

useful to the whole Dominion, and not to one section or another alone.

Mr. W. H. MONTAGUE (Haldimand). Mr. Speaker, I think because of the anger which he sometimes, at very little provocation, displays, the Minister of Militia made a statement which is absolutely unfair to the officer in command of the 19th Battalion. The hon. Minister of Militia said that the colonel would have done better to have kept the supply of ammunition good than carry information to the hon. member for Welland. Well, the hon. member for Welland did not tell this House that the colonel had given him any information. He gave the source of his information, and that source was the public press. But, so far as the colonel of the battalion was concerned, the hon. member for Welland did not know who he was, he did not even know his name, until it was given to him last night by the hon. member for South Simcoe (Mr. Tyrwhitt). In view of these facts, the hon. Minister of Militia should withdraw his innuendo, that tales were being carried by the colonel of the battalion. I am sure that the hon. gentleman regrets having cast such an unfair aspersion on that officer.

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE. I have no desire to impute any motive to any officer of the militia, but if this particular officer did furnish information to anybody, I think he might have been better engaged. I would simply say this, that there will be an investigation which will not only include this officer, but the officer at the head of the particular district in which the battalion is stationed.

Mr. McCLEARY. I want to say a word in defence of my position. I am glad to find the hon. Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Fisher) in his place, because we are not often favoured with his presence here.

Mr. SPEAKER. The hon. gentleman must confine himself to a personal explanation.

Mr. McCLEARY. In reference to the item read from the *Evening Star*, it just shows what the size of the hon. gentleman is when he himself, in cold blood, endeavoured to raise in this House a racial question that I never thought of. He charged me with leaving out part of the article because that part would not suit my purpose. Well, the paragraph I read was one that alluded solely to the matter which I was bringing to the attention of the government. Let me repeat that I did not know who the commanding officer of that battalion was until I was told by the hon. member for South Simcoe after I sat down. I never had a word of communication with him, good, bad or indifferent, about this matter, nor with any other officer in that battalion. My information was entirely from a private source regarding the state of affairs on Sunday, when the guard was called out.

Mr. J. G. H. BERGERON (Beauharnois). As we are on a subject connected with our war department, might I ask the right hon. gentleman whether we are to have a commanding officer to replace General Hutton, and if so, when? Otherwise, it will not be necessary for us to vote the money to pay him.

The PRIME MINISTER. My hon. friend must admit that the question he has put is far removed from the subject we are discussing. He has introduced a subject which has no relevance to the one we are discussing.

Mr. BERGERON. It is very pertinent.

The PRIME MINISTER. It is not pertinent at all. At the proper time, when we are asking an appropriation for the General, the government will be happy to give all the information my hon. friend requires.

Motion (Mr. McCleary) to adjourn, negatived.

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

Mr. A. MARTIN (East Queen's). I notice that the hon. Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Fisher) is in his place, and before the Orders of the Day are called, I wish to put to him a question. About a month ago I asked him whether or not all the provinces of Canada were to be represented at the Paris Exhibition, and he led me to understand that they were. I asked him who was to represent Prince Edward Island, and he told me that he would give me the information in a few days. I would like to know now whether anybody has been appointed to represent the province of Prince Edward Island, and if so, who?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (Mr. Fisher). So far, there is nobody to represent Prince Edward Island, but, I am waiting for a report from the commissioners in Paris as to what further assistance they require.

Mr. MONTAGUE. Has the appointment been offered to any one?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. No.

WAYS AND MEANS—THE BUDGET.

The House resumed adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Fielding:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to go into committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising a Supply to be granted to Her Majesty; and the motion of Sir Charles Tupper in amendment thereto.

Mr. JOHN W. BELL (Addington). In rising, Mr. Speaker, to take my part in the budget debate, I will make my best endeavour to be neither tedious nor disagreeable. I would not have attempted to take