

## LIQUOR IN THE CAMPS

Last Friday's Mail and Empire contained a despatch from Ottawa which went to show that the regulations concerning the consumption of liquor in camps will be rigidly enforced this year. The emphatic statement was made by Col. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia. The Minister of Militia said: "Regulations are the curse of the world to-day. They are nothing unless they are enforced, and the existing orders will be strictly adhered to this year."

That the Minister has a very high regard for the general sobriety of the Canadian militia was evidenced by this remarkable assertion: "The Canadian soldier does not drink, and needs no regulations prohibiting his drinking. I venture to say that more drinking begins at Sunday school excursions and picnics than at military training camps. I know, because I have seen it at picnics," was the Minister's half-jesting, half-serious remark.

But in spite of assurances given by Hon. Mr. Hughes Tuesday's World contained a lengthy article from its staff reporter at Niagara-on-the-Lake, in which it is stated that much drinking continues despite orders. The World report says:—

"An officer has all he wishes to consume right in his own mess tent, the non-coms are equally well supplied, and the privates, if they happen to stand right in with the sergeants or officers higher up, can have their thirst appeased with very little difficulty. But, they can't buy it. This is the only difference since the new order was issued prohibiting the selling of liquor in camp.

Many consider this order a huge farce. And it seems that those who think this way are right. It might be said that the order suppressing the sale of liquor in the camp in no way affects the officers. It may be supposed to, but these individuals with stars on their shoulder straps get it just the same, not in any clandestine way, but right out in the open—it is served with each meal and between meals—it is not bought. The latter would be a contravention of the order."

If the officers are allowed to have liquor supplied to them Col. Hughes will find it very difficult to keep it from the private soldiers, and from the boy scouts.

Since the above was written it is but fair to state that the Mail and Empire of yesterday contained a later despatch in which Col. Hughes is reported as saying that while the officers can keep liquor in their tents it will not be allowed on the tables of the officers' mess in the training camps.

Though Shefford County, in Quebec, is predominantly French Canadian and Roman Catholic, it elected a Protestant clergyman to the Legislature last week in preference to the former member, who was a French-Canadian. Le Devoir quite fairly comments upon the incident as showing the French-Canadian breadth of view.

## THE JUNE ROD AND GUN.

An illustrated story descriptive of a journey up into the Arctic slope is contributed by Dr. Luther Harvey as the opening number of the June issue of Rod and Gun in Canada published at Woodstock, Ont., by W. J. Taylor, Limited. "Vacation Camps" follows and will furnish a pleasant solution of the problem what to do with the boy during the good old summer time. In an article on the Grand Cascapedia, the great salmon river of Eastern Canada, Mrs. M. G. MacNeil McWhirter recalls famous sportsmen who have fished in its waters, including Sir Charles Ellis, Lord Dufferin, the Marquis of Lorne, Lords Lansdowne and Stanley. A third article on the Culture of Black and Silver Foxes also appears in this issue and other stories and articles are in keeping with the character of the magazine and the time of the year.

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