

War Contracts Not Investigated and Why?

PURCHASES NOT INVESTIGATED.

Early in the Session Liberal members realizing that purchases in connection with the War supplies might come before the Public Accounts Committee endeavored to get all possible information from the Government to enable them to investigate and ascertain to what extent the interests of the people had been protected by the Government.

The Public Accounts Committee closed April 14th and the House prorogued on April 15th.

FLANNEL SHIRTS.—352,328 purchased.

The Return asked for on March 8th and brought down on April 9th. Number purchased 352,328, prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$1.58 each. (See Sessional Papers No. 260).

SERVICE SHIRTS.—176,154 purchased.

Return asked for on March 8th and brought down on April 12th only. The number of service shirts purchased were 176,154 at prices from \$1.00 to \$1.15 each. (See Sessional pps. 260B).

COTTON SHIRTS.—186,188 purchased.

Return asked for on March 8th and brought down on April 9th. Number ordered 186,188, the price ranging from \$1.00 to \$1.15. (See Sessional pps. 260A).

FORAGE CAPS.—210,000 purchased.

Return asked for on March 9th and brought down only April 7th, 210,000 purchased at an average price of \$1.26. (See Sessional pps. 237).

UNDERWEAR.—282,438 Woollen Shirts and 366,448 Drawers purchased.

Return asked for on March 8th and brought down on April 9th. Number purchased, shirts woollen, 282,438, ranging from \$9.50 to \$12.50 per dozen. Drawers 366,448 from \$9.50 to \$12.50 per dozen. (See Sessional pps. 264).

SOLDIERS UNIFORMS.—

A return was asked for on March 8th and brought down on March 18th as follows:

Jackets.....	228,170 @ \$5.91 each
Trousers.....	171,032 @ \$3.93 each
Breeches.....	79,000 @ \$6.97 each
	(See Sessional pps. 174).