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DR. BORDEN PRESENTS EXTENSIVE SCHEME FOR DEFENCE OF CANADA.

Will Increase Militia Reserve to 100,000 Men, Through Citizen Rifle Clubs—Will Establish Factories for New Rifle Making—New Cartridge Invention.

Ottawa, April 10.—(Special).—When the militia estimates were up this afternoon Hon. Dr. Borden made an important announcement for increasing the efficiency of the force. The present militia force is 35,000 men and the proposal was to increase this to at least 100,000 men well trained to use of rifle. The idea is to establish rifle clubs throughout the country from which, as reserve, recruits will be drawn for the volunteer service. His speech was brief and of announcements showing that the department is alive and up to date. The late government talked of loyalty and imperial defence and started the militia force even refusing to ask a sum for annual drill. This has all been changed. The minister of militia is deserving of great praise for the energy he has put into his work notwithstanding the large time he has had to devote to organizing and forwarding contingents to South Africa.

Mr. Borden's platoon bill was reported. It extends free coast pilotage to Ontario the same as is now given to Quebec and the maritime provinces. Good progress was made with Sir Wilfrid Laurier's bill to give pensions to the Northwest Mounted Police. When the militia estimates were reached, Lieut. Col. Tisdale made a long speech on a general character reviewing the history of the militia in Canada. He said that General O'Grady-Hally's report was the best one yet submitted. Col. Tisdale favored that part of the major general's report for the creation of a reserve force.

Dr. Borden announced his military reform programme. He began by saying that the great gifts which this country enjoys carry with them their responsibilities and we should be unworthy of our grand resources if we were not prepared to defend them. He believed that in our times of prosperity this country should devote some of its revenue to the matter of defence. As to the report of the major general, he agreed in the main with his suggestion it contained. The general had been given a free hand in making suggestions in regard to the militia as a professional soldier. Under the present law the permanent force is limited to 1,000 men, the general proposed to increase it to 1,500 and he himself thought it a wise proposal. He would not, however, this year ask for the necessary amendment to the militia act but next session he would introduce a bill for that purpose and would have it submitted in advance to members who cared to offer suggestions upon it. He was afraid it would not be possible to get men away from their vocations for 21 days every year, but might be practicable once in three years to give the men a longer period of drill than 12 days.

For a Force of 100,000. The general's proposal to form a body of reserves, at this moment he said the suggestion is being carried out and it would involve very little more expenditure for the extra men sufficient of whom would be raised to increase the present force of 35,000 to 100,000 and this would be done by bringing them into the rifle clubs for which provision was made last session. This would bring in a grand class of men and exclude the useless men who, he was sorry to say, were already a considerable percentage of the militia attending the annual camps.

As to Another Arsenal. The major general proposed another arsenal. Undoubtedly the day is near at hand, Dr. Borden said, when we should have at least one more arsenal situated in a central part of the country. The cost of the year's output of ammunition from the present arsenal at Quebec could be increased from 2,000,000 to 5,000,000 or 7,000,000 rounds a year working on the eight hour basis and 15,000,000 or 20,000,000 cartridges could be turned out by working full time. Two or three additional magazines were really needed more than an additional arsenal, so that as fast as this ammunition was turned out at Quebec it could be moved west. As to the quantity of ammunition now on hand and where it is stored, it was not wise to make such private information public, but he would give it to any honorable member who desired it. There was a considerable quantity in Toronto, Kingston and London.

He could not agree to the establishment of an arsenal in the Northwest, but he might favor the creation of one in British Columbia. In time of war it would be a serious proposition to have the great stretch of country intervening and it would be awkward to have an arsenal in such a vulnerable situation. Lieut. Col. Tisdale—You might give them magazine then in the meantime. Dr. Borden—Yes, I think so. As to arms, continued the minister, the government had in a short time to have its operation in Canada a factory capable of turning out from 12,000 to 15,000 rifles yearly, working eight hours per day, and more than double that number, full time. Lieut. Col. Tisdale—Where will it be located? Dr. Borden—That has not been settled yet, but it will probably be near the present arsenal in Quebec.

Sir Charles Ross Rifle Will Be Made. The arms to be turned out was the Sir Charles Ross rifle. It had been carefully tested by a commission including Col. Otter, Lieut. Col. Hughes, Lieut. Col. Anderson, Col. Gibson and others, and was favorably reported upon. On the strength of that report it had been adopted by the militia department and a contract had been entered into with Sir Charles Ross for the manufacture of the rifle for the Canadian militia.

Provision was made in the contract, however, that in case any discovery were made that would render the rifle obsolete it should be under obligation to manufacture such other rifle as the department might require. This force would thus consist of men

who have experience in the art of rifle shooting. In order to give him a freer hand in apportioning the militia vote and for utilizing the riflemen as reserves, Dr. Borden said he was this year taking the entire appropriations for munitions, clothing and stores all under the head "annual drill." He proposed in the future to take advantage of a discovery that had recently been made of a reduced form of cartridge, by means of which practice could be had at reduced distances without resorting to extensive and expensive rifle ranges, and no man would be taken on as a recruit in the active militia until he had been trained with the rifle used in the active militia. The war in South Africa had proved that instead of being the delicate arm it was supposed to be, the Lee-Enfield was a serviceable short rifle and, instead of waiting till certain armories were created, the rifle would be issued at once to all the rifle battalions to be stored in ordinary company armories. He was now sorry he had not done this in this country, he said, a very effective defensive force at very little more expenditure than the present outfit. This would be done, as explained already, on the lines of interesting all classes of citizens in rifle shooting and thus bringing them out to meet the young men well equipped and expert in the use of the rifle. There should be an efficient headquarters staff, but he believed in decentralization to the extent that staffs ready to act immediately if called upon.

Severe Examination for Officers. He wanted educated, well trained officers, and he agreed that there should be, to that end, a severe examination. There were now on the reserve of officers and on the unattached list a number of valuable officers who should be kept in touch with the militia by giving them something to do every other year. TRURO HAPPENINGS. An Engineer With Mystery About His Work—Building Brick—St. John Clergyman's Visit.

Truro, N. S., April 14.—John W. Peppard was called to Truro yesterday by telegram announcing the death of his brother George, who had been ranching at Great Falls, Montana, for 21 years, during which time he has never visited his old home. He leaves considerable property. Mrs. Charles Peppard, who died at Great Village on the 20th ult., was the mother of deceased.

Rev. H. F. Waring, of St. John, formerly pastor of Immanuel Baptist church in this town, has been here for a few days attending to the funeral of a friend. He is receiving a hearty welcome. On Friday night the reverend gentleman delivered his lecture on "The Truth About Heaven and Hell," at the M. E. church, and on Saturday evening he preached in his old church on the Atonement.

Another temperance society has been formed in Truro. A large number of the drinking men of the town have banded together to help each other resist the tempter under the name of the New Temperance Society. The principal men in this society were instrumental in the organization of the Diamond Jubilee Association a few years ago, but they have since been more active in the temperance cause. They hold public meetings in the churches and are making a strong stand.

E. L. W. Haskett-Smith, an English civil engineer, with 13 Mrs. Waring surveying the country between Truro and the north shore with a view to securing a route for the proposed North Colchester Railway. He has outlined what he believes to be the most feasible route and has made plans. He spent most of last summer testing the harbors and entrances on the north shore in the interests of his line. He bought a schooner for the latter purpose and has conducted the entire survey at his own expense. As far as can be ascertained he never expects to reimburse himself and his object is a mystery to all who know of his work. He lives at Tatamagouche at present. He was there for some years ago, but returned to England coming back about a year and a half ago.

Alonso McCallum has purchased the heavy stable property and Willard Cutten the meat shop on Prince street, formerly owned by the late James A. Leaman, of Halifax, for \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively. Charles W. B. McMullen, son of T. G. McMullen, ex-M. P., a former student of Acadia College, made a hit at the Altman-Webster concert here Thursday night, in two variations of the song "The Phoenician Lodge, No. 50, I. O. O. F., in Gunn's rebuilt block, 1 Inglis street, April 2nd. That evening will be made one of the most important in the order. An entertainment, with addresses will be given, followed by a supper and dancing. Refreshments will be served in the evening. There are seven residents and a large wholesale store, either just completed or in course of construction in Truro. Buildings in the Victoria mill block, 81 subscriptions has passed the \$800 mark. Tokens of remembrance of the highly respected physician have come from all parts of the world.

James Taylor, aged 66, was found dead in his bed at Little River, last week. He was in apparently good health, and had worked in a lumber mill all day as usual, but was known to be troubled occasionally with his heart. His widow and family are residing in the United States.

Men at James Ready's Want a Nine Hour Day. The employees in the bottling department of James Ready's brewery, Fairville, are on strike for shorter working hours. On Monday a week ago the bottlers, numbering 14, drew up a petition demanding a nine hour working day to begin on the 14th inst. instead of a ten hour day, under which system they have been working. This document was signed by all and duly presented to Mr. Ready. When the management learned of his visit it decided that the petition should not be considered. As a consequence all went out but Monday morning five of the strikers returned to duty content to continue as previously. The remaining nine, however, announce their intention of fighting the matter and to resume operations only under the stipulations which their petition prescribes.

Mr. Ready, when communicated with last night, stated that he proposed to continue firm and not yield to the strikers' demand. He felt it to be unnecessary to give help in place of those on strike for he believed that the difficulty would soon be overcome by having all return to work on the old ten hour system. The strikers, though, do not agree with this. They say that their pleas cannot be easily filled and that it is their intention to pursue their present policy. They are not connected with a union but feel that what they request is not at all unreasonable. Their hours have been from 7 o'clock a. m. to 6 o'clock p. m. The other employees work nine and a half hours.

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BERNARD SAID "RATS." RIVAL INTERPRETERS HAVE AN INTERESTING TIME OVER BUSINESS.

Theodore and Nichols in Wordy War as to Charge of Seven Immigrants—Nichols Sent the Strangers His Way, and Then There Was Trouble. There was official antagonism and the hearty exchange of epithets terms at the house Monday afternoon between Christopher Nichols and his professional competitor, Bernard Theodore. The controversy had its origin in immigration matters and the following is an outline of the difficulty:

Among the immigrants who arrived on the Lake Ontario were seven whom Interpreter Nichols alleges were bound to Sydney, C. B., but this assertion is violently assailed by Interpreter Theodore, who holds that the party's destination was in this case—five to Winnipeg, one to Erie, Pa., and one to New York city. Interpreter Nichols works in the interests of the I. C. R. and Interpreter Theodore is the I. C. R. and Interpreter Theodore is the I. C. R. and Interpreter Theodore is the I. C. R.

On the other hand, Interpreter Theodore proclaims with every evidence of anger that Nichols' recent action is the work of an unscrupulous nature, and there the matter stands. Interpreter Theodore exhibits certain monies which have come to him in trust for the seven immigrants which he states he was to forward to their respective homes. The money, he says, will be returned to the senders.

At the depot yesterday afternoon the feud between the two interpreters was all that a radical difference of opinion could be without a resort to pugilistic methods. Christopher, eluding through the crowd, strode up to Bernard and with many an ominous look and threatening finger shake proceeded to rebuke him for the great wrong which he had wrought.

Interpreters Theodore and Nichols were both present at the funeral of Wm. G. Nase, who died yesterday afternoon at the Grand Union Hotel, where he has boarded for the past year and a half. Deceased had lately been in failing health and for the past fortnight had been confined in bed, a sufferer from a complication of rheumatism and heart trouble.

Sunday afternoon he arose to go to the bath room, but while walking through the hall suddenly collapsed. A bell boy running to him, Mr. Nase fell back in his arms and there, in a few minutes, he died. Coroner Berryman and Dr. Brodbeck were hastily summoned, but on their arrival they pronounced life extinct. The body was forwarded to Westfield for interment. Deceased was 64 years old and unmarried. A nephew is Henry Nase, of T. H. Estabrook, and another relative is the wife of R. B. Patterson. Mr. Nase was formerly a conductor on the European & North American railway.

King Edward Enjoys Ben Hur. London, April 14.—King Edward witnessed the production of Ben Hur tonight. When the management learned of his visit it decided that the play should not be considered. As a consequence all went out but Monday morning five of the strikers returned to duty content to continue as previously. The remaining nine, however, announce their intention of fighting the matter and to resume operations only under the stipulations which their petition prescribes.

Justice Garrow Sworn In. Toronto, April 14.—(Special).—Hon. J. T. Garrow, late member of the Ontario government, was sworn in today as justice of the Ontario court of appeal to succeed the late Justice Laws. Cemetery Officials Elected. At a meeting held yesterday afternoon of the Fernhill directors the following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: H. D. Melrose, president; F. O. Allison, secretary; John P. Clayton, superintendent. To cure a cold in a night—use Yapp-Oresone. It has been used extensively during more than twenty-four years. All Druggists.

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