

as it happens to fit. In this case they are the prices of the tailor and shoemaker—retail prices.

Mr. TAYLOR. Retail prices?

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE. Certainly.

Militia—chargeable to income—Dominion Arsenal, \$150,000.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). There is an increase here of \$32,000. What is the explanation of that?

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE. That is for the manufacture of cartridges. This increase of \$32,000 is taken from what would have been the vote for annual drill and stores. As I pointed out, we are increasing the output of cartridges enormously, and this is to pay for wages, as we must employ more labour.

Mr. INGRAM. Is there anything in this vote for additional machinery, or anything of that kind?

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE. No, all labour.

Militia—chargeable *to income—defences at Esquimalt, \$114,703.

Mr. SPROULE. What is being done there?

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE. There is an increase over last year of \$2,433.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). According to the estimates before us there is a decrease of over \$10,000.

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE. I may explain that this is the result of an agreement between the Imperial and the Canadian governments. There has been, ever since confederation, an understanding between the two governments as to the proportion of expense that each should bear as to the defences at Esquimalt. Two years ago a new arrangement was agreed to which was fully explained to the House at the time, and which will be found in 'Hansard.' This is fixed and will not increase. It involves a considerable expenditure on our own militia which really forms the principle part of the garrison at Esquimalt. The cost of the Imperial garrison, 320 officers and men is £21,000 equal to \$102,270—that is, we agree to pay that proportion.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). Is it all expended by this government, or is any part expended by the Imperial government?

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE. It is expended by the Imperial government, except the portion that is for the maintenance for the local militia which is supposed to be maintained at the establishment fixed by the agreement, and cost \$10,000.

Mr. SPROULE. What percentage of the whole cost are we to bear?

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE. We are to bear one-half the total expenses.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). Outside of the militia what is the expense?

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE. The total expense is £42,000.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). I understand, but for what purpose, is it labour, is it buildings, or what?

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE. The maintenance of the Imperial garrison of 320 officers and men including engineers and artillery.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). And besides that, we have our own?

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE. Yes.

Militia—chargeable to capital—rifle range, \$75,000.

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE. I would like to change the words there, so as to make them read 'for the purchase of land and the equipment of rifle ranges.' The work we have done for this vote since it was begun two years ago included the construction of the rifle range here, the expenditure on which I gave last session; the rifle range at Montreal, the expenditure on which I gave a day or two ago in answer to a question by the hon. member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk); rifle ranges at Hamilton, Halifax—or near Halifax—St. John, Fredericton, London, Victoria, Sherbrooke and other places, besides one undertaken at Winnipeg. These are first-class rifle ranges, 1,000 yard ranges, up to date in every respect. I am told that the rifle range at Ottawa is one of the best in the world. The one in Montreal, though not quite so large, is equally good.

Mr. SPROULE. I think the minister said yesterday that the rifle range in Montreal would cost \$35,000.

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE. That was the cost of the buildings and the work alone. I think the land cost \$30,000 or \$40,000, and the total cost will be about \$75,000. The range here cost more than that, because we had heavy expenses in the Exchequer Court by reason of the fact that we could not settle with some of the holders of the land. The rifle range at Winnipeg will be something of the same character, but I hope not as expensive. These rifle ranges cost anywhere from \$15,000 to \$60,000, or \$70,000. That at Sherbrooke is much smaller, and will cost \$5,000 or \$6,000. I may add that we have another vote of \$20,000 for cheap ranges in small districts. It will be divided up in sums of from \$200 to \$500, to assist rural companies.