

statement to make with reference to it. I may say however that the department recognizes the very valuable work which this and other cadet corps have done for the militia in Canada.

Mr. INGRAM. Would the hon. minister give us then the amount of ammunition supplied the different cadet corps as well?

Mr. T. S. SPROULE. Having had an opportunity twice of seeing the Montreal Cadet corps when they were in Ottawa, and as most of them were stationed at the hotel where I was residing, I could not help but notice the splendid physique of the boys and the manly, dignified, courteous and intelligent way in which they conducted themselves when here, as well as the soldierly appearance they presented. I may say the same of the officers who had control over it. I thought they were the most splendid lot of boys I ever saw, and boys who will no doubt give a good account of themselves in the future. Admiring them as much as I do, I would like to have the Minister of Militia if possible make an exception in favour of this corps and give them the assistance required to prevent their being dissolved. In this he would be doing a good thing for the country, and not only reflect credit on himself but also on that splendid corps which we should take every means to keep alive.

Mr. A. ZIMMERMAN. The order passed by the Dominion government has been taken advantage of in the province of Ontario to a very great extent. In the city of Hamilton we have an exceedingly fine cadet corps which has been attached to the 13th regiment. The Ontario government have contributed \$150 towards their uniforms and the Dominion government have supplied them with rifles. In so far as their drill is concerned I question whether there is a regiment in Canada that can drill any better than these boys can. They are a fine manly lot of boys and they will make first-class officers for the militia. The measure attaching these cadet corps to the regiments is one of the wisest that the department has passed. It has given great encouragement to the boys and we take great pride in them. I may say I was in Toronto some time ago—

Mr. SPEAKER. There is really no motion before the House.

Mr. A. ZIMMERMAN. I may say I was in Toronto some few days ago and I saw some 6,000 cadets turn out. They really made a magnificent showing and I believe that in the near future the measure attaching our cadet corps to the regular militia is going to improve our militia to a tremendous extent.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. One great advantage in perpetuating—

Sir F. W. BORDEN.

Mr. SPEAKER. If hon. members desire to prolong the discussion there will have to be something before the House.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. I am speaking on the Orders of the Day.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Do not discuss it but call attention to it.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. I was going to speak of the Highland cadet corps in Montreal and I will conclude with a motion. The Highland Cadet corps is an historic institution in Montreal and if the hon. Minister of Militia and Defence could see his way clear to encourage it in any way it would be an advantage to the force generally. I would be sorry to see that corps allowed to go down. Undoubtedly the expense of a corps of this kind is very abnormal because of the uniform. It is largely sustained by subscriptions and I think the hon. minister should take some steps to bring this senior cadet corps into a more active existence than it has at the present time by giving it the support of the department. This corps furnishes a great many men to the regiments in Montreal, especially the Royal Scots, and a very large number of the men in the Royal Scots who enlisted to go to South Africa were boys who had been trained in this Highland cadet corps. I wish to add my testimony to the value of this corps. I move that the House do now adjourn.

Motion negatived.

TRADE RELATIONS WITH JAPAN.

Hon. GEORGE E. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are called I would like to ask the hon. Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) if he has forgotten to bring down the treaty in connection with Japan. I noticed that in a late communication from our agent in Japan he cites special instances of where products from Canada are charged two and three times as much duty and sometimes more than those from other countries, thus making it absolutely impossible, it would seem, to carry on trade in these products with Japan. He points out very strongly how detrimental it is to Canadian trade. I spoke of the difficulty about three weeks ago and the hon. minister said that he would bring down the treaty or make a statement as to the way and in what particulars it was considered that the adoption or adherence to the treaty by Canada would be prejudicial. Here are actual prejudicial effects in commerce. What are the supposed difficulties or prospective troubles we may anticipate providing we do adhere to the treaty?

Mr. FIELDING. My hon. friend the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Fisher) who has a more intimate personal acquaintance with that question has been giving the matter attention and will be able to make