

upon to do so, will be given a grant. These are the two questions I wanted to put to my hon. friend.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria, Ont.). I think the member for Rouville asked a question regarding the number of cadets.

Mr. LEMIEUX. Yes, in the colleges, by provinces.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria, Ont.). I do not think I have them by provinces. I may say this much, however, to the credit of the province of Quebec: more than half of the organized cadets come from that province. It has been my privilege to inspect a number of these corps, and they are a most creditable organization. In connection with the training of teachers under the Strathcona Trust, I may say that all the provinces now have—

Mr. LEMIEUX. What is the amount of that trust?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria, Ont.). About \$500,000 I think, but that is only a small item in the whole cost. Under the Strathcona Trust all the provinces have accepted and up to date Nova Scotia, being the province which first took it up, has 3,933 teachers regularly trained under that trust, the training being in physical and military drill. New Brunswick has 2,041 regularly trained teachers. Those are the two provinces which took up this training early. Prince Edward Island has 565 British Columbia 378, Quebec 12, outside of their cadets, Ontario 179, Manitoba 415, Saskatchewan 175, and Alberta, 283 teachers already trained under the Strathcona Trust. These teachers carry on their work in the schools at regular periods. Was that all the information the hon. member for Rouville (Mr. Lemieux) wanted?

Mr. LEMIEUX. I would like some statement in regard to the veterans.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria, Ont.). Of course my hon. friend would not ask me to express an opinion off-hand.

Mr. LEMIEUX. Not until the minister has read Mr. Létourneau's letter, which will appear in 'Hansard.'

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I will take the case up with the officers of the department. The provisions of the law, of course, have to be satisfied, that the veterans were called out on duty at the time, and if my good friend who made application enlisted in May, 1870, as he did according to the dates given, the chances are that his corps were ordered to the front, and he, as long as they were ordered to the front, although not present with the enemy, I think under the law is entitled to get the grant.

Mr. LEMIEUX.

Mr. LEMIEUX. Before my hon. friend the minister passes to another subject, we have in Montreal, Quebec and some other cities in that province some independent corps who obtain old arms from the department for their organization. Does the minister exact from these corps that they should join the militia? Would it not be better that they should regularly form part of the militia force than remain independent corps?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). The independent cadet corps are not liable to be called out for service.

Mr. LEMIEUX. Why should they not be in the militia force instead of being independent corps?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I do not know the details in regard to these independent corps, as the question has never arisen before, but I imagine they would not be expected to join the militia, being under age for one very sound reason. It is the first time I knew there were independent corps who were organized and not in the militia. I will give the matter my consideration.

Mr. CARVELL. Before the minister leaves that branch of the subject, will he state what is the character of the training which the teachers have received in New Brunswick? He states in his memorandum that there were in 1911-12 450 teachers already trained in New Brunswick. Would he give some idea as to the character and training they received? There are female teachers as well as male teachers, and the former would not be available to take to the camps of instruction.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). We hope all the male teachers will be. They are all invited to go into camp to get instruction. The matter is fully set out at pages 9 and 10 of the memorandum. The training under the Strathcona Trust is physical drill for the upbuilding of the physical body—

Mr. CARVELL. That is good.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). Secondly, mental development accompanying it, and also a certain amount of the rudimentary military training. If the hon. member has not seen the syllabus, or the books, in connection with this matter, I would be very glad to send copies to him and to other members of the House. They will then see the exact nature of the training that has been carried on for some years under the auspices of the Strathcona Trust. Now, to come to the cadet corps training.

Mr. MACDONALD. Will the minister tell us fully what is his programme in regard to that?