

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I agree exactly on that; I don't want them to go.

Mr. CARVELL. Does the hon. gentleman realize what it means to take sixty or sixty-five horses and a hundred men, and all the equipment of a field battery nearly one thousand miles to a camp of instruction? Perhaps the battery with which I was once connected would like the jaunt, but the owners of the best horses would certainly not allow them to be transported to Petawawa unless the minister supplied palace horse cars.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). Nothing is too good for Woodstock.

Mr. CARVELL. I do not think you can get the efficient training unless you have the four main branches of the service: engineers, artillery, cavalry, and infantry in a camp.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). Don't you want the medical corps?

Mr. CARVELL. If all our militia men were the saints the minister thinks they are they would not require a medical man, but I think the services of the medical corps would be necessary in most camps. Why is it that the minister does not give the infantry the extra four days training, the same as the other branches of the service? I believe that the infantry would learn more in the additional four days than they would in the other nine. There must be a reason for that.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). There is no special reason except economy, and the fact that in the days before my hon. friend (Mr. Carvell), graced the militia with his presence in it, they used to go to camp for sixteen days, and it was found to be a failure. When, this year, it was proposed that the infantry should go to camp for sixteen days, the men in many localities raised objections, and as in the past we had got along with twelve days training, I thought I would not force it on the infantry for this year, and besides, to be frank, I wanted to economize, so as to justify as far as possible the cadet corps expenditure.

Mr. CARVELL. The minister has not explained why it is necessary to spend twenty thousand dollars extra to take a portion of the permanent corps to Petawawa.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). It takes \$140,000 or more to transport the troops to these camps.

Mr. CARVELL. It surely would not cost \$20,000 extra to transport the permanent force.

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Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). The Chief of the General Staff has laid out this plan in conformity with the wishes of my predecessor, and I have not altered it in the slightest. The troops are being brought from all over the country in order that they may get the benefit of being drilled in great masses over a large area. The transport from Halifax will cost \$3,000, from Toronto \$2,000, from Kingston \$1,000, from St. John \$1,000, from Winnipeg \$5,000, and horses and baggage \$4,700 more.

Mr. CARVELL. The minister's memorandum at the bottom of page 5 says:

Soldiers who have trained the previous year will receive ten cents a day additional, and those who are found 'efficient' in the particular arm of the service to which they belong will receive fifteen cents day efficiency pay.

Will that apply only to men who were in camp the previous year, or will it apply also to men who were in camp two years before and for some reasonable cause were not able to attend last year?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). The intention is that it will be only for the men who drilled in the immediately preceding year, the object being to encourage them to attend the drill successively from year to year.

Mr. CARVELL. Then I am afraid that the minister will find that many men will be trained under different names from their own.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). That will be watched.

Mr. CARVELL. Is the policy still to be followed of compelling the commanding officers to have their recruiting done five or six days before going to camp, or are they to be allowed to recruit at any time before going into camp? In some portions of the country I know that this has been not only a hardship, but a regular farce, because, especially in rural corps, there are many men who do not know until the last hour whether they can go to camp or not. If you compelled them to enlist at least six days before going to camp, there are thousands of men all over Canada of the very class that we want to train, who will not be able to give a decided answer within that time. The result will be that the commanding officers will sometimes sign for the full complement of men six days before they go to camp, inserting the names of John Jones or John Smith, and at the last moment taking such men as they can get.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). The list can now be filled to the day of going into