

this property the price "had gone up" and on February 20th, 1914, at the instigation of the Minister of Public Works authorization by order-in-council was given to pay \$325,532, an increase in four years of about \$235,000.

The Liberal Members in the House of Commons led by Mr. Lemieux, asked numerous questions in regard to the purchase of this property: in fact they became so insistent in the matter that the Government were compelled, after notice of expropriation had been made to refer the whole question to the Exchequer Court of Canada to fix the price. On September 7th, 1915, the Exchequer Court, after taking every detail into consideration, fixed the price of the property at \$288,750 or over \$40,000 less than the Hon. Mr. Rogers offered to pay.

The Dorval Military Site (Near Montreal)

Sir Sam Hughes could not permit the other Ministers to get all the honors in connection with extravagant expenditures. Somebody worked out a plan whereby the Militia Department should purchase a tract of land near Montreal for military manoeuvres and on May 23rd, 1912 at the instance of the then Col. Sam Hughes, an order-in-council was passed authorizing the Minister of Militia to pay \$180,000, for a military camp site near this city.

The work went merrily on and in less than a month from that day the Minister availed himself of this authorization from Council and on June 17th, 1912 issued a cheque to Messrs. Rodden, Fair and Cameron of Montreal for \$180,000 in payment for this Military Camp ground.

The secret of the transaction, however was made known when a few days later it was ascertained that on June 8th, 1912 nine days before the Minister had paid \$180,000 for this land Major Rodden had purchased it for \$84,996.

Another remarkable coincidence in this transaction and one requiring explanation is why should Sir Sam Hughes have asked on May 23rd, 1912 for authorization to pay \$180,000 for a property which 16 days after was purchased by Major Rodden for \$84,996.

This transaction netted Major Rodden a profit of \$95,000 on a nine days investment.

The Levis Land Scandal

Even the Hon. Martin Burrell, the pink tea Minister of Agriculture in the Borden Government could not let his portrait be included in the gallery of fame without first having its contain the ear mark which strongly resembles graft and middlemen's profits.

It had long been known that ground for a new cattle quar-