

Mr. MACDONALD. I know that, but I am speaking of the cadet corps in Nova Scotia as recently formed under the Strathcona Trust. Now, I submit, the minister should not say that this vote to take boys from the public schools and send them to camp, is one in regard to which the opinion of the educational authorities in each province should not be had. I think my hon. friend should have taken the precaution of consulting with the provinces who are expending money in looking after the education of these teachers before he decided on this policy.

Take the agreement between Nova Scotia and the Strathcona Trust. The teachers, who are officials of the Nova Scotia government, come under that agreement. They receive certain special grants from the province as the result of their attending and receiving military instruction, and so on. Now my hon. friend the Minister of Militia steps in and says: We are going to spend \$130,000 in taking the boys and girls of the public schools to camp.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). No, we are not taking the girls.

Mr. MACDONALD. You are taking the lady teachers.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I am not aware of it.

Mr. MACDONALD. You said a little while ago that you were going to take the lady teachers to camp.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I must have been misunderstood. I never heard of that before.

Mr. MACDONALD. I certainly did understand the minister to say that a short time ago. But if it is not his intention that the lady teachers should go to camp, we will eliminate that feature from the discussion. My hon. friend then is proposing to take the boys from the public schools of the country.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). The boys in the schools or out of the schools—every boy who wishes to come, in proportion to the number from each district, whether he does or does not attend school, whether he belongs to a regular cadet corps or does not.

Mr. MACDONALD. I question very much the wisdom of the minister's policy. He is departing from the well considered lines as laid down in the settlement which was, I think, agreed to by each one of the provinces in the Dominion this last year on the basis of this Strathcona Trust.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). Not at all.

Mr. MACDONALD. My hon. friend proposes to disregard it.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria).

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). Not at all.

Mr. MACDONALD. The minister says he is going to take cadets to camp no matter whether it conflicts with the idea of the Strathcona Trust or not.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). Not at all.

Mr. MACDONALD. I submit that the Strathcona Trust proposition is one which was well considered, it has received the approval of each of the provincial governments, and the minister should follow the lines of that trust and carry out that policy. If he does so I am satisfied that the results which he discussed so eloquently which would follow from giving the advantage of a military training to the young of the country would accrue to a very much greater extent than if he follows other lines without regard to that trust.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). We are not departing in the slightest from the Strathcona Trust.

Mr. MACDONALD. You are ignoring it.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). Not in the slightest, any more than we are ignoring any organization in the country over which we have no control. As a matter of fact the hon. member will be called upon I trust in a very short time to discuss the Strathcona Trust Cadet movement. This is a very different movement entirely. That is a matter in connection with the schools to which we are giving assistance in every way. We are giving our encouragement and the very best instructors we can get, just the same as with the military schools of the country. The hon. gentleman would be just as much justified in saying we were running counter to the military schools by having these camps of instruction. The two go hand-in-hand, in their proper spheres, and we are not interfering with them. If this were to be called the Boy Scout movement where would my hon. friend be?

Mr. MACDONALD. Are you taking the Boy Scouts into camp?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). 'A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.' You can call them junior militia if you like, call them anything, but I prefer to use the term which has been attached to this scout movement from time immemorial, long before the Strathcona Trust was formed. It is a magnificent institution, which is not surpassed in any country in the world, and we are endorsing it to the fullest extent in our Militia policy.

Mr. MACDONALD. You are not asking the provincial authorities anything about this question.