

These were the remarks made by this eminent military critic about the General Commanding the Canadian militia. "You might not be possessed of all the facts." And, therefore, of course, this gentleman undertook to advise His Excellency.

Some hon. MEMBERS. What is the name of that gentleman?

Mr. FISHER. That letter is signed "Sam. Hughes."

THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL MOTIVES.

The General Officer Commanding says that I was a witness against myself. He proceeds:

"That Mr. Fisher's motives were political, he himself admitted in his second speech in the House of Commons on June 10. This admission, I may observe, was singularly at variance with his earlier speech on the same day. In that speech, which was a prepared statement, he distinctly stated that his objections to Dr. Pickel were of a military nature, and that his interference was not due to political motives.

The hon. leader of the Opposition stated this afternoon, as he did on the former occasion, that my speech on that day was at variance with my statement. I venture to say that anybody who examines the two records will say that it was in no shape or way at variance with the statement. I STATED THAT I HAD MADE NO OBJECTION TO ANY OFFICER ON POLITICAL GROUNDS ALONE. I DID SO IN REGARD TO DOCTOR PICKEL BECAUSE HE HAD NO MILITARY EXPERIENCE, AND I DID SO BECAUSE I FOUND IT NECESSARY TO REMOVE THE TORY POLITICAL COMPLEXION OF THAT PARTICULAR SQUADRON.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. FISHER. Hon. gentlemen nod their heads. That is political interference, they say. They and their friends are to be allowed to intrigue, are to be allowed to put their friends into the militia, are to be allowed to give their friends promotion in the militia, and are to be allowed, as in the old days, to

MAKE THE MILITIA OF CANADA A TORY PRESERVE.

And, Mr. Speaker, with that going on right under our noses, the Liberal who has at heart the interest of the militia is to be allowed to protest.

Mr. ROSAMOND. No Tory need apply.