

DOMINION POLICE ARE THINKING OF QUITTING

Rumpus Over Proposal to Place
Them Under Militia
Department.

CABINET TO DECIDE

Opponents to Change Talk of
Militarizing Nation More
Than Now.

Special to The Star by a Staff Reporter,
Ottawa, May 27.—The proposal to
place the Dominion police force,
which at present is in charge of en-
forcing the Military Service Act, un-
der the control of the Militia Depart-
ment has caused a considerable
amount of controversy. The Cabin-
et will decide the matter to-morrow
night, it is understood.

At the present time the Dominion
police branch, which has been in
charge of this work, amounts to a
force of 800 men, of whom about 75
per cent. are returned soldiers. They
have conducted over 140,000 investi-
gations and have made more than 8,-
000 arrests. The greatest satisfac-
tion has been expressed in official
quarters with the way this work has
been done during the past few
months, and this is particularly true
of the Province of Quebec, where the
feeling with regard to recruiting has
altered so materially.

It is felt that a change at this
time would be disastrous to this
change of sentiment. Opponents of
the proposed change declare that it
would go far towards raising an an-
ti-military feeling in this country if
any attempt were made to militar-
ize the nation more than at present.

Those in favor of the change are
of a very opposite opinion, and say
that the military forces should have
the whole matter of getting men un-
der their charge. They do not see
any reason why a purely civilian po-
lice body should be responsible for
the enforcement of what they con-
sider a military law.