

My hon. friend does not tell us why they are training their people in Australia and New Zealand. He knows why there is excitement in Australia and New Zealand that can never affect Canada.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). Why.

Mr. CARVELL. He knows that it is because of the fear of an oriental invasion. He knows that the people want to keep those countries white men's countries. He knows that is why they are expending so much money on military organization and on navies, and I do not think he could conceive it as possible that those conditions could arise in Canada for generations to come. You would almost think, from what the minister has said, that if you have enough militarism in Canada, you can abolish all the churches in the land and people's souls will be saved by the militia and not by the grace of God. I am not trying to raise race against race or creed against creed. I believe in the militia to a certain extent. I believe we need it to help the police to enforce the civil law and to maintain peace and order; but more than that we do not need, and any money that is spent for more than that is money spent in vain, and would be very much better used for other purposes. My hon. friend talks about defending our homes, our wives, sisters and sweethearts, and all that tommyrot. He knows there is no danger of invasion. He talks about trained men and says that loyal men not trained are worse than baggage in an army. He knows that more than 50 per cent of the men who went from Canada to South Africa were not members of the militia and probably never had been. I know that is true of those who went from the maritime provinces. And when these men were under arms one month, you could not tell the difference between those who were trained and those who were not trained. If you are going to train the militia of Canada to be of any use, all you want to do is to give them the rudiments of shooting. The training of forming fours and so on is useless. Imagine forming fours on the African veldt. I admit that if you teach a young man to be a good shot, and he is ever required to defend his country, or even to go to foreign wars, he has an education which will make him a good soldier. I think the great trouble with my hon. friend and with his general staff is that they spend too much money on fuss and feathers and gold lace and not enough to teach young men how to shoot. I want to point out to the hon. member for Peterborough that these automobiles are not for transport, but for taking the staff on junketing tours. Let the minister give more money to the rifle clubs. I am not blaming my hon. friend for this; those who were running

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the militia matters in the other government were just as bad; but I find that in the great province of Ontario they give to the rifle associations the magnificent sum of \$2,000, while they increase the pay of the general staff by thousands every year, and in the province of New Brunswick they give to the rifle associations the magnificent sum of \$1,300.

Besides this they give a little every year to different rifle associations all over the country. Put together all the money that you pay to the militiamen, all the money you pay in rifle practice, all the money you pay that fits a man to be a soldier, and you have not spent a million dollars in the whole of Canada, but you are spending \$8,000,000 in fuss and feathers and gold lace. I want the minister to get down to earth and look this matter in the face as a pure matter of business. If the minister has got enough knowledge of military matters, and I think as far as the present party is concerned he is the right man in the right place, he will talk business instead of talking hot air as he has been doing.

Mr. WILCOX. One of the principles of our system of party government that I do admire is that our committees are non-political, that we are there permitted to express views at variance with the views held on our own side of the House, and that in so doing we are not in any way disassociating ourselves from our own party. I desire to make a reference or two with respect to the order which has been given by the Minister of Militia for twelve automobiles. It would have been the greatest possible pleasure for me to have supported this contract, or order, if in my judgment I considered it proper. But from the facts, as they have been submitted to me, I am not exactly satisfied with the negotiations in connection with this order, so far as I understand them. I recognize that my hon. friend the Minister of Militia is a highly qualified man to fill with dignity, the position which he now occupies. He is a warrior, but I have a recollection at this time of other men who preceded him that were warriors. I think of Samson, way back in the old dispensation, who killed 5,000 Philistines with the jawbone of an ass. He was tempted and he fell.

Mr. MACDONALD. Is there any fear of that with the minister?

Mr. WILCOX. I fear that my hon. friend was tempted by an agent in his own constituency and he fell.

Mr. PUGSLEY. It is very serious.

Mr. LEMIEUX. A spade is a spade.

Mr. WILCOX. A spade is a spade and a club is a club. I have made it my practice since I have entered public life, and