

have been in this Chamber, but I never heard of a minister of the Crown before making such entirely uncalled for remarks about a representative body. I hope the Prime Minister will see that that sort of thing is discontinued.

Military camps, \$75,000.

Mr. MACDONALD. How many camps will there be for the cadet corps this summer?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). The present intention is that in almost all localities there will be camps where the friends can visit the cadets. The officers commanding divisions have been asked to send in reports and probably there will be a camp for every county or riding or for some given area.

This item is increased owing to the fact that there are more cadet corps established under the Stratheona Trust.

Clothing and necessaries—for the entire, militia, including the permanent force, \$450,000.

Mr. CARVELL. Does the minister really expect during the coming fiscal year to get along on the amount he asks for in this estimate, or does he anticipate a supplementary estimate to make up the deficiency?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I am afraid that something extra will be required, and that there will have to be a supplementary estimate.

Mr. CARVELL. That is what I feared. My hon. friend stated before dinner that he was not increasing the cost of the militia this year. As I stated, he admits that he is increasing it by \$191,000, and I believe that it will be found that he is increasing it by half a million dollars. My hon. friend is not without guile in the manner in which he has made up his estimates. I want to call attention to a particularly bright operation of the mind of my hon. friend in making up these estimates. A guilty conscience needs no accuser, and when my hon. friend sent out his famous pamphlet justifying the military expenditure of this country, and showing that it is a positive agency for good against all the agencies for bad, that is a tacit admission that there is something wrong, and he is trying to explain away or to educate the public mind to receive the real facts when they come. We find in all these items connected with the fuss and feathers and show, something which goes to the glorification of my hon. friend, that there are increases while all the co-called decreases are on the hard business end of the transaction. You find a decrease of \$25,000 in clothing and necessaries. My

hon. friend admits now that will have to be made up in the supplementaries. You find a decrease of \$75,000 in customs dues. In all probability they will be the same as last year, if not more. He then provides for a decrease of \$55,000 in the engineer services, which I understand means the construction of targets, butts and rifle ranges. I prophesy that just as much money will be spent on that service this year as ever. Then, there is a reduction of \$4,150 on the Royal Military College. If you add all these together you have an estimated reduction of \$234,500. But there will not be a reduction. Practically all that money will have to be expended. Then you have an admitted over-expenditure as compared with last year of \$191,000, and in last year's estimates there was \$155,000 for the coronation contingent, which was exceptional. If you add these three sums together, you have an admitted increase of the militia expenditure of this year over that of last year of \$580,000. Is this a reduction of the cost of militarism in this country, or was I right when I said that we were drifting more than ever into the vortex of militarism? I want my hon. friend to think of this. I know that he is a militarist, but a few jolts such as he has received to-night will set even him thinking.

Militia and Defence—customs dues, \$125,000.

Mr. CARVELL. On what basis does the minister estimate a reduction of \$75,000?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). It is estimated that there will be fewer deliveries of orders from the old country. The expenditure for 1911-12 will be heavy, but that for 1912-13 will not be heavy, and the deliveries on the old contracts are all made.

Mr. MACDONALD. Is my hon. friend importing heavy guns this year?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). There are some to be delivered this year which were ordered two or three years ago.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I would like to know what items are embraced in the amount of \$173,850, of appropriations which are stated to be not required for 1912-13. It is by deducting that amount from the total expenditure that my hon. friend makes the increase only \$191,000. If he leaves that out, the total increase will be \$364,850.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). The amount of \$173,850 is made up of \$155,000 for the coronation, and \$18,150 not required.

Mr. PUGSLEY. That was expended last year.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I know, we put that in here.