

Mr. LEMIEUX. What is the regulation in the United States regarding the sale of liquor in camps?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I do not know. I have not been in any of the American camps.

Mr. LEMIEUX. The hon. gentleman does not propose any change in the regulations here?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). No, except so far as the cadet corps is concerned, in that case we provide that no liquor shall be admitted to the camp.

Mr. MACDONALD. The minister has been giving us a very interesting exhortation on military training in general, but, perhaps, it would be more interesting if he took up the different subjects categorically. I ventured at the beginning to ask him what was his justification for the diversion of the Strathcona Trust by providing that this money for cadet companies should be spent in cadet corps camps. I also asked with regard to the increased pay which my hon. friend from Carleton (Mr. Carvell), referred to.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I obtained permission of the hon. member from Carleton (Mr. Carvell), to answer the member for Rouville (Mr. Lemieux), first. I have not forgotten the hon. member for Pictou (Mr. Macdonald).

Mr. CARVELL. The first shall be last.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). Yes, but not least. I was answering the hon. member for Carleton (Mr. Carvell). In the city of Toronto where for nearly forty years the boys have been trained from much younger than ten years, not a boy in that city who received the cadet training has ever appeared before the police court. Wherever the military training has been instilled into the boys, the record shows, the boy has some pride, some manhood, that might not be his otherwise. To put it in another way, such a boy may not be all right, but he is a better fellow than he would have been without the training. And men in the service who indulge in liquor, as referred to by the hon. member for Carleton (Mr. Carvell), do not learn that in camp. I have no hesitation in making that statement. It has not been my experience to see that sort of thing carried on. If it is carried on, the officers who are in charge or responsible are unfit to wear the uniform of the corps to which they belong. As to the evil influences of camp life, I have never seen them. One would hear more improper language on the street corner of any country village than he hears in camp. There are more improper influ-

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria).

ences in the low bars of cities and towns than are to be found in all the camps of the Dominion. I have not observed these low influences in connection with the militia camps, and wherever such have existed it is because of men brought out by some careless captain to fill up his ranks at the last moment; and all that will be remedied, if it is possible to remedy it, at an early day.

Now the hon. member for Carleton, N.B. (Mr. Carvell) said something about the shooting. I am sorry I cannot agree with him about the pay. I would like to see them all paid good high wages. But the city corps of this country, and they are nearly as well set up as the country boys, give their time year after year drawing no money for it whatever; in other words, they put the money in the regimental fund and spend it on a field day or two during the year; but not a man of them draws a dollar for his own personal use throughout the year. It is my hope in a few years to see that carried out with the entire militia of the country. Now with regard to the shooting. The infantry and the cavalry are trained to shoot with a rifle. The artillery get their allowance for gun practice and it goes to the battery. But I agree with my hon. friend, I have never liked this provision of the pay. This year we are giving them 75 cents straight pay, instead of the 50 cents which was divided up for a number of things. My desire was to make it a straight pay of 75 cents a day, and let it go at that. That was my own personal desire, but others have thought differently. 75 cents a day with rations is not a bad pay for a young fellow who puts in a week or two.

Mr. NESBITT. On whose recommendation is the efficiency pay paid?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). That is paid on the test for shooting, it is on the record made at the target.

Mr. CARVELL. I never understood that any efficiency pay reached the members of an artillery corps on account of shooting. If there is, it is something I never heard of before.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). It goes to the battery, and it is divided up among them.

Mr. CARVELL. It must be a late regulation.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I don't know anything about that, it goes to the battery. I do not know whether it is divided up among the men or used for general purposes, but it is their own money, and they spend it as they choose. Now