

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

Allison (Hants),	Dodd,	McCallum,
Amyot,	Dundas,	McDougald,
Bain (Soulanges),	Dupon,	McGreavy,
Baker (Victoria),	Farrow,	McLelan,
Beaty,	Ferguson (Leeds & Gren)	McNeill,
Bell,	Ferguson (Welland),	Ma-sue,
Belleau,	Foster,	Montplaisir,
Benoit,	Gagné,	O'Brien,
Benson,	Gault,	Orton,
Bergeron,	Gigault,	Quimet,
Bergin,	Girouard,	Paint,
Billy,	Gordon,	Pinsonneault,
Blondeau,	Grandbois,	Reid,
Bolduc,	Guilbault,	Riopel,
Bosse,	Guillet,	Robertson (Hastings),
Bowell,	Hackett,	Ross,
Brecken,	Hall,	Scott,
Bryson,	Hay,	Shakespeare,
Burns,	Hesson,	Small,
Cameron (Inverness),	Hickey,	Smyth,
Cameron (Victoria),	Hilliard,	Sproule,
Campbell (Victoria),	Homer,	Stairs,
Carling,	Houde,	Tassé,
Caron,	Hurteau,	Taylor,
Chapleau,	Jamieson,	Temple,
Cimon,	Kaulbach,	Tilley,
Cochrane,	Kilvert,	Tyrwhitt,
Colby,	Kinney,	Vanasse,
Costigan,	Kranz,	Wallace (Albert),
Coughlin,	Landry (Kent),	Wallace (York),
Coursol,	Landry (Montmagny),	White (Cardwell),
Curran,	Langevin,	White (Hastings),
Outhbert,	Lesage,	White (Renfrew),
Daly,	Macdonald (Kings),	Wigle,
Daoust,	McDonald (Cape Breton),	Williams,
Dawson,	Mackintosh,	Wood (Brockville),
Dessaulniers,	Macmaster,	Wood (Westmoreland),
Desjardins,	Macmillan (Middlesex),	Woodworth.—116.
Dickinson,	McMillan (Vaudreuil),	

The House then again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

## MILITIA.

60. Contingencies and general service, not otherwise provided for, including grants to Artillery and Rifle Associations, and bands of efficient corps. \$38,000 00

Mr. CARON. This is the usual vote for Government grant to Provincial Rifle Associations and other matters.

Mr. LISTER. I notice that the vote includes a grant to bands. I would like to know how much money is paid, and how the grant is given.

Mr. CARON. It is about \$70 to each band, and we estimate for 100 bands.

Mr. LISTER. Does the Minister intend making any arrangement by which bandmasters shall form part of the service and have the right to rank?

Mr. CARON. It is very difficult indeed to make any such arrangement. In many instances the one man is in control of several bands in different corps, and to make the arrangement which is suggested, the expenditure would have to be much larger than at present.

Mr. LISTER. Of course the hon. gentleman knows that the difficulty in London was partly owing to the fact that a bandsman was there without uniform, and of course he had a right to be there. I think there is a general feeling in the service that the bandmaster should have rank in the service and that their pay should be increased.

Mr. CARON. We could not do it on this vote.

Mr. LISTER. No; of course not.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. This vote includes grants to the Battalion Rifle Associations. On what principle are they distributed?

Mr. CARON. There are eighty associations, and we estimate at the rate of \$75 each. The grants are paid on the report of the Brigade-Major, or the Deputy Adjutant-

Mr. MACKENZIE.

General, where there is one in the district, as to the efficiency of the Rifle Association.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. And it is handed over to the president and devoted to the purchase of ammunition.

Mr. CARON. To the purchase of ammunition. It is distributed by the president in the shape of prizes to the competitors and in keeping up the organization.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. As I suggested before, I think it would be a great boon to these associations if they could get their rifle ammunition at a moderate price. The tax on these young men to enable them to practice and make themselves good shots, is a considerable sum, to say nothing of the time, and I think it would be money well spent if the hon. gentleman could make a reduction in the price of the ammunition issued, of course, under proper restrictions, to these associations, as I think it is very desirable to encourage them.

Mr. CARON. These small amounts are really what keep up the associations, but I quite agree with the hon. gentleman that this is a matter affecting the whole Militia force of Canada, and that the Department cannot do too much in helping these associations in every possible way. As I stated the other night, we are trying to reduce the price of the ammunition to the lowest possible point, and I hope when our factory is complete that it will be possible for us to reduce it far below the present figure, merely of course, for these associations for rifle practice.

Mr. O'BRIEN. I think it would be well if the Department would issue an order defining the status of the bandmasters. In the Imperial service the regulations have been altered and the bandmaster is now an enlisted man in some shape. I think there is too much laxity in the conduct of our bands, and that no grant should be given unless the bandmasters are enlisted men. It often happens that the money goes to keep up the bands for drill and then we hear nothing more of them. With regard to the grants to Rifle Associations I think a great deal of the money now goes to officers who should be above taking part in the competition, or at least above taking the money. I know it is a constant thing for non-commissioned officers, such as sergeants, paymaster and quarter-masters, to enter into competition with the men. The fairest competition I had was in the annual camp, where every man was allowed to compete, but no officer. There was no expense, and the whole proceeds went into the funds of the band. I would, therefore, urge upon the Minister that where there is a grant given to bands, it should only be given to bands in regiments, and that non-commissioned officers should not be allowed to compete for prizes for which that grant is given.

Mr. MULOCK. I understood the Minister of Militia to intimate that he desired to supply the ammunition made at the factory at cost price to the service. Might I ask the hon. Minister where the small-arm ammunition is at present obtained?

Mr. CARON. At our cartridge factory in Quebec.

Mr. MULOCK. Are there any reports from the factory?

Mr. CARON. If the hon. gentleman refers to my Annual Report, he will find there a very exhaustive report about the cartridge factory. At first, some of our riflemen considered that the cartridges manufactured in Canada were not up to the standard of the English manufactured cartridges. Of course, I need not tell the hon. gentleman that it was my anxious desire, as we had established this cartridge factory in Quebec, to make it as perfect as possible. Not being in a position myself to express any opinion upon it, as a practical marksman would, or one who made a special study of the subject, I appointed a Commission, composed of officers