

Mr. FISHER, MR. GIBSON APPLIED, AND I EN-
DORSED HIM. CAPTAIN BAKER APPLIED, AND I
ENDORSED HIM. I RECOMMENDED CAPTAIN CARR
TO TAKE THE PLACE OF DR. PICKEL, AND I RECOM-
MENDED CAPTAIN HOLLAND TO BE PUT OVER
MR. RUSSELL, THE ONE A CONSERVATIVE AND THE
OTHER A LIBERAL. I SAID THAT SURGEON-MAJOR
MACDONALD, ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE POLITIC-
IANS AGAINST ME IN MY COUNTY, SHOULD,
BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE
MILITIA FOR YEARS BACK, BE OFFERED THE
SENIOR MEDICAL PLACE IN THE REGIMENT. I was
told that he did not wish to go into a cavalry regiment. I said
in one of the letters, which you can read, that I would be sorry
if he declined, and that I hoped that even for a short time he
would take the position, because he was a military officer who
had had experience. Yet the hon. gentleman says: "No Tory
need apply." I venture to say that I have proved that Tories
can apply and be endorsed by me if they have the military qua-
lifications which justify their appointment. THE SAME
SPIRIT WHICH THAT HON. GENTLEMAN ILLU-
STRATES TO-NIGHT, THE SAME SPIRIT WHICH FOR
YEARS KEPT THE LIBERALS OF THIS COUNTRY
OUT OF THE MILITIA OF CANADA, AND WOULD NOT
ALLOW THEM TO HAVE A PLACE IN THE MILITIA,
CONTINUES TO-DAY. IN FACE OF THE FACT THAT
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY THERE ARE HUN-
DREDS OF LIBERALS WHO WANT TO GO INTO THE
MILITIA TO SERVE THEIR KING AND COUNTRY,
THESE MEN WANT TO CONTINUE THE INTRIGUES OF
THE OLD CONSERVATIVE PARTY, BUT I WANT TO
TELL THIS HOUSE, AND TO TELL THE PEOPLE OF
CANADA THAT AS LONG AS THERE IS A LIBERAL
GOVERNMENT IN POWER, AS LONG AS THE LIBER-
ALS HOLD A MAJORITY IN THIS COUNTRY, THEY
WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE THOSE
INTRIGUES. I TAKE ISSUE WITH THE HON. GEN-
TLEMEN OPPOSITE DIRECTLY AND STRAIGHT-
AWAY ON THAT POINT. The Liberal Government say
that politics shall not be introduced into the militia. If they
want to continue the militia as a Tory preserve, I tell them that
the Liberal Government will say to them that they shall not do
it by their intrigues and machinations.

That is the whole extent of any political interference in the
militia which the Liberal party or the Liberal Government
would countenance or allow. The general goes on to say that