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lose the time. He considered it a serious matter to interrupt the agricultural, mercantile, and mechanical pursuits of the whole people for such a period, when it was well known that fifteen days' drilling would never qualify them for soldier's duty; but the volunteers could meet and drill as often as they pleased. If a foreign invasion was to take place, or was likely to happen, it would be different; every man would then be in earnest, and would feel it his pleasure and duty to do all in his power for the defense of the country. But at present there was no more necessity for anything of the kind, than there was for our getting alarmed at the telegraph road by the hon. member for Murray Harbour. The danger of Fenianism must not frighten us into foolish acts. As to the Bill, he thought his hon. opposite had made a mistake, and had been fighting with a phantom. The Bill brought down by the Government last year had been supposed to constitute a military force, and the members of the Government might submit an amendment to this effect. It had been said that indifference on the part of the Government in this matter might be said to be a sign of indifference to the Confederation. The Government had not shown indifference on military matters. They intended to support the volunteers, and this they had done on sufficient appropriation for that service. Before the general election the late Government were going to do something for the volunteers, but these becoming offended, they called their representative of the Government with their opposition. Again if the Commander-in-Chief did what they considered not fully right, they would not retain their arms. Men are acting lost respect for themselves. It was too much like a Bull's Run affair. He hoped, by-and-by, that the Volunteers would do better than to throw down their arms one day and take them up another. As to the exemption from statute labor, it was but three shillings a year, and was not a matter worth an exemption. If the bulk of the people on a road in the winter were exempted, there would not be enough to turn out to break the roads, and travelling for a time might be entirely stopped. In the summer it would not be of so much importance.

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