

DRUG CASE No. 2.

FIELD DRESSINGS FOR WOUNDED.

Field Dressings (Bandages, lints, salves, etc., for wounded Canadian Soldiers) **had to pay the blood toll.**

They had to come through a Tory middleman.

The middleman was an employee of a Conservative M.P. (W. F. Garland of Carleton, Ont.)

The middleman added one-third profit.

The manufacturers of Field Dressings (Bauer & Black, Chicago) wanted and expected to do business direct with the Government; the same as this firm has always done with all the governments of the world—They could not do business direct—they were told so—because there had to be a middleman.

Bauer & Black of Chicago, manufacturers of surgical dressings and specialists in Military Field Dressings, are one of the largest firms in the world doing this special business.

Bauer & Black, knowing that Canada was sending troops to Europe and knowing that the proper outfitting of these troops would include all kinds of surgical dressings, sent their own representative, W. J. Shaver to Ottawa.

Mr. Shaver interviewed officials of the Militia Department, expecting to do business direct with the Government, just as he would have done with the British War Office. He found he could not do business direct.

Let Mr. Shaver tell it in his own words, as he told it on oath on March 23rd, before the Public Accounts Committee (pages 69 to 80).

"I went to see Col. Jones (of the Militia Department). He said that THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT DO BUSINESS DIRECT WITH OUR COMPANY." (Page 70, P.A.E.).

There had to be a middleman!

Lest there be any mistake about that, listen to what Mr. Shaver said further on in his examination. He went on to talk with Col. Jones about prices for field dressings, and the basis of price was talked of. Mr. Shaver swore to the committee:

"Col. Jones told me it was the price laid down in Ottawa THROUGH SOME LOCAL MAN EITHER HERE OR SOMEWHERE ELSE IN CANADA." (Page 73, P.A.E.).

There must be a middleman!

Mr. Shaver did not want a middleman. He swore he did not. Listen—"We were prepared to do business direct if the Government saw fit to do business with us **AS WE DO IN OTHER COUNTRIES.** (Page 70, P.A.E.). And later Mr. Shaver said his company did business with the French, British and Russian governments, to say nothing of the United States. (Page 77, P.A.E.).