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THE "HONORABLE"
COLONEL SAM.

The Prince Albert homestead scandal has come near having a competitor close to Montreal in the recent purchase by Colonel the Honorable Sam Hughes of a piece of land for the erection of a military training school. For years past there has been discussion as to the establishment of such a school near Montreal. It offered such opportunities for expenditure that Colonel Hughes lost no time in getting the matter on. Various sites were considered, and naturally party friends looked for profit. Apparently they were not disappointed. Major W. T. Rodden of Montreal, one of the oldest military men of the metropolis, and a reliable Conservative, made a gross profit of \$95,000.

This is the history of the deal. On May 27th, 1911, Major Rodden bought a property at Dorval for \$48,500, as an investment. Later on came the change of government, and the renewed talk of buying a site for the proposed military school. On June 8th, 1912, Major Rodden bought a farm adjoining his Dorval property for \$36,496. Sixteen days later he sold the whole block, which had cost him \$84,996, to the Dominion of Canada, represented by Colonel the Honorable Sam Hughes, for \$180,000, considerably more than doubling his money.

Labored attempts are being made to explain away this deal. It is claimed that the land is worth the money; that it could be sold today for more than was paid for it, and so on. But the facts will not down. A party friend knows that the property will be wanted by the

government. He purchases it, and a few days later sells it to the government at a profit of nearly \$100,000.

Could not the government have purchased the property through its own agent and saved the people this \$95,000? But what's the use! Could not the government have sold the Prince Albert \$375,000 "homestead" instead of giving it to a party friend for \$10?

THE SPENDING
GOVERNMENT.

During the month of July Canada's national debt increased by \$6,529,104. During the fiscal year the treasury of Canada has paid out to Mackenzie & Mann about \$6,000,000 as instalment on the \$15,600,000 presented to the Canadian Northern Railway by way of subsidies last session. Mr. Borden and his colleagues have used their powers in parliament to increase the debt of Canada by a clear gift to these railroad promoters which has already taken \$5 out of the pocket of every head of a family in Canada.

The net debt of the Dominion at the end of July was \$298,069,678, as compared with \$291,540,573 at the end of June. Expenditure on ordinary accounts for the four months since the end of March totalled \$28,400,376 and on capital accounts \$13,014,270—the latter an increase of over \$9,000,000 as compared with last year.

There is no possibility of doubt that Mr. Borden is the head of the greatest spending government Canada has ever known. The time is not far distant when even the boundless revenues taken from the people will not suffice, and another loan will be necessary.



CANADA'S FIRST "ADVERTISED" WEDDING.

The couple to the right had to advertise their wedding in the press, according to the laws of Ontario, an obligation which the law now imposes on non-residents. From left to right are: Mr. E. J. Stanley Brown of Toronto and his bride, Rev. William Sinclair of Roxbury, N. Y., and his bride.

THE CONSERVATIVES WILL YET
SUFFER BITTER RETRIBUTION

LAURIER DELIVERS STIRRING ADDRESS BEFORE ASSEMBLED
THOUSANDS—VETERAN STATESMAN WAS IN
FINE FETTER.

Montreal, Aug. 21.—"The Conservatives may put off an appeal to the people—they may delay from day to day, from week to week, from month to month—but the appeal must come; and the longer it is put off the more bitter will be the retribution, the more glorious the triumph and victory of the Liberals."

Thus epitomized is the call which permeated the utterances of all speakers at a monster demonstration organized at St. Hyacinthe last Saturday in honor of Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, leader of the opposition. First thrown out by the leader himself, it was taken up and reiterated in varying form by all the speakers who followed.

Sir Wilfrid was in fine fettle and despite the overwhelming heat, he spoke upward of one hour and twenty minutes before a gathering of over 6,000 people on LaFramboise square. The audience comprised representatives from Montreal, Richelieu, St. John's, Shefford and other districts, special trains carrying the crowd to and from the meeting.

St. Hyacinthe was overrun with the incoming visitors, who came from every point of the province. The streets were festooned with flowers and bunting, special arches of greenery being thrown across at various points. In the latter, little girls dressed in gala attire sprinkled fresh cut flowers on the roadway as the Liberal chieftain passed. Addresses were read on behalf of the citizens, as well as on behalf of the various Liberal clubs represented at the demonstration.

Sir Wilfrid, who gave all evidences of having profited by his repose of the past few months, made a speech which was qualified by several of his followers and colleagues in the house as one of the most vigorous and eloquent in years.

While many of the younger men were "washed out" by the torrid temperature and had, in consequence, to plod with difficulty through an effort of twenty minutes or so, the veteran leader kept on for four times that space of time without any apparent fatigue.

There was something of the old resonant voice and graceful poise which were characteristic

of the Laurier of the old days. Sir Wilfrid dealt with the naval question, and in sarcasm dealt with what he stated to be the incongruous position of the Nationalist "patriot" who, falling down before the patronage trough, had been, he said, traitors to all their pre-election promises.

He made merry at the expense of the Conservative "extremist," whom he declared to be made up of the imperialists on the one side and the Nationalists on the other.

Sir Wilfrid also recalled the imperial conferences of 1902 and 1903, pointing out that the course which he had followed therein had been to fight for the preservation of the autonomy of the country. This course, he said, had been sanctioned by the Canadian parliament without a dissenting voice.

As to the naval question, said Sir Wilfrid, though the Nationalists had begged to have only twenty of their number elected, promising in that event they would soon have the "damned" question settled, it was now a more burning question than ever before.

Sir Wilfrid also scored the closure as a death blow at the constitutional liberty of the people by the Conservatives, whom he qualified as the party of the privileged classes, as opposed to the masses.

He averred that the whole policy of the Conservatives tended toward bringing Canada back to the days of seventy-five years ago, when everything in the matter of government was directed from the highbrows of Downing street.

Slush Fund.

Washington, Aug. 21.—George D. Horning, a Washington pawnbroker, told the house lobby committee that the total slush fund raised to defeat the federal loan shark bill was nearly \$12,000. Representative McDermott of Illinois is alleged to have arranged to get \$7,500 to work against the bill.

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Canada

Montreal, Aug. 21.—On his first visit to the western hemisphere, Cameron of Lochiel, and his wife arrived yesterday. The visitors are going through the west, and at Winnipeg the noted Highland regiment will be reviewed by the distinguished Scot.

Second thoughts are sometimes best in a case of love at first sight.



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