

either to adopt that or abolish 'Hansard' altogether, if you intend to shorten the sessions of parliament. I think something of that kind might be done. I make no insinuations whatever against the members of the House of Commons, and I treat them most cordially. It has been stated that there were reasons why this session should be longer than ordinary; but I say they are making speeches that have been reiterated over and over again. There should be some means of putting a stop to that. I entirely agree with the hon. gentleman from London (Hon. Mr. Coffey) that there should be some method adopted, some means devised, whereby we might shorten up the work and perform the business before parliament with more expedition, and have more time to attend to our own business at home, at less sacrifice to all of us.

The House divided on the motion which was carried on the following division:

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Hon. Mr. McMULLEN.

#### TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION AT QUEBEC.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I would call the attention of the government to the fact that the 'Gazette' gives notice that the government has decided to abandon the plan to assemble 25,000 men on the Plains. A paragraph in to-day's 'Gazette' reads as follows:

No army for Quebec—Government abandons plan to assemble 25,000 men on the plains.

Ottawa, May 11—(Special).—The assembling of 25,000 troops at Quebec for the 300th anniversary of the battle of the Plains of Abraham, will not take place. The four days' pay trouble, the transportation difficulty, and the 50 per cent of establishment complaint have been settled with one sweep as far as the Militia department is concerned. The rural corps will go to camp the same as usual, and the Québec Battlefields Commission will choose any regiments it desires to add military splendour, to the festivities.

It was announced to some corps at the drill hall to-day that the Quebec affair was 'off.' There was general surprise, of course; but at once the corps settled down to change their arrangements for about the fifth time since it was first announced that the flower of Canadian youth was to be assembled at Quebec in the 25,000 troops of the active militia.

The cause of this change as announced by the Militia department, is lack of money to carry out the scheme. It was given out at the department this morning that every alternative had been tried to accomplish the task with the money at hand, but it could not be done. The cutting down of the drill pay had been suggested as the last chance of bringing the troops to Quebec, and it was not accepted by the militia, so there was no other course to pursue, since the money was not forthcoming, than to call the affair off. It would have taken \$300,000 or so, more than is allowed the department, it is claimed, to have taken the number of troops asked for to Quebec, and it was not forthcoming.

Yesterday about fifteen commanding officers of corps from various parts of Canada waited on the Minister of Militia to explain that they could not comply with the terms that they would only draw pay for four days. The minister then stated that other arrangements would be made.

The work of choosing what regiments will go to Quebec will be left to the Quebec Battlefields Commission, so any regiment that is not invited will not blame the department. In fact, the Militia Department will have nothing to do with the affair except to arrange transportation for the troops chosen.

I want to know if there is any truth in that report?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I understood the paper was quoting from a statement supposed to be made by the Minister of Militia. I know that has been his view. I