E. Slater, the middleman who was placed on the patronage list by General Sam Hughes and whose rake-off on the Contracts given the Gauthier Company of Quebec amounted to $15,275.00. Weeks after these revelations had been made public, Sir Robert Borden had the audacity to allege in Parliament that the total loss to the Country from the war-grafting of his political friends would be only $3,000.00 Is such a man fit to be Prime Minister of Canada?

Another method of helping their friends was devised by the Government when they allowed several contractors to substitute a cheap side leather for the more expensive calf leather from which the boots were supposed to be made and these contractors were paid at the prices quoted for calf boots. It was sworn that the change in the leather made a difference of at least 20 cents per pair in the price and a refund on this basis was asked from two contractors who had made the change without permission from the Department. But in the case of the Ames, Holden, McCready Co., it was proved that they had been allowed to substitute the cheaper for the more expensive leather and had not made any refund nor had they been asked to do so.

If fuller details regarding the boots supplied the Canadian soldiers are required they can be obtained by reference to the Printed Record of the Proceedings before the Special Boot Committee of the House of Commons, to the speeches made by the Liberal Members of the Special Committee, viz:—Honourable Charles Murphy, M.P., E. M. Macdonald, M.P., and E. W. Nesbitt, M.P., and published in Hansard of April 12th, 1915, and to the Minority Report of these gentlemen as contained in Hansard of the same date.

In spite of the foregoing the Borden Nationalist-Conservative Government, planning a Khaki election, has flooded the country with literature bearing the flag-waving slogan "BORDEN BACKS BRITAIN"

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