

time, under the law, these cadets may be brought out, but they must be brought out in connection with the active militia. I do not want that at all. I have very great respect for the active militia, but I want the boys to be brought out under a different method, so that, instead of being brought into camp and placed alongside of these men, some of whom have not the habits which we would like them to have, they shall go into camp apart from the active militia.

Mr. KAY. Would the minister state what part of this additional four days' training will be devoted to target practice, and also whether the men will have to qualify in shooting to earn efficiency pay?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I think this efficiency pay is for shooting. As to the additional four days' training, we will follow whatever syllabus is laid down by the officer in command of the camp.

Mr. KAY. The reason I asked the question was, that hitherto the militia man has been taken into camp for twelve days' training. He was required to qualify to get a high average at the butts in shooting before he could get his efficiency pay. He was only allowed one day's shooting at the butts. I maintain that it is very unfair to expect a man to learn to shoot accurately without giving him a chance to practise.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). Quite right.

Mr. KAY. For that reason there has been a good deal of dissatisfaction and a great deal of dishonesty practised at the ranges.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). That is right.

Mr. KAY. I would be very sorry to see the efficiency pay dependent on a man's being able to shoot well.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I agree with the hon. gentleman (Mr. Kay), and I have objected in toto to the efficiency pay being given in the way it has been given. But, a great change has been made. What we have done to meet the views of my hon. friend (Mr. Kay) is this: Every soldier must take his aiming drill, then he must take his sub-target or practice with a miniature rifle, then he is permitted to fire once or twice or thrice in practice. I established that rule two years ago in my own camp, and I find that it now obtains all over the country. Under the present system, with two or three days' practice, nearly every boy can qualify for his efficiency pay. I think the experience last year was that the efficiency pay was honestly obtained and the shooting was fine. Under the former system the poor lads were brought into camp, a rifle was put in their hands, and, although perhaps they had never pulled a trigger before, they were told they had

to make so many bullseyes out of so many shots or they would not get efficiency pay. The lads had no chance of getting efficiency pay under that system. That has been changed in the last two years, and I am satisfied that this year will see greater opportunities for the boys to practice before they are counted out of their efficiency pay.

Mr. WHITE (Renfrew). Would the minister please inform me what arms of the militia service will train at Petawawa during the coming year. Will there be any infantry corps trained there?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). The Petawawa camp is largely for the permanent force and artillery and cavalry. I have not looked into the details, which I leave to the officers in charge, but I believe the intention is to bring as many of the artillery and cavalry and permanent corps there as possible.

Mr. WHITE (Renfrew). Does the Minister of Militia not think that it would be advisable to have every branch in the service trained there, so that the infantry corps when they are not being drilled themselves could see the different other branches of the service in training?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I think that would be advisable.

Mr. WHITE (Renfrew). I would submit that for the consideration of the Minister of Militia.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). The view of my hon. friend (Mr. White) may possibly be carried out. It is the intention, in the case of the infantry from this district, to send them to Petawawa, but to bring them from all over the country would involve tremendous expense. There is no doubt great advantage in having all the different arms of the service in training together so that they may get an idea of what the conditions would be in active service.

Mr. CARVELL. Is the time occupied in travelling to and from camp included in the sixteen days' training?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). The intention is that sixteen days shall be put in in camp.

Mr. CARVELL. The travelling would be extra?

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). Yes.

Mr. CARVELL. I cannot agree that it is good policy to take an artillery corps all the way from the maritime provinces to Petawawa.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I don't think so either.

Mr. CARVELL. I think that is an error of judgment.