

THE BIG REVIEW

Sir Frederick Borden Gives Some Details of the Mobilization of Troops for Quebec Celebration.

OTTAWA, June 11—Twelve thousand troops will go to Quebec to take part in the tercentenary celebration in July. Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia, gave the House some information on the subject yesterday when the item for \$1,000,000 for militia camps was considered and passed.

The Queens Own and 48th Highlanders of Toronto will go full strength, but the minister was not able to say as to the other Toronto regiments. However, all Canadian regiments will be represented, either in full strength or in composite companies.

The 12,000 troops will be composed of the following: 200 men in composite regiment from the west. 60 R. U. C. cadets; 800 to 1,000 horses, cavalry and horse artillery; 1,400 from permanent corps about half their strength; 10,000 men of active militia. He said 30,000 rural militia will drill in camps and 15,000 urban militia will drill in cities.

The Quebec celebration will be counted a drill for rural corps, but not for city regiments.

The 12,000 troops to take part in the tercentenary festivities will include one composite company from each battalion, all the cavalry troops in rural districts and a portion of artillery.

Mr. McLean asked whether the department was satisfied with the ability of railways to handle such a large body. He thought the evidence rather disappointing and that the capacity and efficiency of the transportation companies were not what they should be. From a national point of

view, it would be worth while finding out the ability of the railways to mobilize a large body of troops.

Sir Frederick said this feature had not escaped the attention of the department, but it was only fair to the railways to say that if it was necessary to mobilize a very considerable force at Quebec under stress of

war, there would not be much difficulty, but to undertake to move a large body of men and horses, while 100,000 visitors are also to be taken to Quebec, was an entirely different thing. If it became necessary, the department could take charge of all railways. Each rural battalion would be represented, or offered the chance, and it would be left to General Otter to decide how the selection would be made.

Colonel Sam Hughes gave first place to rural militia. At the reception to the Prince of Wales they made the best showing and they should not be discriminated against.

Sir Frederick reminded Colonel Hughes that the department was restricted by the battlefield's commission to 12,000.

"Is the commission superior to parliament?" asked Col. Hughes. "It was created by parliament."

"I know, but we cannot arrange transportation," replied the minister. "This would be the largest military review that has ever taken place in Canada."

The minister went on to say that the representative character must be looked after. It was proposed to take representatives from every part of Canada, and from every corps. Cavalry and artillery would be taken from points nearest Quebec.

A TORY GRAFTER

Dr. Reid, M. P., had Private Work Done by Government Plant Through Tory Official now Suspended

OTTAWA, June 11—John Offspring, carpenter, of the Government ship yard at Prescott yesterday gave evidence with regard to repairs made to the yacht Dack, owned by the Conservative member for Grenville, Dr. Reid and for which, it is alleged, he had not paid the government. The witness stated that work had been done on the yacht in 1905 and had been ordered by J. F. Fraser, Commissioner for Lights, now under suspension.

A second yacht had been hailed out for Dr. Reid the same year and to charge had been made to the member for the work done.

The government were using 200 feet of tracks over land of the Starch Company with which Dr. Reid is connected, as an approach to their property. Questioned with regard to Dr. Reid's use of a gas tank belonging to the government, Mr. Offspring said he personally placed the tank as near to the starch factory as he could without going inside the government's property. A pipe was connected and carried into the starch factory. Dr. Reid used gas for some new process that was being tried. Witness thought the gas was used on three different occasions, and there would be about 210 atmospheres of gas pumped into the tank. Mr. Offspring was also examined as to some dredging by the government dredge in front of Dr. Reid's property. He said the dredge had taken out two cuts and his understanding was that the dredging was for the purpose of allowing coal barges of the starch factory an easier entrance.

Alexander Hoyle, accountant at Prescott, who followed, was examined at some length as to discrepancies between the account for work done on the yacht and the time sheets.

He was also asked if he knew whether the account had ever been rendered to Dr. Reid, which he answered in the negative. Work had been done prior to his being in his position and he knew nothing of it until asked recently to look it up.

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A cable has been received from the Earl of Creve containing the information that these vessels, which it was intended at first should arrive here on the 21st of July, the day before His Royal Highness' arrival, will instead, be in the harbor on the 16th, in order that they may be coaled and put in readiness for the Prince's reception.

She sings at the theatre to keep the wolf from the door of their little home.

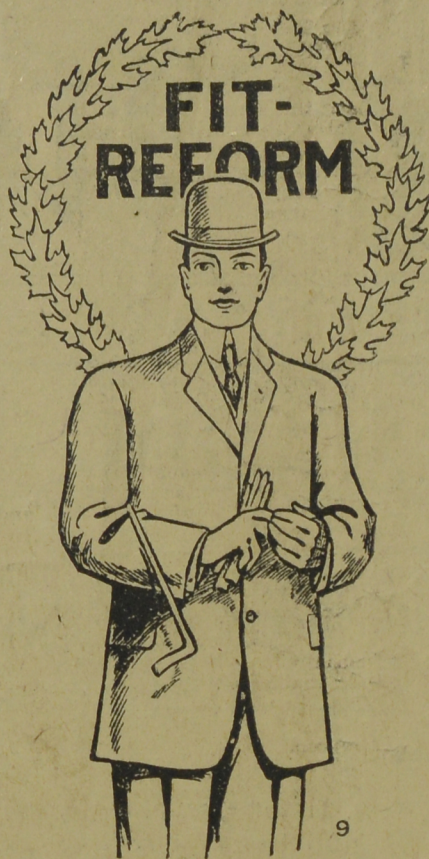
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