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War Orders in Canada: \$394,000,000

ESTIMATE of *The Monetary Times* Shows that the Dominion is Getting a Good Share of the Business Offering—The Profits are Large—How the Purchases are Made—Shrapnel and Similar Orders Account for \$254,000,000—Financing the Orders is a Big Task—British Admiralty Detailed 18 Ships for Atlantic Service to Transport Supplies Purchased Here.

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LAST week, a memorandum was issued from Ottawa by Hon. J. A. Loughheed, acting minister of militia, with regard to war orders placed by the allied governments in Canada. With the help of this statement, it is possible to compile a close estimate of the value of war orders placed in Canada. *The Monetary Times* was able, early in December last, to make the first careful estimate of the value of Canadian war orders. The sum was then placed at \$40,000,000. From the records gathered regularly, it was possible later to increase the amount to \$70,000,000. As the months passed the total grew considerably larger and *The Monetary Times'* records placed the value a few weeks ago at approximately \$400,000,000. At all times it was stated that the figures printed in these columns were closely approximate, although apparently considerable doubt regarding that point appeared in certain outside quarters. It was generally overlooked, however, that orders for vast supplies of shell, explosives and general materials were being placed in this country by Great Britain, France and Russia, while the Dominion government had also to place large orders to equip its expeditionary forces. The latest estimate of *The Monetary Times*, compiled with the help of the statement issued from Ottawa last week, places the value of war orders in Canada at \$394,000,000 at least. Nearly two-thirds of this sum is accounted for by shrapnel and other shell and similar material, orders for which have been placed through the Canadian shell committee. Here are the details of the estimate:—

Orders From Great Britain.

Saddlery (sets)	20,000	\$500,000
Artillery harness (sets)	21,000	1,680,000
Saddle blankets	41,000	124,410
Wire traces (pairs)	25,000	236,250
Cable (miles)	300	7,500
Copper rods (tons)	91	32,614
Artillery harness (double sets)...	15,000	2,400,000
Oats (gross tons)	284,442	11,263,902
Hay (gross tons)	89,344	1,161,472
Acetone (tons)	170	87,500
Ross bayonets and scabbards...	1,000,000	5,000,000
Sulphuric acid (tons)	165,000	4,125,000
Ross rifles	100,000	3,333,300

Accoutrements (sets)	78,000	\$90,000
Ammunition boxes	42,667	50,000
Bandoliers	25,000	25,000
Brass brushes	150,000	150,000
Shaving brushes	200,000	50,000
Paraffine candles (pounds)	5,000,000	1,000,000
Mess tins	257,700	257,700
Mess tin covers		1,000,000
Pick axes	267,000	106,800
Picketing posts	50,000	50,000
Picketing pegs	200,000	200,000
Shovels	120,000	120,000
Helves		260,000
Fir sleepers	108,000	32,400
Aluminum stock pots	3,000	6,000
Tetanus anti-toxine (doses)	45,900	34,425
Crossing timbers	3,000	1,500
Water bottles	500,000	500,000
Bacon (pounds)	11,624,924	3,487,477
Cheese (pounds)	15,883,673	1,906,040
Flour (tons)	20,446	1,431,220
Fowl (pounds)	78,968	19,742
Preserved meats (tins)	4,636,332	1,019,993
Dried vegetables (pounds)	3,120,000	780,000
Oats (bags, 5 pounds)	2,000,000	6,000,000
Boot laces, 2,500,000; greatcoats, 103,145; jackets, 500,000; trousers, 500,000; lined sheep- skin coats, 25,000; white flannel, 512,000 yards; cap comforters, 1,000,000; cardig- ans, 1,040,000; cholera belts, 100,000; cotton drawers, 500,- 000; woolen drawers, 1,600,- 000; fingerless gloves, 150,- 000; woolen mitts, 80,000 pairs; leather mitts, 200,000 pairs; worsted socks, 950,000 pairs; lumbermen's socks, 25,000 pairs; long socks, 50,- 000 pairs; woolen undervests, 200,000; rubber boots, 200,000 pairs; flannel shirts, 1,086,500; total, clothing		13,000,000
Shoepacks (pairs)	100	800
Brass strip (tons)	200	152,000
Travelling kitchens	250	388,500
Wagons	2,000	260,000
Horse collars	50,000	62,000
Box cars, 22-ton (Canadian Car & Foundry)	1,200	1,200,000