

like a miner coming out of a mine. Cooking tents and utensils were covered with dust. The soldiers were compelled to eat their food covered with this dust, but notwithstanding this they were forced to remain there until they went overseas or the Winter of 1917 forced them out.

To show the extravagance and absolute foolishness of establishing Camp Borden, it can be stated without fear of contradiction that Valcartier capable of accomodating at least 50,000 soldiers, except for the first year, not more than 15,000 Before it could be used as a camp ground a million stumps had to be burned or dug out. The soldier coming off parade looked described as the sandy desert filled with pit-falls of black ashes. were ever camped there at a time. Petawawa capable of accomodating from 75,000 to 100,000 yet not more than from 5,000 to 10,000 soldiers ever camped there at any time during the last two years.

Niagara Camp one of the best in the Country was only accomodating one-third the number of soldiers which she was capable of accomodating.

London Camp was absolutely abandoned, and scores of other small camp grounds throughout Canada were practically abandoned also. One of the darkest spots in the record of the Borden Government is the absolute waste and extravagance of the expenditure of the Government on these two camp grounds, Valcartier and Camp Borden.

Lumber for Militia Department in Ottawa

In the winter of 1915 the Militia Department required some lumber in connection with the housing of the soldiers in and around Ottawa. Ottawa is the home of wholesale lumber dealers. Millions of feet of lumber could be bought at any time from the wholesale dealers in Ottawa. When the Government wanted it, however, they went to a middleman, Mr. W. R. McGee brother of the law partner of the Conservative member for Ottawa, Mr. A. E. Fripp.

Mr. McGee supplied the lumber taking his blood toll of \$1.25 per thousand feet. Mr. McGee never saw the lumber, never raised his finger to assist in the delivery; simply took the order, sent in his bill, accepted the middleman's profit and waited for more.

Burning of Clothing

Considerable criticism has been heard in regard to the quantities of clothing which were burned at the closing of Val-