

the purchasers to take Canadian horses?

Was it a mistake when thousands and thousands of partisan pamphlets and leaflets were prepared and distributed by the Conservatives during the first three months of the war, and after it was clearly understood that party conflict would cease?

Was it a mistake when a returned soldier goes to apply for a Government position to be told that it is necessary for him to join a Conservative Association before he can be appointed? This happened in Toronto.

Was it a mistake for the Minister of Public Works, the Hon. Robert Rogers to offer the owners of the Carslake Hotel Property in Montreal \$325,532 for a property which was afterwards found by the Exchequer Court of Canada to be worth only \$288,750?

Was it a mistake when the Department of Public Works purchased coal in Victoria, B.C., from a Tory coal merchant at \$7.00 a ton, in spite of the fact that they had an accepted tender at \$5.25 a ton and when this was investigated it was proven that the Secretary of the Conservative Association at Victoria, Mr. W. H. Price by name, had been paid 50c a ton by the Tory coal merchant for securing the order?

Was it a mistake when a Conservative member of Parliament for Kings County, N.S., was allowed to spend \$72,000 of Government money purchasing horses, and to this day no statement of the expenditure of this big sum of money has been presented to the Government? This transaction caused the investigating Commissioner Sir Charles Davidson to remark "the prices paid for the horses do not equal the amounts placed in their (Mr. Foster and his friends) hands."

Was it a mistake when the Government appointed Veterinaries at Winnipeg and Vancouver to inspect horses being purchased for the army and when finding that these Veterinaries were accepting bribes for passing the horses, not to punish them?

Was it a mistake to allow Regina politicians to secure pay for 23 carloads of "Feed for horses" and not insist upon the delivery of this feed?

Was it a mistake when Mr. R. J. Fallis, ex. M.P.P. for Peel County, Ont., was allowed to act as middleman in the purchase of war horses, which caused Sir Charles Davidson to remark "So the farmer got less and the Government paid more for horses as a result of your (Mr. Fallis) intervention"?

Was it a mistake when purchasing horses for the first contingent to allow a gang of thieves and robbers to act for the Government that 651 horses costing the Government an average price of \$162.50 were discarded as unfit for service before the soldiers left Valcartier.

Was it a mistake when purchasing binoculars to permit six middlemen to share a rake off and the Government paying from \$45 to \$58 for binoculars that originally cost from \$8 to \$30.00?

Was it a mistake when the Government per-

mitted a lady stenographer to Sir Sam Hughes to exploit the finances of Canada to the extent of \$33,750, for a shield shovel which did not render one cent's worth of service to Canada?

Was it a mistake to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on the equipment of the soldiers, known as the "Oliver Equipment" when they knew it was not of serviceable pattern and that the British Government would not allow the Canadian soldier to wear it into the trenches?

Was it a mistake that after the gruesome revelations of the Galt Commission concerning the raising of the contract price in Manitoba by Hon. Robert Rogers for the erection of a public building, and after the Commissioner was unable to accept Mr. Rogers' statement made under oath in at least eight instances—Sir Robert Borden never raised his voice against such flagrant conduct of one of his colleagues, nor so far as we know even asked him for an explanation, but on the contrary took him to England to discuss and settle with Imperial statesmen the all important problems of the Empire?

If these are mistakes, the average citizen would like to know what more a Government should do before its actions are considered worthy of registration in the calendar of political crimes?

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