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Royal Military College the Bone of Contention

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Many things can happen in the Commons in a week, when the House sits three times a day, at 11 in the morning, the bells call us to prayers. When 50 members have arrived, the prayers begin. The others stray in later. That sitting continues until 11 begins again at 3, goes until 6, and in the evening from 8 to 11. Before, after and between sittings correspondence, reading and study must be crowded in. It makes a long day. Every member is anxious for the session to close. Many weary of waiting have already gone.
The city is quite crowded with visitors this week who are attending the Eastern Star convention and the Presbyterian Assembly.
Mr Ward's bill granting the right of a deserted woman to establish legal domicile for the purpose of divorce passed. It showed a curious line up; party lines were completely broken. Mr Lapointe, who led the opposition to the Bill got little support. Only one cabinet minister voted with him, though of course, quite a number of Quebec members stood by him. The Conservatives gave generous support to the Bill, so did the Liberals. It passed with a large ma-

Majority. The military estimates took most of Tuesday. Since this year, Canada as one of the 62 nations who signed the Kellogg pact, renounced war as an instrument of national policy, the debate on military estimates was particularly significant. When the Kellogg Pact was before the House the Prime Minister said: "We should make the principle underlying this Treaty a basis of consideration in all matters of foreign policy." In the same debate, Mr Bennett, the leader of His Majesty's loyal Opposition, used these words: "The first step to forward, a new psychology of peace is gradually replacing the war psychology of the past." In view of these statements I had expected a changed attitude when the estimates were before the House, but it was not evident.
The amount asked for was a little over \$20,000,000. This included a substantial vote for Civil aviation which is under the Military dept. I expressed myself as follows: "I should like to see Canada take the stand that we actually mean we will not consider war as an instrument of national policy, nor will we continue to waste this amount of money on military affairs. I should like to see the Cadet vote struck out altogether. I think the expenditure on the non-permanent, active Militia is an absolute waste of money. It is no good, either from a military point of view, I see no reason why the Royal Military College should be given a Federal grant, nor can I see the reason for

Civil Aviation being under military control. Why is it not under the dept of Transportation where it quite naturally belongs? Disarmament was promised at Versailles in 1919. just 10 years ago and yet nothing substantial has been done to bring it about, while military expenditure has increased. The outstanding statesmen thinkers and writers have been saying again and again, that if we keep on the way we are going, nothing but international conflict can be the result. We cannot bring about disarmament in another country; we can bring it about only in our own, and I know of no country which is in such an excellent position as Canada to begin and set an example which I am sure would be gladly followed by all other countries in the world.
I advocated disarmament on the grounds of our favorable geographical position, the impossibility of arming against the United States, were it necessary, and more especially on the ground that for a century United States and Canada has practised absolute disarmament in relation to each other and found the results to be entirely good. We had been saved several millions in money and disputes between us had been satisfactorily settled by the International Joint Commission, on which each country is especially represented. I pointed out that no small power in Europe felt the same security as we, though our neighbor was rich and powerful. I considered the coming of Ramsay MacDonald to the Premiership in Great Britain a further reason why we should rely on peaceful means to settle international disputes. I advocated retaining the Permanent Force as a Police force and pointed out that the trend seems to be toward the belief that finally we will have an international police force, rather than a separate one for each country but I give it as my opinion that in the meantime a move toward disarmament would be our best contribution toward the peace of the world. I was supported by Mr Woodsworth.
The number of Cadets in Canada have increased from 9000 in 1909, to 130,000 last year. The present yearly expenditure is half a million. In 1926, Great Britain and Northern Ireland had 34,156 Cadets; in the same year we had 112,463, yet our population is a mere fraction of theirs. The physical training of boys and girls is very necessary, healthy bodies and happy youth is the bulwark of our country, but military training in schools is not the best physical training; it is contrary to true education, making the state and not the child the first consideration. It cramps the mind and lowers the moral sense of youth, causing it to rely on force, rather than on qualities of the mind and spirit. It prevents active and understanding work as a world citizen, it discounts faith and counts on fear; it is contrary to the teachings of the great moral and religious teachers of the ages, yet there is not the ghost of a chance of having it eliminated in the present House.
The House had a good laugh when Mr Brady, the affable Irish member for Skeena, invited me to go with him to visit the Royal Military College in Kingston. Only Mr Brady could have worded the invitation so well: "It is not often, Mr Chairman, that I really feel at home in the House of Commons, but I do now after listening to the very genial and lovable member for South East Grey, who has entertained herself not only to the Government—which she often supports—but to the official Opposition which she likewise supports. Now candidly, I would like to accompany the Honourable member for South East Kingston to disprove her statements. At the conclusion of his speech, I rose to say: "Before the resolution carries, I want to say that I accept the Honourable member's invitation." Some rhymester in the Press gallery wrote the following ditty on the incident:
ONWARD TO KINGSTON!
National Defence Estimates, June 4, 1929, Evening Sitting
Come and visit the nest of the blue-blooded snobs;
And treat them to some of your pacifist sobs:
Let's take a day off and consort with the nobles;
Says Jim Brady to Agnes Macphail.
If you'll only come down to the RMC
And take a toddle round with me;
You'll be fair astounded at what you see.
Says Jim Brady to Agnes Macphail.
These fearsome G. C.'s are just bright little boys;
A mere decade ago, they were mother's real joys;
If you find them stiff-necked—that's only poise,
Says Jim Brady to Agnes Macphail.
And if you get asked to their dance in June
By those high-brow heirs of the silver spoon;
Just act your age—and pray there's a moon,
Says Jim Brady to Agnes Macphail.
So come, charming lady from South-east Grey,
And let me drive your illusions away in a day!
Says Jim Brady to Agnes Macphail.
The Agricultural Com. reported to the House, after 40 sittings had been held and 39 witnesses examined. The drafting of the report was delegated to a sub-committee of 16 members. The sub com. had 30 meetings. The members of the Agricultural Com. have had an exhausting experience, but they feel that their work has been worth while. The chief recommendations to the House are the prohibiting of mixing the four top grades; No 1 hard; No 1 Northern; No 2 Northern; No 3, Northern, to become effective Aug 1, 1930. No 1 hard is a fictitious grade. There was only one load in the whole West last year. My seatmate suggested that it should be put in the museum.
Second: That the board of Grain Commissioners be composed of three members and four assistant Commissioners. Of the four assistants, one

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It is together likely Parliament will have prorogued before you read this.

SASK. ELECTION A TIE
The Provincial election in Sask. a few days ago resulted in a tie, 26 and 26. Premier Gardiner himself won out by a good majority but his party, for first time in 24 years, will likely go out. An Independent or two are elected and they decide. Last news is that Gardiner may meet the new House and be voted out or—in.

CRAWFORD
The date of the Crawford Garden Party at the home of Mr D. J. McDonald is July 2nd. Please keep this date in mind.
Mr and Mrs John Matheson and family, Southampton, were Sunday visitors with Mrs Anderson and family.
Mrs W. Runnings, Sr., Mr and Mrs W. Runnings, Jr. and daughter Marjory, Dornoch, were the guests of Mr and Mrs Jno. White Sunday.
Mr Geo. Pilgrim of the London Police Force visited friends in this community recently and attended service in the local church last Sunday.
Owing to the funeral of the late Edwin McClocklin of Durham, the play "Mother Mine" was postponed until June 14th. A member of the caste from Zion United Church, is a nephew of deceased. This is the reason for again changing the date.
Mr Russell Fiddes visited Sunday, at the home of Mr and Mrs Edgar Boyce.
Mr N. Ritchie and Miss Blanche Boyce spent Sunday at the latter's home.
We were pleased to see J. D. Brown's name among the winners in Hanover's relay race at Chesley on June 3rd. Congratulations.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Estate of ARCHIBALD FERGUSON, late of the Township of Proton, in the County of Grey, farmer, deceased.
TAKE NOTICE that all of those having claims or accounts against the estate of the said Archibald Ferguson, are required on or before the 27th day of June 1929, to send them to the undersigned solicitor for the Executors.
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