

fault of my early training. I do not think that the business of killing has taken hold of the Canadian people as it has of many of the nations of Europe and as it seems to have taken hold of my hon. friend. I am certain that there is a large sympathy with this line of thought. This seems an enormous sum of money—over 8 million dollars. I am going to anticipate a possible answer that has already been made. I must say as something of a party politician that I rose with some reluctance because I anticipated what the minister said in reply to another hon. member that there was not much protest in regard to the mounting militia expenditure during the time of the last government. But, that is not a fair criticism to apply to this cadet movement because this is a new thing. The appeal of my hon. friend from Beauce (Mr. Beland) is well worthy of consideration that we should go very carefully in this matter.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). The hon. gentleman has spent his life in saving people.

Mr. CLARK (Red Deer). I said I went to the university to learn how.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). Most of us avoid the doctors; in fact, doctor's mistakes are always buried six feet underground and lawyer's six feet over ground. The hon. member referred to Cromwell's army. Now every man in Cromwell's army was skilled in the use of the quarter-staff. These young men were not only experienced musketeers but they were skilled in the use of the quarter-staff which became the sabre and the spear and that is the reason why the rank and file, achieved their victory over the cavaliers. The hon. gentleman speaks of western men. There is not a man in the west but has been trained to the saddle and trained to shoot, almost from the time of his birth. They are born cadets and that is the kind of knowledge that I am trying to inculcate here.

At six o'clock House took recess.

After Recess

House resumed at eight o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS.

CONTINENTAL CAN COMPANY.

Further consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bill (No. 119), respecting certain patents of the Continental Can Company.—Mr. Fripp.

Mr. CARVELL. Yesterday, the Prime Minister himself asked that this Bill should stand for some reason, and in his absence now, it would be well to allow it to stand further until the right hon. gentleman can give his views upon it.

Mr. CLARK (Red Deer).

Mr. FRIPP. The Prime Minister has no objection to this Bill, so far as I know. It stood because I was not here at the moment.

Mr. CARVELL. The reason given by the Prime Minister was that the Bill was objectionable in some respects, and he thought it should stand. I have no objection in opposing the Bill except that I think its principle is bad if not vicious, and I think the request of the Prime Minister should be complied with and the Bill allowed to stand.

Progress reported.

SECOND READINGS.

Bill (No. 155) to incorporate the British American Trust Company.—Mr. Blain.

Bill (No. 145) to ratify and confirm certain agreements between the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission and the Grank Trunk Railway Company of Canada.—Mr. Currie.

Bill (No. 146) respecting the Saskatchewan Central Railway Company.—Mr. Martin, Regina.

Bill (No. 147) for the relief of Isabella Helen Horncastle.—Mr. Clark, Red Deer.

Bill (No. 148) to incorporate International Guarantee Company.—Mr. McCraney.

Bill (No. 153) for the relief of George MacKay Sutherland.—Mr. MacNutt.

Bill (No. 154) to incorporate the Guarantee Life Insurance Company of Canada.—Mr. MacNutt.

SUPPLY.

House in Committee of Supply.

Militia and Defence—annual drill, \$1,730,000.

Mr. G. BOYER (Vaudreuil) (Translation). Mr. Speaker, while addressing us this afternoon, the hon. minister said that his intention was to raise the soldiers' fee to 75 cents a day. I approve this measure for I know what difficulties are met with when taking in recruits as soldiers, every year, when camping time arrives. The insufficient indemnity paid until now has always been a source of annoyance which was very often a drawback in choosing desirable recruits from the different bodies. On the other hand, I notice that the hon. minister did not mention if the allocation was also to be increased for the horses. Presently, at the time of camping, the hiring price of a horse is \$1 a day. Then the hon. minister knows as well as do the superior officers how hard it is for us to procure cavalry horses. Any way, the department knows all about this matter. The difficulty is still greater in the case of cities. It is acknowledged that the cavalry regiments of the cities can hardly reach the camps with their effective force. It is easier to find horses in the country, if the time for camp-