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TELEPHONE CALLS: Editorial and News ...

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THE MILITARY CONFERENCE.

The military conference called by Colonel, the Hon. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia and Defence, will open in Ottawa today, and the comprehensive nature of the programme and the importance attached to the meeting may have far reaching results on the affairs of the department. Those summoned to attend the conference, about eighty in number, include not only senior officers of the militia from all parts of Canada, but representatives of the universities and those who have been identified with the cader movement, the administration of the Strathcona trust, etc. In addition to these there will be officers from the headquarters staff and the various divisional staffs throughout the Dominion, who will be present no so much to take part in the discussions as to hear what is said.

The conference will last three days and the agenda contains the following twenty-three subjects of special interest to the railitia: (1) Plans for stimulating proper interest to the railitia: (2) Systems of keeping accounts and records he companies and in registing shoots proposed by the Strathcona Trust; (5) A system of training for boys in brigade or divisional camps; (1) The reformation and training of regiments in Canadian universities; (7) A system of training, not only for universities; (7) A system of training for boys in brigade or divisional camps; (1) The rormation and training of regiments in Canadian universities; (7) A system of training, not only for universities; (7) A system of training for boys in brigade or divisional camps; (1) The rormation and training of regiments in Canadian universities; (7) A system of training not only for universities; (8) The preparation and distribution of drill and ether necessary books on military instruction; (10) Ministruction; (10) Mini other necessary books on military instruction. (10) Military instruction. (10) Military infers: (12) Arms for cadet corps and boys generally, with plans for the use thereof; (13) The use of intoxicating liquor in camps, quarters or messes; (14) Railway and other transport for troops; (15) Transport for one qualified man from each corps or unit to the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association matches at Ottawa annually; (16) Qualification of officers in rifle shooting; (17) Gun drill for all officers; (18) How best to obtain the co-operation of municipal and provincial organizations in the establishment and maintenance of drill halls, arms for companies, regiments and brigades; (19) Armories for companies, regiments and brigades; (20) Rewards, badges and prizes for rifle shooting; (21) Ighted with hydro-electric power, and that the linemen takes and the first utterances in the House in the uncongenial role of leader of a defeated and discredit the uncongenial role of leader of a defeated and discredit the uncongenial role of leader of a defeated and discredit the uncongenial role of leader of a defeated and discredit the uncongenial role of leader of a defeated and discredit the uncongenial role of leader of a defeated and discredit the uncongenial role of leader of a defeated and discredit the uncongenial role of leader of a defeated and discredit the uncongenial role of leader of a defeated and discredit the uncongenial role of leader of a defeated and discredit the uncongenial role of leader of a defeated and discredit the uncongenial role of leader of a defeated and discredit the uncongenial role of leader of a defeated and discredit the uncongenial role of leader of a defeated and discredit the uncongenial role of leader of a defeated and discredit reductions and uncalled for the uncongenial role of leader of a defeated and discredit reductions and uncalled for the cost of a license to operate a weir is five dollars with the privilege of renewal each year. Practically of relative double for the election still ro (19) Armories for companies, regiments and brigades; (20) Rewards, badges and prizes for rifle shooting; (21) System of military training; (22) Officers' uniforms; (23)

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the cavalry and infantry has been able to near the cavalry and infantry has been able to near the field almost immediately after it reaches its training. (Winnipeg Telegram.)

The result is that the artillery, instead of spending its training in recruit drill, takes up tactical manoeuvres in the field almost immediately after it reaches its training ground, and before the end of the first week combines drill, manoeuvre, tactical schemes and gun practice day manoeuvre, tactical schemes and gun practice day that the training of the militia is the paramount object, that the training of the militia is the paramount object, and the training of the militia is the paramount object, only could the Canadian artillery win the approval of General Sir John French, but the two batteries of Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, whose officers are mainly responsible for the efficient training of the 26 militia field batteries, also won the highest encomiums of the general among the permanent force. The other branches of the pervice believe that if they had the same opportunities for instruction as the artillery and equal zeal were displayed in getting the best results from them on the part of the headquarters, divisional and district staffs, and the instructional troops of their branches, they could do a first that the reflect of the Cecils and what a race (Winnipeg Telegram.)

Mr. Balfour is the last of the Cecils and what a race of the Cecils and what a race of the final that has been! From 1548, and that is a long time as long time as long time as the fitting terminators of British action.

Fredericton, Nov. 15.—In Supreme Court this afternoon the following but the recent history of Great Britian there have been litted the Tory aristory and the Howards, who ruled the Whig aristoreacy, and the Howards, who ruled the Whig aristoreacy, and the Howards, who ruled the Whig aristoreacy and the

the headquarters, divisional and district staffs, and the structional troops of their branches, they could do as ell, or possibly better than the gunners, judged from the andpoint of actual efficiency in the field.

The general object of this conference is to hear what presentative militia officers have to say as to existing inditions and to suggest how existing conditions can be to proved, so that the people of Canada may have, as the sult of money expended, a large and reasonably efficient illitia force, the standard of such efficiency to be the actual value of these troops in the field. The utmost freem of discussion and suggestion will be accorded by the inister to the representatives of the militia at the concrence. Nearly seven years and much money have sen expended in organizing a large staff, yet the traing of the bulk of the militia still continues on antiquated ness. It seems to be the laudable ambition of the new thister of Militia to discover the reason why, as the rest tep towards the reorganization of the system of aining and administration. The time is opportune lease Canada is fortunate in having secured, as chief staff, General Colin Mackenzie, one of the ablest ficers in the British service. And he will, no doubt, be jually interested in the interchange of ideas which it is

expected will result from this military conference, as data towards carrying out a policy which it is hoped will result in the establishment of a large and fairly efficient militia army in Canada, which is what the country wants

## HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

An agitation has arisen in Saskatchewan for a change in the homestead regulations. It is claimed that the length of residence required during each year is a hardship to the poor man. In lieu of a reduction in length of residence, it is proposed to increase the area to be brought under cultivation. A petition is being circulated to be presented to the Dominion Government. It asks for the following changes:

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First Year—No residence during first twelve months.
Substitute fifteen acres of breaking, which will give the poor man who has a family to support and not the means to buy implements and teams an opportunity to earn the money to pay for breaking required by law.

Second Year—Residence for three months during the second year, and crop fifteen acres and break fifteen of the refers to the union of well owners in Charlotte county."

LITARY CONFERENCE.

Military associations.

Discussing the partial failure and lack of efficiency which have characterized much of the work of the department in the past the Ottawa Citizen, which holds sum of money in the people.

# ON THE SEINERS

To the editor of The Standard,
Sir.—I notice in the last two is a sues of The Standard, articles discussing the seining of sardine herring. As a fisherman, I would like to reply to that "prominent operator of fish weirs in Charlotte county."

He refers to the union of weir owners in Charlotte county as being strongly in favor of the prohibition of seining in St. John as well as Charlotte county are owned or partly owned by farmers, merchants lawyers, and men of different professions, who have formed a union that is very little more than the name only, and undertake to favor prohibition of seining insh even outside their own county, a regulation which, if adopted, would be ruinouts to the bona fide fishermen whom the Charlotte county weir operator states belongs to the lowest class, but whose standard in that respect under investigation would not be found far below his.

This weir operator states that only a small portion of the result of the seining season which was given as \$20,000, and was nearer three times that amount, went to the fishermen of St. John. Taking the season from first to last, four fifths of the total catch in St. John county is taken by St. John county is taken by St. John county fishermen, who own their own gear, boats, and full equipment, practically to a man and are not "sent out by the American, Parkondon, and the propersion of the result of the seining season which was given as \$20,000, and was nearer three times that amount, went to the fishermen of St. John. Taking the season from first to last, four fifths of the total catch in St. John county is taken by St. John county fishermen, who own their own gear, boats, and full equipment, practically to a man and are not "sent out by the American, packers who are "anxious to get control of our fisheries." This "inspiration" is akin to Precident Taft's, when the United States was looking forward to reciprocity with Canada and I call Mr. Weir Owner's attention to how that "inspiration" is akin to Precident Taft's, when the United States was lo

## ARE YOUR HANDS CHAPPED?

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Preliminary Hearing in Case Against Former Bank Manager Opened Yesterday-R. B. Kessen on the Stand.

The preliminary hearing into the case against Harry B. Clark, the former manager of the branch Bank of New Brunswick, on Charlotte street, was commenced in the police court before Judge Ritchie yesterday afternoon. Charles F. Sanford was present for the prosecution and George W. Fowler, M. P. represented the defendant.

weir. If these men are prohibited from catching fish in any other manner, now and where are they to find their living?

I am informed on good authority, that drag seining is legal in all the waters of the eastern coast of Canada, and is prohibited only by special regulation for Charlotte county, which I understand was procured by the weir owners of Charlotte county, and if such a regulation was forced apon St. John county, fishermen through the influence of Charlotte county weir owners, it would be the most iniquitous piece of legislation ver enacted.

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