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SIR FREDERICK BORDEN'S VISIT.

There was much to encourage and interest, Prince Edward Islanders in the words of Sir Frederick Borden, spoken in reply to the toast proposing his health at the banquet on Wednesday night. Especially gratifying to the officers present must have been the words of the Minister, showing that he was well aware of the high standing of the militia of this district and appreciative of their high quality as soldiers.

That Sir Frederick was pleased with his reception on this, his first visit to our Province, was evident; and the Council of the Provincial Rifle Association, who banqueted the Minister, are to be congratulated on the excellence of the entertainment.

That the Militia affairs of the Dominion have undergone a vast change for the better since Sir Frederick Borden's assumption of his portfolio, is too plain for contradiction. Everyone will concur with his claim that the development of the Militia of Canada has been the substitution of Cosmos for Chaos, and although the planning has not all come to completion yet the results have been such as to justify the extra cost of the maintenance of the Department of Militia and Defence.

Four years ago the appropriation for defence was a million and a half. Last year it was four times as much; but Sir Frederick claims that today the militia forces and system of this country are more than four times as good, aye ten as good,—and his statement is one that is justified by facts.

It is not so many years ago that the whole militia system was one of reproach. There was not a single engineer in connection with the permanent force; the medical service was a disgrace, while now it is maintained in a state of efficiency unsurpassed by any other country; there was no Army Service Corps—there was nothing but the most apologetic for a service.

"We then relied," said Sir Frederick "on Imperial troops. Where are those troops today?"

In answering his own question Sir Frederick stated that there were Imperialists and Imperialists. He was an Imperialist, but he believed in the kind of Imperialism that impels Canadians to take care of themselves; he would not be one to permit the British tax-payer, who has burdens enough, to spend his money in keeping Canada garrisoned with British troops. Consequently the British regiments have been withdrawn and we garrison our militia depots with Canadian troops—which are fully up to the mark of the troops of any other nation.

What the Minister believes in is the formation of the nucleus of an army that can supply all its own requirements in Canada; and be prepared to take the field fully equipped and maintain itself without depending on an outside country for help. We should manufacture our own weapons and ammunition, and every other necessity.

Passing on to the details by which the plans for the complete system as outlined are to be accomplished, Sir Frederick spoke of the introduction into the schools of physical drill and the use of the rifle, and stated that officers of the permanent militia would assume the duties of teachers in these branches. This teaching he

hoped to see introduced here, and would afford it every encouragement.

A great many people who pooh-poohed the militia system, thinking it was nothing but a department where officers wore uniforms, and strutted around, looking ornamental and drawing their pay, were mistaken. The Minister declared that officers who are of the opinion that all they have to do is to look ornamental, had better get out.

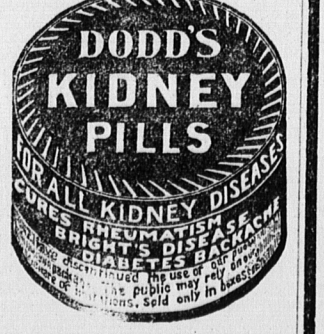
In testifying his appreciation of the flattering reception he had received at the hands of our Militia, Sir Frederick alluded to the fact that in proposing his health Colonel Moore had said that Prince Edward Island had received generous treatment from the Department. He was glad to know that there was now a first class range here and that the Army was one that would afford, for the present at least, the required accommodation; but he thought we were altogether too modest in view of the performances of our militia. This Province was entitled to a good deal more.

In recounting the events in which the men of this Province had brought credit to the Canadian Militia, he showed that very little had escaped his notice and he referred to the fact that there were then present among the local officers at the banquet, five who had served their country on the field of battle in South Africa.

THE ASIATIC TROUB E.

Vancouver newspapers published at the scene of the recent rioting, as might be expected, do not apparently regard the "Asiatic Trouble," as it has been dubbed "Asiatic Trouble," as it has been dubbed as worthy of the serious consideration it has received. This is what the Vancouver World says about it:—

"Summed up, a few thousand dollars worth of glass was smashed and several men were hurt. Most college towns on the continent have experienced disturbance equally violent while in the older countries and in the big centres of the East such a state of popular unrest as exists in Vancouver today would have produced results very much more serious. Nevertheless it would have been better, much better, had there been no destruction of property. The spectacle of thousands of men, marching in orderly fashion to the city hall to exercise their ancient and constitutional right of protesting in public meeting against an intolerable condition, would have gained an impressive-ness had not the activities of a minor element, composed of young fellows and older men under the influence of liquor, taken advantage of the opportunity to focus at-



tention on their own reprehensible doings. At its worst, however, the mob which surged through the Asiatic quarters was a good-natured mob and was easily handled by the police. Having, in a spirit of mischievousness, broken in a spirit of mischief more than anything else, satisfied the deep-seated grudge which the average white man has against the oriental by breaking all the windows in sight, it made no attempt to go further. There was no disposition to assault the persons of the orientals and tall Sikhs and little Japs passed among the crowd without molestation, even when the excitement was at its greatest. True, there were one or two collisions between pardonably excited and valorous Japanese and some of the offenders but no significance can be attached to these.

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For ther-in is delight:
The trav'ler who is surfeit
Hath lost his appetite!

I fear not to be thirsting,
Even though the camels fail:
The Arab who hath watered
Sweareth the well is stale!

I curse not when the sun burns,
Though brothers' round me die:
Who, falling, curseth Heaven,
From darkness yet shall cry.

I smile before the robber,
When so my fate is cast:
What next he takes from Abdul,
Abdul took from the last!

I quake not to discover
The dead of desert strife:
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All honor to the Desert!
For every pain I spend
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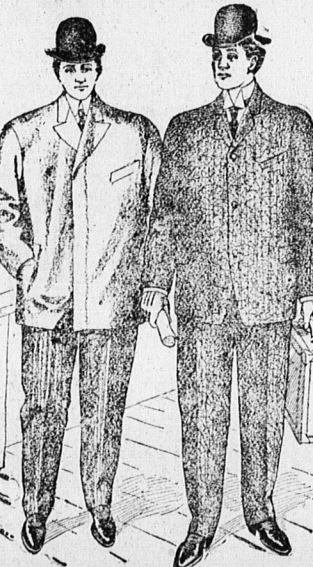
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