

porated in all parts of the country and received large orders for shells, while other concerns having establishments, and in a position to do the work without delay were refused orders.

There were strong accusations made that in some cases before contracts were finally closed by the Shell Committee, a commission had been demanded from the manufacturer.

The Liberal members were prepared to prove that a gentleman closely connected with a member of the Shell Committee, in fact a son of one of the members of the Shell Committee had demanded $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ commission from a firm in Toronto who was about to receive an order for shells. The demand was made with a threat that if the commission was not paid the Company could not get the order for the manufacture of shells. The Company refused the commission and consequently did not receive the order.

THAT THE MEMBER FOR PRINCE EDWARD, ONTARIO, Mr. Hepburn, who was a member of **THE FIRM OF HEPBURN BROS., AND WHO OWNED** a planing mill, received two **ORDERS, ONE FOR 200,000 FORGINGS** 4.5 shells at \$2.00 a forging, and another for **MACHINING** 50,000 4.5 **SHELLS** at \$6.00, or a total order for over \$700,000. This order was given to Mr. Hepburn on May 29th, 1915, who immediately took it to Montreal where it was carried out by another concern.

That the E. Long Manufacturing Co. of Orillia, the Canadian Maleable Iron Works of Owen Sound and Mr. E. A. D. Morgan, former Conservative candidate in Richileau, Que., had received at the same time contracts for the manufacture of 60 pound high explosive shells, but for some unaccountable reason Mr. Morgan, the Conservative candidate got 25c. and 50c. a shell more for his work than did the Orillia and Owen Sound Companies.

That the Conservative candidate for St. Catherines, Mr. J. D. Chaplin, formed a mushroom Company (the Metals Drawing Co., Ltd.) incorporated under the Ontario Laws on March 5th, 1915, with an authorized capital of \$50,000. With this small authorized capital, Mr. Chaplin was able to secure contracts aggregating over \$4,000,000.

At St. John, N.B., the York and Cornwall Cotton Company got an order for 25,000 shrapnel shells and took this to Messrs. Jas. Fleming and Sons, an old established firm, and the Fleming people did the work and paid the York and Cornwall Cotton Company a commission of 10%.

Not only was this nefarious work going on in connection with shells but also in regard to shell boxes.

The Liberal members were prepared to prove that one of Sir Sam Hughes' constituents, Mr. C. W. Burgoyne, of Fenelon Falls, secured an order for 3,000 shell boxes at \$2.50 each and immediately sublet to a gentleman by the name of Mr. W. Tiers at a profit of 50c. a box.