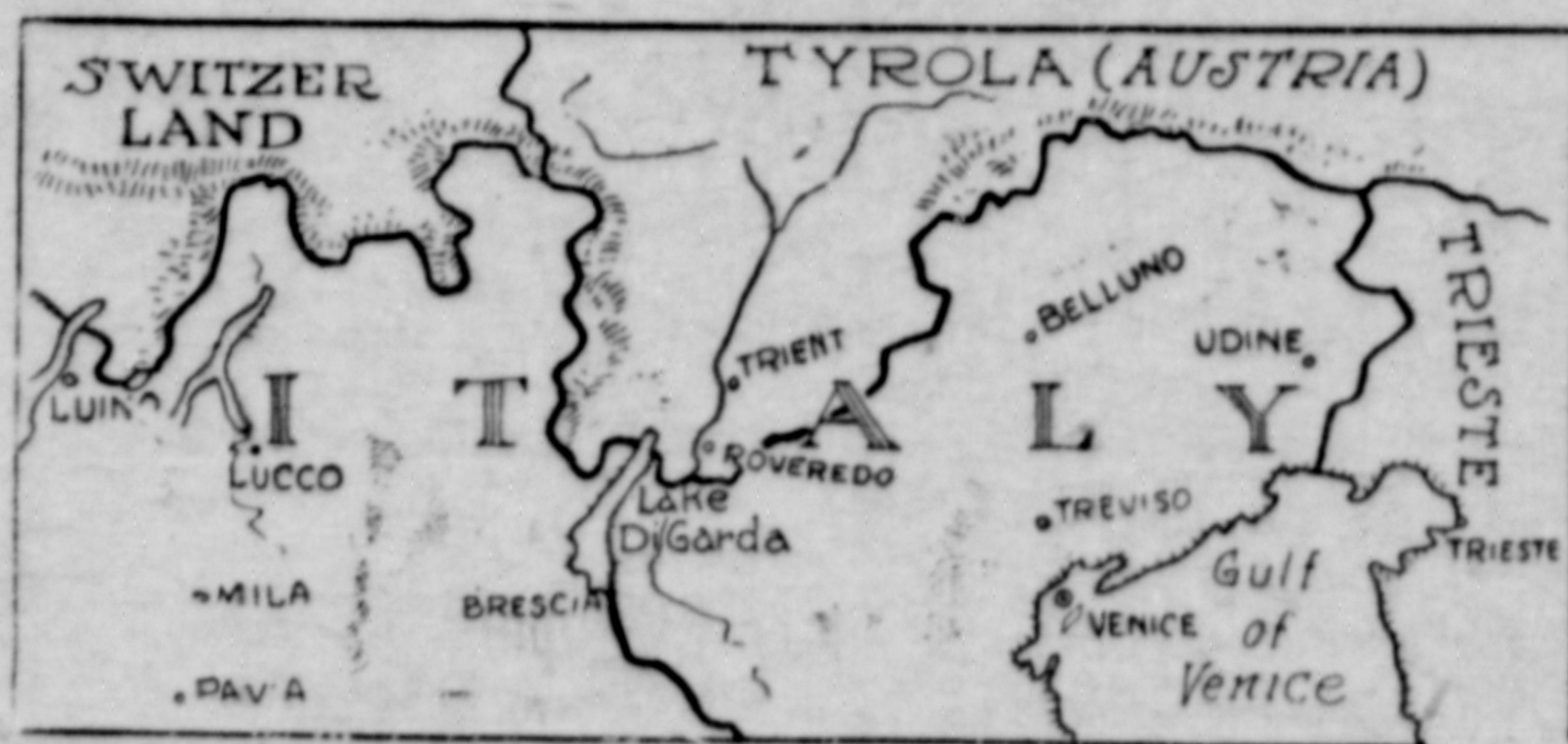
Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.—Drill in uniform.

Saturday, 9:30 a. m.—Drill, not in uniform. Bring your lunch with you.

ROBT. RITCHIE, C. C.

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postage stamps. The War Tax stamp will be accepted in any case for the prepayment of postage.



EVENTS ON THE AUSTRO-ITALIAN FRONTIER.

On the left of the map is Luino, where the Italians seized supplies for the Krupp Works. At Tyrol and Trieste, the Austrians are constructing defences and mobilizing troops. They have dynamited buildings near Lake Garda and torn down parts of the towns of Rovereto which might be in the way of artillery fire.



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