

time ever comes, we must be ready to emulate the deeds of those who have gone before. You must prepare yourselves for that time. When the crisis arises I do not doubt that there will be tens of thousands willing, but unless they are prepared they will be useless. A great duty and trust rests upon you, and you should take advantage of the opportunities offered you by learning some of the rudiments of military training and military art, and becoming good and expert rifle shots."

And "Bobs" of blessed memory, in his farewell speech, when he visited Canada in 1911, said: "In my judgment, it is absolutely essential, even at the present day, for the safety and welfare of a nation that the whole male population should be prepared to take their share in its defence in times of danger."

There should be public and universal protest against the change in our Militia Act, and a call should be made upon the Government to take all steps necessary to revive the letter and spirit of our Magna Charta Act of 1808, and a demand made that class I (one) and then class 2 (two) of our male population should be called out for training and service.

Yours, etc.

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