

So that it is clear that the number of bad boots so far as can be ascertained is less than one-half of one per cent. of those issued.

One-half of one per cent. of a "scandal." Small wonder then that the Opposition deserted the Chamber, leaving only five of the hardy ones to see the end.

What the soldiers say

Soldiers Want the Canadian Boot.

Every report which is received from our soldier boys on the firing line in Europe shows that the Canadian boot is proving much more satisfactory and comfortable for the Canadian soldiers than the British footwear. The following are a few of the many received and they speak for themselves:

"Most Satisfactory and Comfortable."

Lt. Col. David Watson, who went with the First Contingent, in a letter to Major General Hughes writes of the Canadian army boot as follows:

"My attention has been directed to certain articles appearing in the press relative to the issue of Canadian boots to the First Canadian Contingent, and maliciously attacking the value of these.

"Permit me to point out that at an inspection of my regiment on the 3rd inst., I took the occasion to ascertain the opinion of the men regarding the relative merits of these boots, and in almost every instance it was intimated that the Canadian boots were most satisfactory, and particularly comfortable. It must be remembered that the conditions and experiences at Salisbury Plains were calculated to destroy any boot made.

"When the new English issue was distributed, it was found that they wear out much quicker than the Canadian boots, and they are much more clumsy and harder on the men's feet. I was pleased to note that the large number of men still wearing the Canadian boot have taken special care of same having them resoled a couple of times."

"British Boot Ill-Wearing and Clumsy."

Colonel John W. Carson, of Montreal, writing from the front, says:

"The British boot is heavy, ill-wearing, clumsy and hard on the feet of the men. There are no half sizes and a man whose size is $7\frac{1}{2}$ has to take a size 8 and wear two pairs of socks. As the summer is coming on a supply of medium weight Canadian boots will be welcomed."

"Much Prefer it to the British Boot."

Sergt. Herbert H. McElroy, of Ottawa, a member of the First Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery and who was seriously wounded at the battle of Ypres in May last in a letter written shortly before then stated: