

three months this was increased to 100,000, and the same price 53 $\frac{3}{4}$ c each was maintained.

According to Mr. McClenaghan's own statement his profit on these goods had been 24%, 16% of which he had charged to overhead expenses and 8% to clear profit. On April 13th, Mr. T. McNichol of the J. M. Garland Company, Ottawa, refused to produce their original invoices to show what they had paid for these goods. Why?

## The Premier's Statement in Regard to Scandal

Much has been said of the stand taken by the Prime Minister Sir Robert Borden in regard to graft and scandal and what he would do to those who were guilty of extorting middlemen's profits out of the blood money of Canada.

In the House of Commons on April 15th, he made a grand stand appeal as to what he was going to do. He practically read two Members out of the Conservative Party, Mr. Dewitt Foster, M.P., of Kings Co. N.S., and Mr. Garland, M.P. for Carleton County, Ont. He went on to show how the doors of the jails were yawning for just such men as these who had exploited the money of the country for their own personal gain. At this time Sir Robert Borden had before him the report on the rotten boots which were supplied the soldiers. He had in his hand the report from the Quarter-Master Sergeant who stated that all the boots that he had examined and found defective the largest percentage had been made by Gauthier of Quebec, and Ames Holden and McCready Co., of Montreal, but Sir Robert has not to this day made any effort to castigate any of these boot manufacturers, notwithstanding that the Mr. Ames referred to in this company, is a Member of the House of Commons?

**The middlemen who purchased binoculars; the middlemen who made money by purchasing horses; the middlemen who took the blood toll out of the submarines; out of the motor trucks; out of the land deals; out of the rotten boots; out of the drugs and medicines and bandages, and scores of other things have all remained free citizens and the gates of the penitentiaries are still yawning.**

But Sir Robert must have forgotten that less than 4 months previously he had accepted as his candidature for Carleton, N.B. the Hon. J. K. Flemming of New Brunswick, who had been kicked out of the Premiership of New Brunswick because he was proven guilty by a Royal Commission of extorting monies, through an agent, from timber limit holders in that Province. Is Sir Robert Borden making fish of one candidate and flesh of another, or is he playing the game of Politics.

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