

Mr. Brookins the express agent of the New York Central Road, whose line enters Canada at Cornwall was placed on the witness stand and swore that the Sifton Battery did not come in at Morrisburg at all, but that it came into Canada over the New York Central Railway at the Port of Cornwall.

Thus we find that the Minister of Customs misled the Public Accounts Committee and as yet he has never made any satisfactory explanation as to why the Port of Customs at Morrisburg was opened to J. Wesley Allison.

Shield-Shovels

A young lady stenographer, private secretary to Sir Sam Hughes patented the shield-shovel. The Government purchased \$33,750 worth of these shovels and to this day they have not been used and are not of any value to the soldiers, an absolute misappropriation of funds to the extent of \$33,750 to satisfy the egotistical whims of Sir Sam Hughes.

The Shovels were Discarded in Favor of One 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.

Answer:—Mr. Tenant (Under Secretary of State for War.) It is necessary that the entrenchment implement should be carried on the person, and as the Canadian troops had no means of doing this with their spade, the Service pattern with the appropriate fitment was issued to them. (See British Parliamentary debates, Thursday March 11th, 1915.)

The ludicrous excuses of Sir Sam for foisting this worthless shovel with a hole in it upon the Canadian Forces at an absolutely unjustifiable expense—suggest the antics of a circus clown.

Camp Grounds

The special delight of the Minister of Militia of the Borden Government, seems to have been in spending money on camp grounds. In 1914 when the War broke out there were distributed