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Editorial.

THE ABOLISHMENT OF THE CANTEEN.

Many of our readers must have seen the attacks made on the Minister of Militia during the last two years for permitting canteens to be opened in the annual training camps of our volunteer militia, and existing at the regimental depots of our permanent force. Ladies have been the attacking party, and the subject has been so persistently approached that we think the Hon. Dr. Borden must have felt at times that his peace of mind lay in the direction of surrender. Fortunately, we believe, he resisted, and the canteen still remains. That he was fully justified in the stand he took must now we believe be admitted by all those who knew anything of the regimental canteen, and especially what has been done with it in the United States' army within the past year. So far as our knowledge extends, we do not know that any attempt has ever been made to deprive British regiments of their canteen. Yet, we presume there is, indeed we know there is, in the British Islands a strong and influential temperance party, who fortunately have shown their good sense by leaving this particular question untouched. Not so in the United States. So strong was the demand among a certain influential portion of the population, that Congress less than a year ago passed a law abolishing the canteen in the regular army service. All reports which reach us indi-