

Canadian nickel steel. Every one of them was stamped "Nickel steel," but they should have borne the motto "mined in Canada."

"If we deprive the Germans of our nickel, their predominance as an arm producing country will cease for ever."

At that time Col. Currie said a great deal more than Hansard reports and added "that every bullet shot out of German rifles was capped with Canadian nickel, but for some reason this statement does not appear in Hansard. What are the facts.

It is known that nickel mined in Sudbury in 1915, shipped in matte to the International Nickel Company, New Jersey, which refined it and sold some 800 odd tons to a smelting Company in New Jersey. This smelting Company have already sent to Germany, via the submarine Deutschland 200 tons of this Canadian nickel. Another 100 tons is lying in New London now awaiting the Deutschland which for reason "is detained." This smelting Company now have in their warehouse in New Jersey another 500 tons which will be sent to Germany at the very first opportunity.

These are facts which cannot be contradicted if the truth is told and yet Conservative headquarters at Ottawa are saying that Canadian nickel is not reaching Germany."

## Bicycles

When the Government started to purchase bicycles at the outbreak of War, communications were sent them from Bicycle manufacturers who were willing to supply bicycles in lots of 50 to 100 at \$34.00 each, and at a less price for an order of 1,000 bicycles or more. The Government did not even acknowledge this communication from a Toronto manufacturer, but went ahead and purchased bicycles to the extent of 1,200 and paid for each one from \$55.00 to \$62.00 each. By this transaction alone the Government lost over \$28,000.

## Housewives

**Purchased without tender from the President of the Ottawa Conservative Association.**

A housewife is a small piece of cloth arranged as to be tied up and contains threads, needles, twist, darning needles, darning cotton, etc. Each soldier is supposed to have one of these utility packages in his equipment. Without asking for tenders and without securing any competitive prices, the Government got into communication with Mr. Stewart McClenaghan of Ottawa, the owner and proprietor of the 2-Macs store and President of the Conservative Association for Ottawa, and asked him to give a price for supplying housewives. He quoted 53 $\frac{3}{4}$ c each and was immediately given an order for 30,000. In the following