

as Minister of Militia, I fully appreciate the honour that this achievement has brought not only upon private Hayhurst himself, but upon the whole militia force of Canada; and I also feel that it cannot but prove of great practical service to the country. It is no small event for any man to be the best shot in a gathering of all the best shots in the world, and we cannot help feeling proud that the man who has achieved that victory, has gone over with a Canadian team, and brings his honours back to Canada. I think this event will also tend to improve the whole morale of the militia force, and the shooting branch of it particularly. While in past years we have been very much gratified with the winning of the Kolapore Cup, and have looked upon that as the ultima thule of our riflemen's exercises over there, now we have moved the standard up to the very top, and Canadians now will feel disappointed if the Queen's prize does not remain in Canada for years to come. I could not allow this occasion to pass without, in this public way, testifying to the pleasure and deep gratification of the Department of Militia, and I am sure I can speak for the whole militia force of Canada, in the honours which private Hayhurst has brought to the force and to Canada. The suggestion made by the hon. gentleman with regard to a medal is, of course, one for future consideration. It is impossible at this stage of the session to do any more than formally to express the great gratification this country feels at the success of this gentleman.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. I may be allowed to say that I believe the Opposition is in full accord with everything that has been said by the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. Prior) and the hon. Minister of Militia in testifying the general satisfaction felt throughout Canada at a Canadian's success in winning this prize, and I agree that the result cannot but be of great ultimate and practical advantage to Canada. While these feelings are doubtless to some extent only sentimental, there is no doubt that this event will bring the country before the attention of the world in a way that will be of great public benefit. While I congratulate the rifle team on this brilliant success, I also congratulate the officers in charge of that team this year, and especially the gentleman who has been so fortunate and so successful, and who has shown his great ability as a shot. As to the suggestion made by the hon. member from Victoria that the Government should mark in some tangible way our gratification at the success of private Hayhurst, I am sure that the Opposition will only be too glad to second any action that may be taken by the Government in that direction.

THE STEAMER "STANLEY."

Mr. BOYD. What use is made of the "Stanley" in the summer months? I believe it is only used in winter, and I think

it could not be more profitably occupied in the summer than in navigating the Hudson Strait until they are closed up by ice in the fall. The only cost incurred would be the coal necessary to keep the vessel running; and I have not the slightest doubt she would demonstrate that the straits are navigable not only for four or five months, but for seven or eight months. If the people of eastern Canada understood how important this question was to the people of Manitoba and the North-west, they would be prepared to incur this expense in order to demonstrate something of what will be of great importance to Manitoba and the North-west.

Mr. MACDOWALL. I beg to second the hon. gentleman's motion in calling the attention of the Minister of Marine to this important work and would refer the Minister of Marine to the last words of Marmion.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER. The "Stanley" is still going on, but not in the direction of Hudson Bay. She is used in the summer months as a cruiser for the protection of fishermen on the Atlantic coast, and we could not afford to take her away from the good service she is doing there. Prince Edward Island would be rather anxious if she got out of fair water into any dangerous straits.

VOLUNTEER LONG SERVICE MEDALS.

Mr. PRIOR. I see the Minister and the ex-Minister of Militia present and I would ask whether either of them has made any application to the Imperial Government for the long service decoration for the volunteers. All volunteers in England who have served 21 years are obtaining a medal. Although in Canada we call ourselves militia men, still we are, to all intents and purposes, volunteers, and the feeling certainly is amongst the militia of Canada that the men who have served 21 years should get that medal.

Mr. DICKEY. The difficulty is this, that in England there are two forces—the militia and volunteers. In the Australian colonies there are also two forces. The long medal service is only given to the volunteers. Application was made some time ago by my predecessor for this medal, and the objection was pointed out by the English authorities that our service was a militia service. On being pressed with the argument that we had no volunteers and therefore should be entitled to the same decoration for the corresponding service, they argued that a general order entitling the militia in the colonies to the medal would entitle also the militia of the Australian colonies, and would give rise to a claim on the part of the English militia. There are two solutions to the question. The one is to give a decoration for long service in the militia which will apply also to the Australian colonies. The other is, failing that, to