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no influence, when between us and them there is a deep gulf fixed, are very anxious to come forward with a great deal of advice and explanation; but it counts for very little and the people understand that, 3380. The Bill as passed provides that those persons called out for actual service were entitled to the bounty, 3381. I think it should be borne in mind that every Liberal member from the province of Nova Scotia, when his party was in power, did everything in his power to prevent the Fenian raid veterans of the province of Nova Scotia from receiving these bounties, 3382.

Fowler, G. W. (Kings and Albert)—3374.

The hon. member for Carleton is so much in the habit of making charges that he cannot refrain from attacking his own friends. I suppose that accounts for his attack upon the people of Nova Scotia to-night. Where have all the fire-works gone? Is the stock exhausted that we did not have an exhibition from the member for Pictou to-night, 3375.

Kyte, G. W. (Richmond, N.S.)—3383.

If the people of Nova Scotia are enjoying the advantage of a bounty of \$100 in respect of the service they performed in 1866 then the people of Nova Scotia have very little to thank my hon. friend from Annapolis for or any hon. gentleman supporting the government in this House. Mr. Monk and others quoted as to interpretation of resolution, 3383-7. I only desire to say further that so far as the applications from the county I have the honour to represent are concerned, they are made in good faith and are supported by absolute evidence, and they have been filed in the Department with the most honest intention on the part of every applicant. The hon. minister seems to express some doubt that there exists anywhere in the province of Nova Scotia lists of Fenian Raid bounty applicants, 3389.

Hughes, Hon. Sam. (Minister of Militia and Defence)—3366.

I think the hon. member for King's failed to note that in introducing the subject as he did, he made it evident that the threatened invasion had passed and gone before they were organized, 3366. I never saw the order which called out the volunteers in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, or Nova Scotia. Therefore it did not matter to me whether there was an order or not. The law was here and no man could come out on active service unless he had been called out under those orders, 3390. If the hon. member will produce evidence to show that one man in Prince Edward Island was called out for active service, I will bring in a new Bill, 3391.

Hughes, J. J. (Kings P.E.I.)—3362.

Calls attention to fact that Prince Edward Island is not included in resolution. In

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that year the governor of the colony of Prince Edward Island, in opening the legislature, called attention to the fact that Canada was threatened with invasion, and he asked the legislature to make preparation to meet it. The legislature of Prince Edward Island did make such provision, and it passed a special Militia Act rendering every male in the province, between the ages of 16 and 60 years, liable for military service, excepting a few such as clergymen and school-masters. Records of the time quoted, 3363-4. The Minister is certainly discriminating against the province of Prince Edward Island, 3390. They use this money only where they think it will be of political advantage to them they take the money of all the people to buy the political support of some of the people, 3391.

Law, B. B. (Yarmouth)—3371.

Disapproves of remarks of Mr. Carvell, 3771. Urges the Minister to have bounty paid as quickly as possible as men are getting old. Reference made to circular re fenian raid claims circulated in Yarmouth, 3372.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—3374.

I think the minister should amend this Act so as to make the money payable to the volunteer who was living on the 1st day of April, 1912, because subsequently he goes on to provide for the payment of money to the widows of legal representatives of the volunteers who died since that time. As a matter of good drafting, I think that should be done, 3374. I would suggest that, while we have no objection to the resolution going through, the minister would be wise if he would frame his Act so as to make clear the points that I have called his attention to, 3396.

McKenzie, D. D. (Cape Breton North and Victoria)—3394.

If the hon. member for Annapolis thought he was going to make capital against Nova Scotia member by this performance he is very much mistaken, 3394. It is not a matter of politics, it is a matter of recognizing deserving acts performed by patriotic citizens forty or fifty years ago, 3395.

McLean, A. A. (Queens P.E.I.)—3365.

The Fenians were the only men who were disturbing the peace of the country at that time. A unanimous vote of the Legislature of Prince Edward Island was passed pledging the whole revenue and resources of the island towards rendering assistance to repel this attack, and at the same session a militia Act was passed. That was not an ordinary thing in the province of Prince Edward Island at that time. Of these men, 813 were equipped with uniforms, 3365. Many of the Militia in Nova Scotia and Upper Canada simply drilled, they were called out and