

There is a reason for discrimination against Canada. Even our close relation to the allies, as a country active in their fight with both our men and money, has not been sufficient to remove from their minds the suspicions aroused as to the quality of our army boots by the gross misrepresentation of the Liberal party and press. Irresponsible insinuations fathered by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and enlarged upon by the Liberal press destroyed all hope of Canada participating in this remunerative business.

And what was accomplished by this campaign of slander and insinuation? After the most thorough probe not a Liberal dare stand sponsor for any charges against the boot manufacturers. **No evidence of fraud was adduced, no condemnation of the boots proven nor at the conclusion of the investigation suggested.**

From the front every mail brings from our soldiers appreciation of Canadian footwear, and a demand that they have it and not the heavy, clumsy boots of the European armies. Who should know best the quality of Canadian boots, their wearers or disgruntled Grits, who would sacrifice our soldiers and industries to gain a temporary political advantage?

Many Millions of a Loss to Canada.

The Liberal campaign has been a political boomerang for them. Their irresponsible charges were completely refuted. **But their campaign of slander of the boot manufacturers accomplished its work—a work that has deprived Canada of millions of war orders and the Canadian workingman of millions of dollars. Truly it has taken the bread out of the mouth of the workingman. But the harm has been done with the result that the allied armies are diverting their huge contracts to the United States, where the politicians and newspapers do not make war upon their own people.**

