

One is led to wonder, now that so many complaints are being heard regarding other military camps, why Petawawa camp is not being used for infantry purposes. It is one hundred square miles in extent, with a very large camp area furnished with water, sewerage and lighting systems, which could easily be extended if necessary, and the soil formation such that it affords comfort to the troops in all kinds of weather, while all along its front is the majestic Ottawa river, affording splendid bathing facilities for the men. With this vast extent of land available, and located within about a hundred miles of the Capital, it is difficult to see the necessity for the establishment of a large new camp in Simcoe county, known as Camp Borden, and where conditions for the men so far have been almost intolerable. There is the testimony of Lord Dundonald, Lord Brooke, Viscount French and other eminent Imperial soldiers that Petawawa is one of the finest military camps in the world, and yet because, in the opinion of those who should know, it was established under the Laurier regime, Sir Sam Hughes refuses to use it for infantry purposes and spends huge sums of money in establishing new camps which cannot be compared with it. All the men who have ever trained at Petawawa are unanimous in sounding its praises, but it is not being used because of prejudice on the part of Canada's Minister of Militia. And this prejudice has cost the country a fancy sum in unnecessary expenditures for new camps. But Petawawa will come into its own some day.