

the department does not care what uniforms the cadets wear. They can wear white shirts and blue trousers or anything they like; they can wear dresses if they want to. There is no requirement that they have a military uniform or any uniform. With regard to rifles, it is entirely a matter for the local authorities whether they desire that they be carried. Cadet training is primarily for the purpose that my hon. friend points out in the resolution, namely, physical training, and I regret that my hon. friend feels that it should be removed from the department over which I have charge.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: The minister has not quite caught my point. It is not what I personally feel about it, but what the province of Manitoba feels about it. In the resolution which I have just read the provincial house declared that cadet training fosters militarism, and it believes it ought to be discouraged within the bounds of the province of Manitoba.

Mr. RALSTON: It is a resolution of the provincial house addressed to the provincial government; is it not?

Mr. WOODSWORTH: The provincial house passed the resolution.

Mr. RALSTON: Urging the provincial government to discourage it; did it not?

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Yes, and the government accepted that resolution. My question is, what is the minister going to do in the circumstances?

Mr. RALSTON: I have had no communication from the Manitoba government at all.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I shall be glad to place in the hands of the minister a copy of the votes and proceedings of the Manitoba assembly containing this resolution.

Mr. RALSTON: The resolution calls on the government of Manitoba to discourage cadet training.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: It was a resolution accepted by the government and passed by the provincial legislature.

Mr. RALSTON: But still it only deals with action to be taken by the government of Manitoba; does it not?

Mr. WOODSWORTH: No, it is the action of the whole house.

Mr. RALSTON: But it calls on the government of Manitoba to discourage the training?

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Yes.

Mr. RALSTON: We have had no communication from the government of Manitoba regarding it.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Now that the legislature of the province of Manitoba is definitely opposed to cadet training, is the minister going to permit the officer in charge of the cadet movement to go into the schools in various parts of Manitoba to try and induce them to introduce military training?

Mr. RALSTON: My answer, and I am sure it would be my hon. friend's too if he were in my position, is that I would prefer to receive representations from those who represent the people of Manitoba officially—that is the provincial government—rather than taking notice of a resolution of the house which itself is expressly directed to the government of Manitoba, from whom generally communications of that kind are sent.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Quite so, and I think I can promise that the government of Manitoba sends a communication to the minister. In the meantime are we going to have Colonel Gillespie going to the school board next year or writing another letter to the school board asking that military training shall be introduced into the schools at Winnipeg?

Mr. RALSTON: I have already dealt with that. I think we are talking at cross-purposes. The matter of disciplining Colonel Gillespie has passed, and I think my hon. friend, as a fair-minded man, will agree that I should not be called upon to pronounce now upon the disciplining of Colonel Gillespie on a hypothetical set of facts, and before the circumstances that he suggests might arise do arise.

Mr. BLACK (Yukon): In view of the minister's announcement that it is his policy to disestablish the military pay corps, is the same policy to be followed with regard to the military records branch and the historical section of it?

Mr. RALSTON: The historical section is practically all civilians, except perhaps the director and assistant director.

Mr. BLACK (Yukon): Is it the policy of the department to do away with the military records branch?

Mr. RALSTON: There has been some discussion as to whether the historical section had not better go to the archives, and I will tell my hon. friend why we have thought it advisable for a little while at least to keep