

No Tenders, No Competition--

GOVERNMENT PURCHASING SYSTEM LOOSE, IRREGULAR AND ILLEGAL

PRACTICE CONTRARY TO REGULATIONS

"IT WAS WORSE THAN THAT: THEY WERE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ACT."—*The Auditor-General of Canada, before the Public Accounts Committee, March 17, 1915, verified his letter of Dec. 4, 1914 to Militia Department, complaining that war goods amounting to over \$1,000,000 had been bought WITHOUT ORDERS-IN-COUNCIL AS REQUIRED.*

TORY PATRONAGE SYSTEM COMPELLED USE OF MIDDLEMEN

"I saw Colonel Jones, an officer of the Militia Department. He said that the Government "WOULD NOT DO BUSINESS DIRECT WITH "OUR COMPANY—We were prepared to do business direct if the Government saw fit to do "business with us AS WE DO IN OTHER COUNTRIES—The prices we charged Powell (the middleman who added \$9,000 profit) are the prices "we charge the French, British or Russian Governments for hundreds of carloads of goods."—*W. J. Shaver, representative of Bauer & Black, manufacturers of Surgical Dressings, before the Public Accounts Committee, on March 23, 1915.*