

to the front, and chafed because they were not allowed to do so. They showed as loyal a zeal to serve their country as those who were fortunate enough to have the opportunity of showing it, and I could not help rising to say a few words in favor of those who were chafing at not being called out to assist in putting down the rebellion. (Applause.)

HON. MR. POIRIER—Having before my mind the fact that I was myself, until a few months ago, a civil servant, I wish to add to the expressions of gratitude which have fallen from those who have spoken upon those resolutions to General Middleton and the troops in the field, some recognition of the services rendered by the officials in the Militia Department. They have not risked their lives or spilled their blood in the defence of their country, but they have devoted themselves in a manner beyond all praise to the duties of their office. They gave all their leisure hours, working day and night voluntarily and cheerfully to aid the Minister of Militia in accomplishing the great work which he has brought to a conclusion in a manner so creditable to himself and to his country. I wish their names could be added as servants deserving equally with those who fought in the field, the thanks of their country.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—It was hardly an omission because it was my intention, but for the fact that it is now six o'clock and the House seems desirous to have the discussion ended before recess, to have referred to the services rendered by the Militia Department I felt, while the leaders on both sides were speaking in terms so well merited of the volunteers and their General, that I could have added something to the subject. I join in the tribute which has been paid to the Minister of Militia. (Hear, hear.) If the General in command has proved to be the best man for the position, he was selected by the Minister of Militia, and the selection must have met with the approval of the Government. It was a great advantage to have at the head of our forces such an efficient commander as General Middleton, a man for whom the country will always entertain a sentiment of gratitude ;

nevertheless, I believe the Minister of Militia is entitled to great praise for the manner in which he managed his Department under such trying circumstances,

HON. MR. POWER—I wish to say that I quite concur in the remark of the hon. member from DeLanaudiere as to the Minister of Militia. I was prevented from speaking by the fact that the leaders of both parties had spoken on the resolution, and I thought that was sufficient at this stage of the session ; and I felt it was the less necessary for me to add anything, because I had at an earlier stage of the session expressed my own humble sentiments with regard to the efficiency of the Minister of Militia and his officers.

The motion was agreed to, all the members rising in their places and voting unanimously.

It being six o'clock the Speaker left the chair.

AFTER RECESS.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN THE NORTH-WEST TERRI- TORIES BILL.

COMMONS AMENDMENTS AGREED TO.

A message was received from the House of Commons to return Bill (V), "An Act respecting the administration of justice and other matters in the North-West Territories," with the following amendments :

Page 1, line 17.—After "member" insert "or he may, with the advice of his Council or Assembly, as the case may be, from time to time rearrange such electoral districts, or any of them, so as to secure as far as possible in the Council or Assembly of the North-West Territories the representation of each district, not exceeding one thousand square miles and containing one thousand inhabitants of adult age; and insert the following as Clause A:—

"The seventy-fourth section of the said Act is hereby amended by substituting the word 'four' for the word 'three' in the fourth line thereof."

Page 3, line 10.—After "law" insert the following as Clause B:—

"The Minister of the Interior may, subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council, make such arrangements with the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba as seem reasonable as