

That the wholesale price for these bicycles to any man in the business of selling bicycles and buying as many as 20, 30 or 50 in a season, would be \$24.50, (without military attachments).

That his firm, Hyslop Brothers, Limited, would have supplied the Government with the same identical bicycles, 1,220 of them, at a total cost of \$41,480.

That the difference between the price paid by the Government and the regular trade price of these 1,220 bicycles therefore amounts to \$28,770.

LOSS TO THE COUNTRY \$28,770.

The Shield-Shovel

25,000 ORDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT AT A COST OF \$33,750, MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES, SHIPPED TO ENGLAND WITHOUT HANDLES AND DISCARDED BY THE ENGLISH GOVERNMENT AS BEING NOT OF SERVICE PATTERN AND BEING UNSUITABLE FOR THE SOLDIERS.

PATENTEE WAS MISS ENA McADAM, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO MAJOR GENERAL SAM HUGHES.

The above is the story in brief of the shield shovels. Lieutenant-Colonel Stoneman of Hamilton claims he is the patentee of this shovel and before the Public Accounts Committee on March 30th, swore, when exhibiting the blue print of the pattern of the shield shovel, that he had sent a copy of the shield shovel pattern at the beginning of the War to several persons, including Lord Kitchener, Lord Roberts and General Hughes, and that he had received an acknowledgment from all of the gentlemen except Major General Sam Hughes.

On the witness stand General Hughes stated that his private secretary, Miss McAdam, when in Switzerland had seen the requirements for such a spade and on returning to Canada, and some 15 months later, after the outbreak of War had taken out this patent.

DISCARDED—NOT OF SERVICE PATTERN.

In the British House of Commons on Thursday March 11th, 1915, the question was asked by Mr. MacVeagh in regard to the McAdam shovels.

QUESTION:

Mr. MacVeagh asked whether the McAdam spades with which the Canadian soldiers were supplied at Salisbury Plains have been discarded; and, if so, under what circumstances.