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War Orders Mean \$40,000,000 to Canada

BRITISH, Canadian, French and Russian Governments are Purchasing all kinds of Supplies in this Country—Details of First Orders—They Range from Shirts to Shrapnel and Mitts to Motor Trucks—Many Factories are Benefited—Interesting Results of The Monetary Times Inquiry.

A LARGE amount of money is being spent in Canada by the Imperial, Dominion, French and Russian governments in connection with orders for equipment for armies and navies, and with gifts to the Imperial authorities. These are stimulating industry considerably, keeping thousands of employees working throughout the winter in factories, many of which are running night and day shifts. While many of these industries may find conditions slack after this active, and obviously artificial, period, these war orders have prevented such unfavorable conditions from being present this winter. About 2,500 factories are said to have been affected favorably by the orders.

The government authorities are too busy to give out information as to war orders just now, but details will come forward in official documents later, probably long after the war has ceased. In the meantime, *The Monetary Times* has gathered reports, facts and figures, from which an approximate estimate can be made as to the value of war orders being placed in Canada. The information has been obtained from official sources whenever possible.

The following figures represent the value of only a portion of the orders placed in the Dominion. They include the Dominion and provincial government gifts to Great Britain and Belgium.

British Government Orders.

Canned goods and other food supplies	\$ 1,000,000
Shirts	1,250,000
Sweater coats	900,000
Socks, mitts, belts, etc.	900,000
Miscellaneous woolens and textiles	950,000
Mess tins, picket poles and pegs	130,000
Shovels, picks, etc.	1,000,000
Horses	3,850,000
Sheepskin coats (second order)	25,000
*Saddles	2,000,000
Shrapnel shells (to October 16)	2,000,000
Boots and shoes	2,500,000
Rifles, ammunition, and shell cases	2,000,000
	\$18,505,000

*This order included also the requirements of Canada, Russia and France.

Dominion Government Orders.

30,000 Ross rifles and bayonets (first order)	\$ 1,000,000
Conversion of 10,000 old type rifles	35,000

Flour, 1,000,000 bags	3,000,000
Blankets	155,000
Wagons, 1,000	150,000
	\$ 4,340,000
Numerous other orders (details not available yet) estimated at	11,000,000
	\$15,340,000

Provincial Government Orders (Gifts to Imperial Authorities).

Horses (Saskatchewan)	\$162,500
Flour (Ontario) 250,000 bags	750,000
Flour (Manitoba) 50,000 bags	150,000
Evaporated apples (Ontario) 100,000 lbs.	6,000
Oats (Alberta) 500,000 bushels	300,000
Canned salmon (British Columbia) 25,308 cases; and charges	102,000
Potatoes (New Brunswick) 100,000 bushels; and expenses	90,000
Oats (Prince Edward Island) 100,000 bushels	50,000
Cheese (Quebec) 1,000,000 lbs.	620,000
	\$2,230,500

Provincial Government Orders (Gifts to Belgium).

Flour (Alberta) 5,000 bags	\$20,000
Barrels (New Brunswick) 15,000; and charges	25,000
Evaporated apples (Ontario) 100,000 lbs.	16,000
	\$61,000

French Government's Orders.

Boots	\$1,000,000
Blankets	1,845,000
	\$2,845,000

Summarizing the above, we have the following results:—

War Orders Placed in Canada by Government.

British	\$18,505,000
Dominion	15,340,000
Provincial	2,291,500
Foreign	2,845,000
	\$38,981,500

This sum represents only the orders given during about the past two months. Many more are to follow.

At the special session of parliament in August last, the government was authorized to use an appropriation