

could have told them what was needed, but did not avail themselves of that advice. Then they ordered shoes suited for Sunday wear in June weather, and insisted on getting them delivered in a rush. And now the Telegram is trying to explain that having equipped the soldiers with nice light Sunday shoes, the mistake was made of sending the men to Valcartier. It says:

"Even the mischief making powers of Hon. Sam Hughes were enlarged by the possibilities of Valcartier. The men had to be rushed away from Valcartier lest they should be driven out by the severity of the weather."

The Telegram further claims that

"Canada's soldiers went out from Valcartier in September, ill shod and untrained, in the sense that the time which should have carried these soldiers a long way towards the goal of efficiency was wasted in marching past and other exercises more suitable to the rehearsals of a comic opera company than to the mobilization of an army."

As to the value of the training, opinions may differ, but about ordering light Sunday city shoes for thirty odd thousand men, who were to do all this marching in the open country, there can be only one opinion. The brand of incompetence is upon those responsible for it, and calling out "Valcartier" in loud and angry voices will not help them.

The real inwardness of the Telegram's feeling on the subject is perhaps sufficiently shown by the following paragraph from the same article:

"The Borden Government may survive, but the country should not be called upon to tolerate the further misuse of Valcartier as a stage setting for the greatness of Hon. Sam Hughes. Does Sir Robert Borden propose to retain his present Minister of Militia? Then the least that Sir Robert Borden can do is to keep Hon. Sam