

Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario delivered an address at that convention which has been printed in French and is being extensively distributed in the province of Quebec. I think it would be a good thing if that lecture, which has been distributed in French in the province of Quebec, were printed in English so that it might be distributed in Ontario. The lecturer is a very capable man who came from my town and his addresses are very much appreciated.

Mr. OLIVER. I shall take the matter up.

Mr. SCHAFFNER. This meeting was in connection with the Conservation Commission was it not?

Mr. OLIVER. No, this was a forestry convention held at Quebec just before the meeting of the Conservation Commission. It is a part of the same general movement, but relates only to forestry.

Militia and Defence, required to complete payment of a rifle range at Winnipeg, \$72,482.19.

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN (Minister of Militia and Defence). This is to pay the difference between the amount received from the sale of a rifle range at Winnipeg and the amount paid for a larger range with ground sufficient for drill and camp purposes, outside of Winnipeg. We sold our 200 acres at Winnipeg for something over \$600 an acre, and bought 1,120 acres further out on the line, but still on the street cars and quite convenient for our purpose for \$175 an acre so that we have to pay a difference of \$72,000.

Mr. DANIEL. What is the length of the range?

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. 1,000 yards.

Mr. DANIEL. Will you put up permanent buildings like those at the Sussex camp?

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. The same kind of thing.

Mr. ROCHE. In connection with the selection of sites, which officer is sent out to make the selections in the west?

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. Colonel Steel in the first instance would go over the ground and select a place or places that would be suitable. Then we usually send a board of officers to select the sites and report.

Mr. ROCHE. I wish the minister would facilitate the selection of a site in my town as soon as possible because I understand the town is willing to donate a site and has options on a certain number of lots for a certain time.

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. I will see that an officer is sent to select a site.

Militia and Defence, customs duties, further amount required, \$100,000.

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. This is a vote which we take each year, for payment of duties on ordnance which is being delivered from England having been purchased through the War Office. It is really a cross entry and a formal vote.

Royal Military College, furnish amount required, \$17,134.69.

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. This is required to meet the regular expenses of the college. Last year arrangements were made to accommodate 20 additional students bringing the average attendance up to 115. \$10,000 of the 1909-10 expenses were taken out of the vote for the current year, so that there remains as the amount necessary on account of the extra 20 students \$7,000.

Mr. DANIEL. That would be a permanent addition to the cost of the college?

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. Yes, except that a certain amount of it comes back. The pupils pay in about \$300 per year. We are asking for \$135,000 in the main estimates this year.

Mr. MARSHALL. I would like to ask the minister if he has thought of putting up a drill hall in Aylmer, Ont? When his estimates were up last year he said that he would consider it. We have a part of the 25th battalion there. We have no place for them to meet, and they are getting scattered all over. They have mentioned that they would like to have some accommodation, even if it were only a small building.

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. At what place?

Mr. MARSHALL. Aylmer, Ont. I do not know that you remember it.

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. I do remember it, but I would suggest to my hon. friend that when the main estimates come up, which I hope will be next week, I expect to be questioned upon matters of this kind, and I will be prepared I hope to give full information.

Mr. HAGGART (Winnipeg). As all these different items apparently run into each other, perhaps the hon. Minister of Militia and Defence would welcome the opportunity of giving us an explanation as to military matters in Winnipeg. Fort Osborne adjoins the government grounds. There have been negotiations between the government here and the government of Manitoba with reference to acquiring the Fort Osborne grounds to give a sufficient site for the government buildings there. I see by the papers that another deputation is coming from Winnipeg to interview the government with reference to the acquisi-