

three-fourths of the men to whom we give this bounty will reap nothing more than \$20 or \$25 by selling their scrip to speculators, and the speculator will be the only one benefitted by it. It will give rise to a number of local offices for the purpose of acquiring volunteer scrip. I know all about it, because half a century ago I bought up scrip issued to the volunteers of 1837-38. It is a species of payment only valuable to a man who wants to buy land; it cannot be taken for customs or any other government liability, but only to pay for land, and therefore to give it any practical value the man to whom it is issued has got to find a man who wants to buy the land. We know how that is accomplished. It is by the speculator, who comes between the parties, accumulating a large amount of scrip; he advertises that he has some scrip for sale, and it will be sold in that way. I hope the Government, adopting as they do a really wise policy in giving the volunteers an area of land where we have abundance of it, will seek to secure for the volunteers and their families the benefit and value of that land, and not issue scrip. It is too contemptible to talk of offering the volunteers, who no doubt have made large sacrifices, a money value of \$40 or \$50, because that is the amount of it, if boiled down in that way. I trust that the month of August will mean five years hence. There is no necessity why the time should not be extended. No argument whatever can be advanced against it. To reach the volunteer you must make this provision, that the patent goes to him. If he chooses to resign it he can do so after the patent is issued for the land.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I think there is a great deal in what the leader of the Opposition says. By this means we are rather depreciating the value of our lands in the North-West. If the scrip will realize only the amount stated by the leader of the Opposition it will be a small amount to pay for 320 acres of land. I think it is not conducive to settlement. The object of this bill is in some tangible way to mark our appreciation of the services of our volunteers and to encourage settlement, and in the encouragement of settlement to give rewards to those men who

have done so much for our country. Of course in every way we must appreciate the object and intention of this bill. The grant is not too large, but I think when we come down to scrip, which my hon. friend says would be equal to only \$40 for 320 acres, it is really very little for our public lands, and not accomplishing the object we have in view—rewarding the men and promoting the settlement of the country. I do not think the men will squander their scrip in the way the half-breeds and Indians have done. I think they are too sensible to do that. Those from Nova Scotia would be disposed, I think, to settle on the land or find substitutes to settle upon it. At the same time I approve of the sentiments of the hon. member from Ottawa.

HON. MR. READ—I think my hon. friend is mistaken about the volunteers of 1837-38 ever receiving scrip. I was a volunteer myself in that rebellion. The scrip that was issued after that time was to those who had served in the war of 1812 and to their families.

HON. MR. SCOTT—It was issued about 1839 or 1840—just after the rebellion.

HON. MR. READ—Yes, about then, but not to the volunteers of 1837-38. I think it should not go abroad that the volunteers of 1837-38 received scrip. They did not, so far as I know, but the claims of the veterans of 1812-15 were recognized after that time.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—I agree in the recollection which my hon. friend from Quinte has on that subject. Like him, I was a volunteer myself and like him I got no land: so it must have been anterior to that. I think the issue was to veterans of the war of 1812, although it took place about 1840. I think the hon. gentleman is also mistaken in supposing that the issue of patents to the U. E. Loyalists took place to themselves or their children. I do not think that was done generally, though it was done in some cases.

HON. MR. SCOTT—What I mean is the rights inured to the parties.