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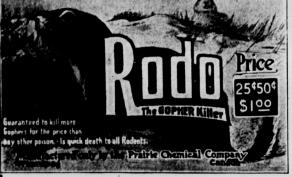
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age to the miller and the manufacturer. The member for Brantford says: 'Do not give the farmer wider-markets; do not give him even the natural market; do not obey the law of supply and demand, but control and limit his market for the benefit of the consumer, for the benefit of other classes of the producers.' Let us now reverse that resolution and make it apply, say, to agricultural implements. The resolution would then be that the government of Canada would be justified in exercising supreme control over the quantity of agricultural implements produced for export purposes. Is that my honorable friend's policy? The farmers of the country require those agricultural implements just as much as the other people require food. If they are made cheaper to the farmer, his production will cost less."

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W. M. Martin (Liberal) of Regina, J.J. Merner, (Conservative) South Huron and Premier Borden spoke against the resolutions and while Mr. Cockshutt's plan got some support on the score that the prices of commodities are too high, due to the manipulations of middlemen, no member on either side of the house was in favor of fixing a price the farmer should receive for his produce.

The Solders' Boots

The boot committee has been sitting consistently since it was appointed, and certain facts are becoming plainer in connection with the supply of that part of the soldiers' equipment. It has been established in the first place that the pattern committee of the militia department never sat to consider the question of designing a boot for active service conditions, and that recommendations made by the director of contracts from time to time for a heavier boot were not adopted. So far only the members of the departmental board which made the first report, have been heard, and the tenor of their evidence has been to the effect that the boots supplied were good of the kind, that haste in the supplying of orders may have been responsible for lack of efficient and thorough in-spection, and that conditions at Valcartier and Salisbury were such as to destroy any boot manufactured.

While the question of haste might be an extenuating factor in boots supplied to the first contingent, it would not apply in the same degree to those supplied to the second and third. And here there is a strange contradiction in the evidence. Reports received by the department from boards of enquiry appointed at divisional headquarters are singularly unanimous in condemnation of boots examined. It is stated in some that boots subjected to ordinary usage in many cases went to pieces in from one to three weeks, that the uppers were porous and soaked up water like blotting-paper, that the soles and heels wore out, and that the boots generally shrunk and went out of shape on account of poor tanning. In nearly all cases new issues of boots were de-manded. Objection has been raised by certain members of the committee to having these reports allowed as evidence, on the ground that the evidence was not sworn, but certain of those who made the reports will be summoned as

Col. Brown, chief inspector for the department, admitted that complaints had been received in such numbers by the department that they had simply been filed.

Returns brought down in the house from time to time indicate that the purchasing by the government has been deplorably lacking in system, startling disparities in the prices paid for standard articles being very noticeable in the case of many classes of supplies.

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by the success of the British fleet in the bombardment and destruction of the Turkish forts on the Dardanelles. Turkish forts on the Dardanelles. The opening of the Dardanelles, which will no doubt be accomplished in the near future, will benefit the cause of the Allies by enabling the shipment of the huge wheat crop of Southern Russia from Odessa, and also by permitting Russia to transport troops thru the Black Sea and the Mediterranean to attack Austria from the Adriatic. Under the circumstances those who have lost money by the fall in prices will not money by the fall in prices will not receive very much sympathy. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the outsider who goes up against the wheat market losès his money

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