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desired similarity in equipment in all like arms of all services fighting under the supreme British commander. In the beginning it was impossible to achieve, instantaneously, this aim, but in the course of time it was achieved - at the expense of the British Government, and not in the wasteful way that Sir Arthur charges. It cost not an extra dollar to Canada, and the substitutions, by the way, implied convenience and not unsuitableness or inferiority.

The simple fact is that Sir Arthur Currie in dealing with such matters is invading what is to him an unknown field. His business, excellently performed, was to get the best out of the best men and equipment that others could supply to him. He imperils his high reputation when, for any reason, with whatever inducement, he undertakes to deal with matters concerning which he can, and does, know nothing.

As to his assertion that one hundred thousand men were enlisted and sent overseas who were of no use to the army, if this statement was made as reported it is a very serious exaggeration. No men were sent over except such as had passed such medical and other expert examination as the regulations required to enable assignment to the particular arm of military or other service for which the men were intended. Many thousands of men were sent to Great Britain and to France in Forestry, Railway, Construction and Labour units who were not intended for service in the field, but for other service that was absolutely essential to sustain the front, to ensure lines of communication, and to carry on all the subsidiary activities necessary to the success of an army in the field. So vital were these subsidiary services that, at the urgent request of the British Government, who represented the need as imperative, the Minister of Overseas Service on one occasion permitted men of A class to be drafted temporarily into Forestry units. It is surely a striking circumstance that if one man in four of those sent overseas were "of no use to the Army" the various commanders of the Canadian Corps in the field, whereof Sir Arthur Currie was the last, were so derelict in duty as to omit expression of the fact to the proper authority. There was no such expression. And besides, no army whereof one man in four is useless could have performed the glorious exploits with which the Canadian Army under Sir Arthur Currie, no less than under the Commander who