

imagine that a majority, of the prohibitionists at least, will be found to approve of the practice, as long as it is exerted to accomplish ends which they desire. If it be true that in this country order cannot be maintained and the law enforced by the civil authorities, but we must constantly resort to military force, our boast of freedom is but idle and, at least, we should refrain from the expressions of indignation in which we have recently been indulging at the invasion of the rights of civilians by the army in Germany. The law in England is the reverse of that declared in West Virginia. Professor Dicey says: "This kind of martial law is in England utterly unknown to the Constitution. Soldiers may suppress a riot as they may an invasion. They may fight rebels as they may fight foreign armies, but they have no right to inflict punishment for riot or rebellion."

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OSGOODE HALL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

We are not of those who think Canada has done for the motherland and for the Empire all that she might have done or should have done in its defence; rather the contrary. We are, however, beginning to realize that we owe some debt for the protection and safe-guarding we have received, without cost to ourselves, all these years past.

In this connection we are glad that the profession in the City of Toronto has taken a lead in the formation of a Rifle Association, which is already actively at work.

Organizations of this sort are simple and elastic, requiring only the enrolment of at least 30 members and the taking of the oath of allegiance (R.S.C. c. 41, s. 62). The objects of the Osgoode Hall Rifle Association are declared to be:—

(a) A determination and desire to take some useful part in military preparedness for all possible eventualities.

(b) To stimulate a patriotic spirit in the community which shall ensure an immediate response of sufficient recruits of the best calibre to re-establish all volunteer regiments at full strength, and likewise secure all necessary volunteers for service abroad.

(c) The promotion of military art and military science and literature.

(d) To assist in recruiting the existing volunteer regiments from the ranks of the profession, or assisting in the formation of some new student and professional regiments.