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WHAT HAPPENED TO CANADIAN WAR HORSES?

IT can be stated on undeniably authentic authority that of the 8,562 war horses assembled at Valcartier last autumn for shipment to England, **only 6,700 were landed in England in fit condition for service.** Of course 481 are known to have been sold by auction at Quebec for a song previous to the movement across the Atlantic and it is equally well known that a considerable number had to be destroyed by the knacker's hammer at Valcartier because they were too far gone to be even saleable. Others disappeared and have not yet been accounted for. Some light on what happened to the others that did not find service across the seas may be found in the records of the British House of Commons. The following is an exact extract from the official Hansard of the British House, March 10, 1915, page 1406:

Slaughter House for Canadian Horses.

Mr. RENDALL asked the Under Secretary of State for War whether he is aware that the Remount Department of the War Office have for some time sanctioned a slaughter-house for horses in a wooden building alongside the main road from Avonmouth to Shirehampton; whether he is aware that the stench from the carcasses of the dead horses is continuous and penetrates a considerable distance, and makes the use of the road and foot-path impossible without breathing an atmosphere which is dangerous to health; whether he is aware that there has been an epidemic of throat complaints at Avonmouth, especially among the school children who have to pass and repass within a foot or two of the slaughter-house daily; and can he arrange for the removal of the slaughter-house to a spot much further removed from the public foot-path and highway?

Mr. TENNANT: The Slaughter-house referred to, which is a temporary structure, had to be erected near a good road with as little delay as possible for the reception of horses destroyed on disembarkation from Canada. It is 150 yards away from the nearest dwelling house, and every effort is being made to keep it sanitary. Arrangements are in progress for building a road to a more suitable situation some distance from the main road.

DELAYED EQUIPMENT.

LEADERS of the Liberal Monthly will recall that in the May number there was reproduced an article from the Ottawa Free Press of May 11th which flatly and with great detail charged the Dominion Government with grave and unwarranted delay in the supplying of proper equipment for the Canadian soldiers then on the other side of the Atlantic or still undergoing training in Canada. Shortly after, Conservative papers in all parts of Canada published articles, obviously inspired by the Government, in which it was vehemently denied that there was any delay of any kind. They also made spacious excuses for the Government by giving harrowing pictures of the magnitude of the task and the great difficulties in the way.

One of the most serious delays charged in the Free Press article was in connection with the supply of 150 motor trucks for the second contingent which has since gone to England and is now understood to be at Shornecliffe. It stated that these trucks were wanted and were requisitioned as far back as last November, but that "owing to differences in the Government over accepting the lowest approved tender the trucks were not ordered until January and are not yet ready to go forward, owing to an order for a two-ton body being placed in Canada when the trucks were three-ton vehicles." This was among the items of delay specifically denied by many Government newspapers.

Giving evidence before the War Contracts Investigation by Sir Charles Davidson on July 7th, Mr. T. A. Russell of Toronto, who acted for the Government in purchasing trucks for the first contingent, made the amazing sworn statement that the trucks for the second contingent, referred to above **were still in Ottawa.** His evidence was quoted by the Ottawa Journal (Cons.) as follows: "**The second contingent is in England, but the mechanical transport has not left Ottawa yet and is not able to leave Ottawa.**"

There has been no denial of this sworn evidence.

WHAT PREMIER BORDEN COULD DO.

ONE man can put Canada where she ought to be. One man, by a brief, frank patriotic statement, can bring a united daughter Dominion in line with the Mother Country. One man can atone for the political atmosphere the actions of his Government have created when all should have been harmony and co-operation. One man can make a united Canada where none is for the party and all are for the State. One man can stop the circulation of soldiers' ballots. One man can stop the Printing Bureau running night and day, turning out voters' lists. That man is Premier Borden. A patriotic declaration from him that there is to be no war-time political election this year will stay all unseemly partisan activities at a time when all should be actively united to prosecute Canada's and the Empire's cause. Is Premier Borden big enough, is he man enough, is he patriot enough to make that statement? If not, we must all go our course, and the people must judge as to his responsibility."