

THIRD SITTING.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Eight o'clock p.m.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND ASSOCIATION BILL.

SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

Hon. Mr. COX moved the second reading of Bill (JJJ) An Act respecting the Canadian Patriotic Fund Association.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. COX moved that the Bill be read the third time at length at the table.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—There is a sum within a few dollars of \$100,000 at the credit of this fund. The board consists of 15 or 20 members, some of whom are lieutenant governors of the several provinces. It is impossible for them to meet at Ottawa all at the same time, and the object of this Bill is to enable them to vote by mail. The subject to be submitted to them is, one of peculiar interest. Among the volunteers who went to South Africa, was a Mr. Mulloy, who unfortunately was deprived of the sight of both eyes. He is heroic in more senses than one. Instead of becoming a pensioner and begging his way through life, with a great deal of courage and perseverance he has endeavoured to educate himself for some position for which he may be of value to society. Happily, he is blessed with a very keen intellect, and up to the present time the colleges he has attended with a view of perfecting his education have remarked in him a scholar who is likely to attain considerable eminence. He has had one year now at Oxford, and is most anxious to continue his studies there. The object of this Bill is to give him an allowance for the two years he may be at Oxford, in order to fit himself for journalism or some profession which will give scope to his very keen intellect. I know of nothing more praiseworthy, or that should commend itself more to parliament, than an object of this kind. It is sad to think that a young man, just after arriving at manhood, should be deprived of the sight of both eyes in defence of the

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empire. I know of no compensation that would be considered too much to aid a man in the laudable ambition he has to be a scholar and take care of himself. A fund was raised by a few friends, but with a feeling of dignity or pride that I think was praiseworthy, he said he could not accept of charity if his application was not considered worthy by the people of this country, he did not propose to accept the charity of a few friends.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN—Did he graduate at Queen's University?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I am advised that he did. He is now a student at Oxford. There is but one object in passing this Bill. We have the opportunity of seeing what the rules and regulations are, and the paragraph in the Bill relating to them might conflict with the purpose for which this Bill is passed. I therefore suggest that they should be struck out. They were put in by the law department, because it was considered the proper way.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—There can be no second opinion in this House on this question. I have read the story of young Mulloy's loss of sight in the service of his country, and of the heroic effort he has made since that to educate himself and in which he has been so successful. He has developed talent appreciated by every one who has come in contact with him. There is every desire on the part of those who manage this fund to enable him to participate, and this Bill is designed to remove the difficulty.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved that the Bill be not now read the third, but that it be amended by striking out the first paragraph.

The motion was agreed to, the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

CO-OPERATION BILL.

The order of the day being called:

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Young that the report of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce 'An Act respecting co-operation, be concurred in,' and the motion in amendment of the Hon. Mr. Scott that the said report be not now concurred in, but that it be committed to a committee of the whole House.