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MILITIA EXPENDITURES

In no department of the government has the saturnalia of extravagance of the past two years been more marked than in the militia service, under Col. Sam Hughes. The expenditure this year will be almost twice as much as it was in the last year of the Laurier administration. The numbers have not increased and those acquainted with the service know that its efficiency has not improved. If any proof of this were needed, it was given a few days ago by Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton at Winnipeg, where he briefly discussed his visits to the rural camps as inspector general. Although he had visited Petewawa and Niagara, supposed to be two of the finest camps in Canada, General Hamilton said:

"The troops I inspected at Petewawa and Niagara and other places were up to the mark in the matter of the men themselves and their equipment, BUT ON TRAINING THEY WERE SHORT—VERY SHORT."

This statement of the inspector general brought out by the government to report on the Canadian militia, may well be compared with Colonel Hughes' speech at Farnham on June 21st last, when he said:

"I never apologized for one dollar spent on the militia of Canada or our young men."

When the militia estimates were presented in parliament, Col. Hughes gleefully remarked, "And I haven't started yet." APPARENTLY THAT IS ALSO THE OPINION OF GEN. SIR IAN HAMILTON. The people of Canada may well consider what they are getting for this immense expenditure besides criticism from an imperial officer.

In 1910-11, Laurier's last year, an efficient military service only required \$6,868,657. Although the Borden government had only half a year to work in by 1911-12, the expenditure on militia had gone up to \$7,580,600; the next year it went up to \$8,896,397, while for the coming year Col. Hughes proposed to spend \$10,500,655.

This, however, was only the beginning. In addition to the main estimates there were 29 drill halls and armouries tucked away in the Public Works estimates at a cost of \$1,884,000. Then Col. Hughes remembered some trifles of militia detail to the tune of \$438,240 in the supplementary estimates and found thirty more places where he could plant drill balls at a cost of \$1,234,540.

This is how Col. Hughes' accounts for the militia stand for the coming year:

Main Estimates\$10,500,655
Supplementary Estimates... 438,240
Drill Halls and Armouries 3,118,540

Total\$14,057,435

Canadians may well ask where this assessment of two dollars a head for militia service goes and why the cost of the service is almost doubled in so short a time. Of course, in the days of the Laurier government, Sir Frederick Borden, who was minister of militia for fifteen years, did not find it necessary to travel around with special trains and car-loads of gold-laced officers, valets and servants, special cars for their horses, and similar luxuries.

The more the records of the department are looked into the more the evidence of reckless extravagance. According to the estimates presented last January the increase for annual drill was \$25,000, increase for Cadet Corps \$50,000, increase for permanent corps \$30,000, increase for schools of instruction, etc., \$40,000, everywhere increase, except in the efficiency of the service.

CABINET DISAGREEMENT

Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance, addressing the New York Bankers' Congress at Ottawa, June 14th:

"My opinion is that the cause of money stringency, of high rate of interest, and the high cost of living, is war."

Hon. Mr. White then traced the

history of recent wars, including the Spanish-American struggle and the Balkan war. All the money then spent, he said, was as lost from an economic point of view, as if it had been poured into the sea and it all helped to prove that war and armament expenses were the chief factors in the high cost of living. (Ottawa Citizen, June 14th, 1913.)

Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes, at Farnham, Que., June 20th, replied sharply, as reported in The Ottawa Citizen, the Conservative organ at the capital:

"Recent statements by certain public men, that hard times were caused by war, came in for a hard criticism at the hands of the minister, who said:

"It is absolute nonsense to say that hard times are caused by war. We all know that war is caused by capitalists and by certain financiers who manipulate the stock markets. War is engineered by them and the poor soldier has to step in and do the work."

It is evident that there are more differences in the Borden government than those between the jingo and Nationalist wings. It would be a wise plan for Mr. Borden to get his ministers together and have them agree on some points before they start talking in public.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

BARKER HOUSE.

Miss Olga DeBaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Deely, Miss Harvey, Mr. Mundy, Mr. and Mrs. R. Leunon, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Daly, Miss A. Moffat, Miss Von Bastelle, Miss L. Kay, Pink Lady Co., New York; M. L. Woodall, J. W. Dawson, H. N. Hill, M. C. Howson, Toronto; Walter Shaw, Woodstock; H. W. Ferguson, Woodstock; W. E. Bell, Moncton; J. H. Campbell, W. P. Brown, Montreal; F. C. Puddington, L. Wilkinson, Minto; J. W. Price, Mrs. J. H. Price, Phyllis Price, Minneapolis; W. S. Tompkins, Meductic; Andrew Myles, F. L. Lane, G. B. Wetmore, St. John; W. P. Murray, Sussex; W. A. Martin, E. M. Burt, B. B. McIntyre, J. A. Brown, Houlton, Me.; A. E. Trites, Salisbury; H. C. B. McKee, Geo. McConnell, Geo. R. Crosby, C. E. Patterson, C. F. Cassidy, R. Smeall, R. M. Burgess, A. R. Whimby, T. B. Mullin, St. John.

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The opening program at the Gaiety this week promises to excel any yet shown at this popular theatre, including the following:—"The Retreat from Moscow," Pathe play in two parts, faithfully portraying the world's most famous character, Napoleon Bonaparte, a thrilling western feature, "Old Gorman's Girl," Essanay, and two Vitagraph comedies, "One Can't Always Tell" and "If Dreams Come True," both of which are said to be exceptionally funny.

DENVER FILLING

WITH KNIGHTS

Denver, Colo., Aug. 9.—Outward and visible signs that the great conclave of Knights Templars is near at hand was abundant today. Delegations of sir knights have been pouring into the city all day, and in almost every instance the visitors have been met by a local lodge contingent and escorted to headquarters. Many of the visiting bodies have brought their own bands or drum corps with them and the scenes at the stations are those of gaily and pleasing confusion. Early this morning the streets took on a crowded appearance and everywhere were men wearing straight-cut black coats, adorned with mystic insignia and women

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Aug. 5.—Mr. Byron Cookson, who was spending several weeks with his brother, Mr. James Cookson, has returned to his home in Stanley.

Messrs. Wood and Dow Moore, and Stanley McCarthy have returned home. The Douglass boom, on which they were employed, being finished.

Mr. Charles Love is helping Mr. J. Clark hay.

Mr. and Mrs. George White have moved into their new home. Mr. James Graham and family left last week.

Messrs. Berrie and Kenneth Gordon are around looking for beef cattle.

Mr. Garfield Grant's butcher cart passed through here early this morning.

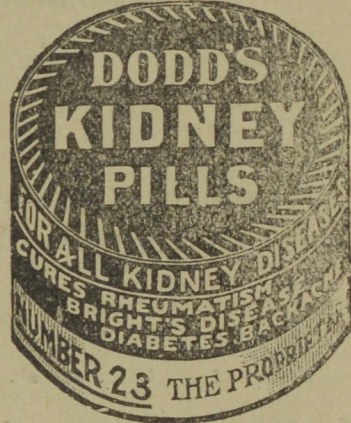
The rains on Saturday and Sunday caught a lot of hay out.

We have young ladies driving our mail now. Mr. Dunn died before his year was ended, and his son has taken his place. Two daughters, who are school teachers, are home on their vacation, and drive the mail, giving their brother time to work on the farm.

Miss Martha McCarthy has returned from Springhill, where she was visiting.

Mr. T. Amos Wilson is confined to his home by illness.

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