

men who defend our own soil. He made the point several times that without great guns to protect military manœuvres in the field the force would be ineffective and seemed to incline to the opinion that we should put our money in heavy ordnances rather than in trying to drill one thousand men in place of forty or fifty thousand. Mr. Foster's appearance in the field as a militia epoch was new but he seemed to have given some attention to the matter and echoed the popular idea when he declared that we should keep down our permanent force and not make any attempt to establish a standing army. He properly

pointed out that to keep some thousands of men in barracks the year round for the pleasure of feeding and clothing them would not be a wise policy for this country. At the same time Col. Sam Hughes put in a protest of using the permanent force as a police force. He would have all the boys in the country above the age of 12 years taught to drill.

Sir Frdedrick Borden defended the change at Esquimaut and Halifax on the ground that it relieved the British taxpayers of considerable expense and also that it was the duty of Canada to garrison these Canadian ports.



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Who will represent Russia at the Washington peace conference