Parliament is absolutely prohibited from doing this The result was that after the exposure, but not before, Mr. Garland was compelled to resign his seat as member of the House of Commons. The manufacturers of these field dressings, Messrs. Bauer and Black wanted and expected to do the business direct with the Government, the same as this firm have always done with all the Government in the World. But they could not do the business direct. They were told so according to the evidence of their representative, Mr. Shaver before the Public Accounts Committee on March 23rd, 1915, who stated as follows:

"We were prepared to do business direct if the Government saw fit to do business with us as we do in other countries."

"I went to see Colonel Jones, of the Militia Department and he said that the Government would not do business direct with our Company.

The Public Accounts Committee after investigating this matter on March 26th passed the following resolutions:

"The Committee begs to report to the House the evidence adduced in respect to the contract for supplies purchased from Mr. E. Powell and to express its opinion that the contracts for such supplies do not appear to have fully protected the public interests; and the committee therefore recommend that the evidence adduced and all papers connected with the matter should be referred by the House to the Department of Justice for any further necessary investigation and for the recovery of any moneys overpaid and the taking of such further action as may be warranted by the facts."

Other Drugs and Medical Supplies

Mr. Garland was not the only druggist in Canada. The young Nationalist member, Mr. Albert Sevigny, then Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, now Minister of Inland Revenue of the Borden Government, had a sister by the name of Mde. G. P. Plamondon of Quebec, the owner of a drug store.

This Nationalist member who in 1911 would not permit of Canada taking any part in Britain's wars could in 1914 recommend that his sister Mdme. Plamondon be permitted to sell war drugs and war medical supplies to the Government. The bill amounted to approximately $23,200.

The various items were investigated before the Public Accounts Committee. It was shown that the profit on these goods to Mdme. Plamondon varied from 70% to 200% and even