

He pronounced sentence of unfitness on General Hughes who undertook at the outbreak of the War to dispense the patronage of his Department.

He pronounced condemnation on the members of his Government whom he had appointed a special purchasing Committee.

He makes the plain and undeniable admission that he has not in his Cabinet men whom he could trust with the expenditure of this additional \$100,000,000.

WHAT THE COUNTRY LOST.

Mr. Borden in this speech said:

"In respect of the binoculars, I would estimate the amount overpaid at \$3,000 at the outside—I am taking 166 binoculars and allowing, roughly speaking, \$20 overpaid in respect of each pair—and that in respect of the horses, from what I can gather from the evidence, nothing has been shown up to the present time to indicate that more than a like amount, that is, \$3,000 has been lost to the country if even that amount has been lost. So that there is a total net result of \$12,000 out of \$50,000,000 or one-fortieth of one per cent, and of that \$6,300 has already been recovered, leaving a sum aggregating one-fortieth of one per cent of an expenditure of \$50,000,000."

Was the Prime Minister sincere in making this statement? Was he acquainted with the facts? Or was he making a campaign speech? Let us repeat what he says that out of an expenditure of \$50,000,000, \$6,000 has been lost to the country, or one-fortieth of one per cent. We have tried to be fair in the compilation of this publication. It is not \$50,000,000 worth of goods that were investigated but less than \$3,000,000 worth. As Sir Wilfred Laurier said **just the surface had been scratched** but from this it is evident that considerably more than \$6,000 was lost.

Let us summarize and estimate what the country did lose:

Horses.....	\$83,139
Bicycles.....	28,770
Shield Shovels.....	30,940
Binoculars.....	3,000
*Oliver Equipment.....	373,475
Submarines.....	250,000
Drugs.....	Thousands of dollars
Motor trucks.....	Thousands of dollars
Clothing.....	Thousands of dollars
Boots.....	Thousands of dollars

Some of these items are absolutely proved—as to others, the best that can be said is that the accounting or explanation is unsatisfactory and cannot be accepted.

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