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## SIR CHARLES ROSS PUTS IN BIG CLAIM FOR DAMAGES

Asks the Government to Pay Over Eighteen Million Dollars as Compensation on Account of Loss of Profits on Rifles—Factory was Expropriated by the Government for War Purposes—Had Big Contracts with the Canadian and Imperial Governments, Yet Uncompleted.

Ottawa, Nov. 25—As a dramatic post-war sequel to the whole controversy which resulted in the Borden government expropriating the Ross rifle factory, at Quebec on March 23, 1917, Sir Charles Ross, Bart, has filed with the secretary of state, through his attorney, Charles Lanctot, a petition of rights asking compensation of \$18,897,724.08 for loss of profits on contracts with the Canadian and Imperial governments for rifles and for the property expropriated.

### How He Figures It

This sum is made up of \$10,000,000 which Sir Charles claims from the government on account of contract before the property was expropriated in that he contends that the government bought large quantities of rifles from other concerns before it had taken the full output of the Ross rifle factory as he says it was bound under contract to do. Then he claimed an additional sum of \$10,921,133.17, as the estimated value of the property as a going concern. There is also an amount of \$11,697.56 which it is contended is still owing him for rifles and bayonets supplied. Out of this total he subtracts \$1,692,074.91, for advances made to him on deliveries and this leaves the \$18,897,724.08 claimed after allowance for \$343,031.74 already paid as compensation.

In the expropriation, order-in-council of March 23, 1917, the possible compensation was limited to \$3,000,000 but in the petition, Sir Charles asks this clause to be set aside as illegal, ultra vires and of no effect.

The ordinary routine in matters of this sort is for the department of justice to apply to the exchequer court for a hearing of the case. Some time ago when an inventory of the property at \$10,921,133.17 had been made the dominion government was on the point of issuing a fiat to have the matter go before the exchequer court on that basis, but Sir Charles preferred to file the petition of rights with the secretary of state. The or-

der-in-council of March 23, 1917, suggested that compensation should be made according to the expropriations act. As amended on March 17, 1917, that act provided that compensation for expropriation should be determined by the exchequer courts.

### The Contract

The contract with the Canadian government was made first by Sir Charles Ross in 1902, providing for an output of 12,000 rifles a year at the rate of 1,000 a month. In any September the government could notify the company to reduce the output to 10,000 annually at 800 a month. In case of sudden need the government could ask them to run the factory twenty-four hours a day and it promised to take the full output before buying else where. The rifle was to cost \$25, but in 1911 the cost was raised to \$29.90 without sight and \$1.10 more with the sight. In 1914 the cost of the rifle was placed at \$28 with \$5.25 more for bayonet and scabbard. In 1908 the company agreed to deliver 52,000 bayonets and scabbards and in 1912 10,000 cadet rifles at \$8.75 and 8,000 rifle chests at \$8.25.

In 1914 the imperial government ordered 100,000 rifles with bayonets and scabbards, at \$28.50 and \$5.25 for the bayonets and scabbards. He pleads that these orders and contracts are still in force and still uncompleted.

The chief counsel for the government will be W. N. Tilley assisted by F. E. Meredith, K. C., of Montreal; E. L. Newcomb, deputy minister of justice, and Rogers Langlais, K. C., of Quebec. Chas. Langlais, J. C. of Quebec, is attorney-general of Quebec, but represents Sir Charles Ross in his private capacity, this being permitted in Quebec.

The government is now considering the matter but it is expected that the fiat will issue. If so the whole controversy will be enacted again with expert testimony not only as to the value of the plant but as to the value of the rifle.

## SAFER TO BE A SOLDIER, SAYS LADY PHYSICIAN

New York, Nov. 26—Dr. S. Josephine Baker started something when she declared "there is three times as much danger in being a baby in a cradle in a crowded city as in being a soldier in the trenches in France."

"According to Andre Tardieu, the French High Commissioner to the United States," she said "in the last six months in 1916 on'y a little more than 1 per cent of the Frenchmen under arms were lost. His estimate included missing and prisoners as well as killed. This period covered the great Somme offensive, the fall drive of the Germans against Verdun, and other active military operations. In 1917 in New York city the death rate of infants under 1 year of age was 88.8 out of 1,000. The figures per thousand for other ages were: Between 1 and 2 years, 24.40; 2 to 3 years, 10.08; 3 to 4 years, 6.66; 4 to 5 years, 5.31. The death rate under 5 years of age was nearly 3 per cent.

"The figures given out by M. Tardieu are based on the number of French under arms as well as those engaged in actually fighting. The men in the trenches are relieved every few days and their places taken by others, but in the six months period every man at the front has been in combat.

"Why do babies run a greater risk than soldiers? The answer is, crowding both of babies and mothers, lack of proper medical attention and insufficient laws for the protection of women workers. A great peril to the babies is the fact that mothers work before the babies are born and soon afterward, which weakens them physically.

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## TRANSPORT DUE FRIDAY

Halifax, Nov. 26—The Cunard liner Aquatania, due here Thursday or Friday has on board 3,300 soldiers, 140 officers and 60 civilian passengers, military transport officials said today.

### BARKER'S POINT

Barker's Point, Nov. 22—Of late there has been a great deal of moving in this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bennett and family have moved to Burnsville Junction where Mr. Bennett is employed. Mr. and Mrs. William Flowers and family are moving into the concrete dwelling lately occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rickard. Mrs. William Sturgeon and Mrs. Ernest Harris with their families intend to remove to Halifax to reside where their husbands are already employed.

The many friends of Mr. Chas. West the popular employee of the Canadian Government Railways, will be pleased to hear that he is recovering from his recent serious illness.

Although the Barker's Point School has reopened, the attendance is not very large, a number of the children being yet confined to their homes with la grippe.

The many friends of little Lillian Staples, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Staples will be pleased to hear that she is recovering from her recent illness, also that Master Douglas Rickard who is at present a patient at Victoria Hospital is rapidly recovering.

The numerous friends of Mr. Percy Rickard will be delighted to hear that he is daily regaining strength after being seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. Minard Fletcher the enterprising contractor and merchant has greatly improved his shop, having erected several bins, for the different goods of which he carries a large stock.

The family of Mr. John Hughes of Marysville, who are well and favorably known here, are suffering with an attack of the "flu."

On account of the high price of wood many people in this vicinity have decided to burn coal this winter.

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