

DISSATISFACTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

Dissatisfaction with the Union Government of the Dominion these days is clearly quite widespread. Quebec Nationalists are dissatisfied because the Government has been prosecuting the war vigorously. Also they are dissatisfied because the Government has appointed the Chief Justice of Canada to be Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, he being an Irishman. The United Farmers are dissatisfied because the Government imposed conscription on farmers, like other people. The LAURIERITES are dissatisfied because the Unionists licked them. The Mennonites are dissatisfied because their relatives in the United States can not escape military duty by dodging into this country. Some of the labor unions are dissatisfied because the Government objects to strikes. Some of the bankers are dissatisfied because the Government insists on exempting Victory bonds from income tax. The Government has the duty of using carefully the money of the people, and the Civil Service is dissatisfied because it suspects that the Government hesitates to give every civil servant a bonus of \$350 at once. Everybody in the Dominion except the people who sell things is dissatisfied because prices are high and food is dear here as everywhere else in the world.

Governments anywhere have trouble to satisfy everybody at any time. In Canada, what with our Nationalists and our aliens, our East and our West, our English and our French, our labor unions, our United Farmers, and our Manufacturers' Associations, our paper mills fighting our newspapers, our janglings between provinces and between the Dominion and provinces, our free traders, our single-taxers, our railways, our influenza and our Ottawa Morning and Evening Citizen, the Government troubles in this country are bound to be worse than the average of earthly Government troubles. And when the people add war to all this, when the people add a condition which imposes upon Government the executive duty of devising measures to enable the full use of the national force, calling upon all citizens and all money and property to contribute without stint to vigorous prosecution of war, you provide for dissatisfaction with the Government an opportunity which is really magnificent.