

Block, S. side Queen st.; between Metcalfe and Elgin sts.; \$15,200; 3 years to 1st Sept.; 1915.

J. L. Rochester et al.; premises 126 Queen st.; \$900; to 1st May, 1916.

W. H. Stroud; 2 flats building 109 on Rideau st.; \$1,677; 1st August, 1914; to 20th February, 1916.

#### ALLEGED DESTRUCTION OF MILITARY PROPERTY.

Mr. MARCILE:

Is the Minister of Militia aware that a quantity of blankets, saddles, boots and food was burned about the time the expeditionary force of volunteers departed from camp at Valcartier? If so, what are the reasons therefor?

Major-General HUGHES: No military property of any value was destroyed. Some property of civilian pattern brought into camp was destroyed, as was also some obsolete and worn out uniforms and some worthless articles not worth cost of removal. These latter are authorized under regulations to be destroyed on the certificate of the Senior Ordnance Officer, and under his supervision. Report of the Board herewith (filed with Clerk of the House.)

#### WAR SUPPLIES—BOOTS.

Mr. MARCILE:

1. How many pairs of boots were purchased for the first expeditionary force of volunteers?

2. From whom were such boots purchased, and what was the price paid per pair?

3. Were the boots supplied satisfactory?

Major-General HUGHES:

1. 65,000.

2. From Ames, Holden, McCreedy, Ltd., Montreal, \$3.85 per pr.; Tetrault Mfg. Co., Montreal, \$3.85 per pr.; The Slater Shoe Co., Montreal, \$3.85 per pr.; Louis Gauthier Co., Quebec, \$3.85 per pr.; John Macpherson Co., Hamilton, \$3.85 per pr.; Hartt Boot and Shoe Co., Fredericton, \$3.66 2-3 per pr.; Amherst Boot and Shoe Co., Nova Scotia, \$3.80 per pr.

3. Yes, taking into consideration the short time allowed for manufacture.

#### WAR SUPPLIES—HORSES.

Mr. MURPHY:

1. How many horses were shipped to England with the first contingent?

2. What was their purchase price?

Major-General HUGHES:

1. Total horses shipped to England with first contingent, 8,393.

2. Average price paid, \$173.32.

#### WAR SUPPLIES—MEDICAL.

Mr. KYTE:

1. From whom were medical supplies purchased in Ottawa for the equipment of the first Canadian contingent?

2. Did one Mr. J. E. Powell supply a quantity of medical supplies and bandages to the Government for the first Canadian contingent?

3. If so, what amount was paid to Mr. Powell for these supplies?

4. Is Mr. Powell's place of business in Ottawa?

5. Did Mr. Powell solicit these orders or did some one act for him?

6. If so, what is the name of the person who acted for him?

7. Were steps taken to see that the prices charged for these goods were fair and reasonable?

Major-General HUGHES:

1. Supplies for the medical services for the first expeditionary force were obtained from: Canadian Milk Products Co., Toronto; Ingram & Bell, Ltd., Toronto; Hartz Co., Ltd., J. F., Toronto; Wood, W. Lloyd, Toronto; Murray-Kay, Ltd., Toronto; Burroughs Wellcome Co., Montreal; Chapman, J. H., Montreal; Davidson Mfg. Co., Thos., Montreal; Frosst Co., Ltd., C. E., Montreal; Gilmour Bros. & Co. (agents, Johnston & Johnston), Montreal; Lymans, Ltd., Montreal; National Drug & Chemical Co., (agents, Seabury & Johnston), Montreal; Canadian Red Cross Society, Montreal; Mothersill Remedy Co., Detroit; Stott & Jury, Bowmanville; H. K. Mulford Co., Ltd., Philadelphia; S. S. White Dental Co., Philadelphia; Chandler & Fisher, Ltd., Winnipeg; Eimer & Amend, New York; Kny-Scheerer Co., New York; Whitall & Tatum Co., New York; I. Flack, London, England; Idris & Co., London, England; Baird & Tatlock, London, England; Birkett, T. & Son, Ottawa; Brownlee, T. A., Ottawa; Eddy, E. B. & Co., Ottawa; Graham, Weldon J., Ottawa; Harrison, R. I., Ottawa; Macdonald & Co., W. B., Ottawa; Oliver & Sons, Ltd., J., Ottawa; Ottawa Truss & Surgical Co., Ottawa; Plant, F. H. (successors to Watson Carriage Co.), Ottawa; Powell, E. (agent, Bauer & Black), Ottawa; Rea Co., Ltd., A. E., Ottawa; Stevenson, S. J., Ottawa; Watts, E. R. & Sons, Ottawa; Preston Car & Coach Co., Preston.

2. Yes.

3. \$18,163.

4. Yes.

5. (a) No. (b) The goods bought were manufactured by Bauer & Black, Chicago, whose Toronto representative, Mr. Shaver, gave Mr. Powell's name to the department as their Ottawa agent.

6. Answered by 5.

7. Yes.