

giment of active militia to England. In the first place to send such a regiment properly equipped would cost, at the least, \$200,000. It is not necessary to send a regiment to England to inform the people there that we have a militia here that is well armed, well equipped, and quite capable of defending the country. We have shown on more than one occasion that we can do that. I would be in favour of sending a nice bodyguard of from 20 to 25 officers with the leader of the Government. That would make a nice representation, and I think, would fill the bill, and would cost a very small sum. But, if a regiment is sent, I hope the Government will send it in proper shape. It would be a mistake to send a regiment not properly drilled or not well selected. If the Government is going to send a regiment I trust that it will send one that will be a credit to the country.

Mr. DAVIN. Before the motion is put I wish to thank those hon. gentlemen who have endorsed the suggestion I made to the Prime Minister something more than a week ago, to have the North-west Mounted Police represented in any military display that we may make at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. I will only say, in regard to the proposal that lies underneath of my hon. and gallant friend (Mr. Domville) that if we do send, we must send creditably; and, if we do send, we should not send in the haphazard and shiftless manner of having the men pay their own kit and their own expenses—for the reason that the country would have no guarantee whatever that we should be properly represented. Some men would be well equipped, other middlingly equipped, and others poorly equipped, and there would be a national military representation not unlike that army that General Falstaff led through Coventry. So, if we have a military display representative of Canada, let it be really representative and let it be creditable. Suppose it cost \$200,000, suppose it cost \$300,000, I do not care—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. DAVIN. I do not care and, what is more, the country does not care. If we send at all, the people want to have this country properly represented. My hon. friend who laughed misunderstood my argument. I am not now discussing the question whether we shall actually send or not; but, on the hypothesis of our sending, I say we should send at the country's charge, and that the body we send should be creditable and representative. Every remark of my hon. friend from West Elgin (Mr. Casey) with reference to the North-west Mounted Police, I endorse. What the hon. gentleman says reinforces what I suggested to the Prime Minister something more than a week ago. Sir, no better course could be taken by the Government, if they are sending a military body over to represent Canada at the

Queen's Jubilee, than to have a contingent from our militia, and a contingent from that body of men which is known so popularly, and known so interestingly in connection with the history of the country—the North-west Mounted Police. Not only that, but, according to the evidence of all military men who have visited the North-west, we have there the finest body of men to be found in the Empire. I have heard generals who have fought on the plains of India, generals who have fought the world over, say that in the British army no finer body of men is to be found than that of the North-west Mounted Police. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it would be a mistake not to have our North-west corps represented, and I hope if there is to be a military display of Canada, that these will be represented. The acting Minister of Militia is probably aware of the answer the Premier gave me; he replied to the question I put to him that the matter was under the consideration of the Militia Department. Now, I hope that the acting Minister of Militia will not only be able to answer the question of my hon. and gallant friend, but also my own question, as to whether, in case there is a military body sent to represent Canada at the Jubilee the North-west Mounted Police will be represented.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). It is very gratifying for the Government to find that apparently there is such substantial unanimity on both sides of the House as to the desirability of Canada being represented by a contingent of our various military forces on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee. The Government, I think, will be acting in accord with the general wish, not merely of Parliament but of the country, in taking care that Canada is properly represented on that occasion by a thoroughly representative contingent, and they will see that that is done; and I think I may venture to intimate to the hon. gentlemen that the various bodies composing the Canadian militia, not excluding the Mounted Police, will not be forgotten on that occasion. As to the other matters, I can say that a good deal of correspondence has been going on, and is going on now, with the Imperial authorities with respect to certain details as to the composition of the force; and the House will therefore, I hope, excuse me for not going into details yet. They will remember that those who go over, at any rate a considerable portion of them, will, of necessity, be guests of the Imperial authorities, and we must not intrude ourselves too much upon them. Now, one other point which I was glad to see brought forward by several hon. gentlemen on both sides. I am entirely of their opinion that thorough economy is not parsimony in dealing with our militia; and when we bring down our supplementary Estimates I trust that we will receive the support of hon. gentlemen