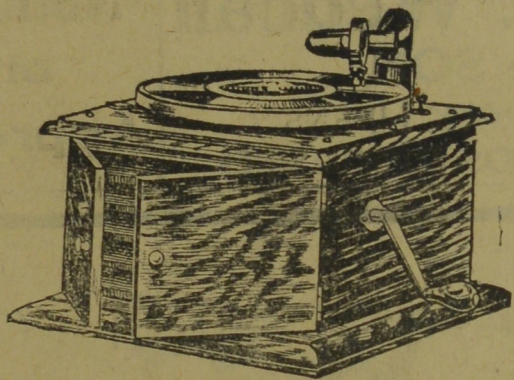


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LIST OF CONCERNS WHICH SUPPLIED BOOTS TO THE TROOPS

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—At the opening of the House today Robere Bickerdike's bill for the abolition of capital punishment was given a first reading without discussion.

G. E. McCraney of Saskatoon, then introduced an act to amend the criminal code. Mr. McCraney explained that his bill was designed to protect the purchaser of real estate held by the vendor only under agreement of sale with no title except his agreement. It sometimes happened that the purchaser was unable to get his title or his money back, the vendor diverting the money to other uses than confirming the title. Mr. McCraney thought that money paid under these circumstances should be treated as trust money, held for the purchaser, until he obtained his title. The bill got a first reading.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley asked when a re-

port might be expected from the High Cost of Living Committee, appointed a year ago. The question had become a very much accentuated by reason of the rapid and inexcusable increase in the cost of foodstuffs in Canada since the war began.

The question was ruled out of order at the time by the Speaker.

MAKERS OF SOLDIERS' BOOTS.

Two questions were asked of General Sam Hughes today in regard to the purchase of the boots supplied to the first Canadian contingent. The minister told J. H. Sinclair that an investigation had been conducted by a board appointed by himself, which had now concluded and the result of which inquiry would shortly be laid before parliament.

General Hughes told Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux that the following firms had manufactured the boots:

Ames-Holden-McCready Company,

HOSPITALS IN FRANCE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

Toronto, Feb. 10.—Mr. Brown-Landone caused such a stir in this city and other parts of the province by his statements as regards conditions existing in the hospitals in Northern France, that a cable was sent on January 13th to Colonel Hodgetts, the Canadian commissioner of the Red Cross Society in England, by Mr. Noel Marshall, chairman of the executive committee of the Canadian Red Cross Society. The cable was worded as follows:

"Dr. Brown-Landone reports hospitals in Northern France in serious need of assistance with clothing, dressings, surgical instruments, drugs not available in France. He recommends shipments to Havre. Says Osborne, American consul at Havre will distribute through private agents. People here greatly stirred and women acting promptly. Communicate with Osborne at Havre at once whether urgent. Take opinion British Red Cross."

Upon the receipt of this cablegram Dr. Hodgetts left immediately for Northern France and visited Havre on the way. He made a thorough investigation of conditions existing in the hospital there and spent altogether two weeks in the country in order that he might visit all the hospitals. A cablegram was later received at headquarters of the society in this city stating that Colonel Hodgetts was investigating the charges made by Mr. Brown-Landone.

After a thorough investigation had been made by Colonel Hodgetts, the following cablegram was despatched by him and received yesterday by Mr. Marshall:

"Personal inquiry made in France indicates situation misrepresented. This confirmed by British Society. Brown-Landone unknown. Deserving institutions neglected but situation complicated by unofficially operated hospitals. Any easy assistance given must be through official Red Cross channels. Cannot approve of method suggested for distribution of supplies. With your approval will directly furnish assistance where in my judgment necessary. French government now requiring action through official lines only and we must through British Red Cross. 'Just returned from France.'"

In regard to the supply of nurses for the hospitals, Mr. Marshall, in an interview to the press, referred to a report from Colonel Hodgetts, dated January 2, which said, in part: "From what I (Col. Hodgetts) could ascertain it seems that at the present time there is not only an abundant supply of qualified nurses to be had in England, some 60 being on the waiting list, but within the next few weeks I am assured by Mr. Stanley (chairman of the Executive Committee, British Red Cross Society) that the war office state, that a considerable number of the contingent will return. The reason for this is that the war office is able to handle the hospital work with its staff of R. A. M. C. nurses. The Red Cross acted in the emergency is over, and until an emergency occurs again will voluntary nurses be taken on. Further Mr. Stanley assures me that no voluntary hospitals will be established on the continent. Any hospital of this class will be located in Great Britain." (Continued from page three.)

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