

TIED SHINGLES AND BAGS ON BOOTS.

Major F. W. Doane of the 63rd Regiment testified that after about a fortnight's use the boots issued to the men of his Regiment were worn through so that the men's feet were on the ground. He added that "they had to tie shingles and bits of board and "pieces of bag across the bottoms of their boots to keep their "feet off the ground."

Captain F. C. Kaizer of A Company, Halifax, gave evidence to the effect that in his Company there were three or four men who went around for a week or ten days with canvas bags tied to the soles of their boots, so as to prevent their feet coming out on the ground, and that it was a common occurrence to see men with their feet in this condition going up and down on the boat that plied between Halifax and the Camp on McNab's Island in Halifax Harbour.

MEN BECAME TUBERCULAR.

Captain C. A. Mumford, also of Halifax, was another witness who in the course of his evidence said that the health of his men had been affected through the failure of the boots supplied to them, that three of the men had contracted heavy colds, had become tubercular, and had been put out of the Regiment. Particulars regarding these men, will be found on Page 377 of the Printed Proceedings of the Boot Committee.

OTHER EXPERIENCES.

Evidence as to the rapidity with which their boots went to pieces, was given by a large number of other soldiers, some of whom testified that their toes came through their boots, when wet and after only a few weeks' wear.

Colonel Hughes, the brother of General Sam Hughes, told the Committee that the boots supplied the men of his Regiment, then stationed at Kingston, Ontario, looked more like moccasins than boots when they were wet.

In the case of the men of the 25th Battery and Ammunition Column, 7th Artillery who were mobilized in Ottawa in the month of March, 1915, it was sworn by Lieut. Anderson that the boots supplied to his men went to pieces in less than 2 weeks, although the men were stationed at the armouries in Ottawa and had undergone no hardships whatever.

Instances such as the above could be multiplied, but as they are all contained in the Printed Record of the Proceedings before the House of Commons Boot Committee, it is not necessary to repeat them here.

CONDEMNED BY THEIR FRIENDS.

In view of the evidence given by the men who wore the boots as to their absolute unfitness for active service, special