

Mr. BRADBURY: I do not think that that matter was considered at all. This is an old association; it has been in operation ever since the Northwest Rebellion.

Mr. MACDONALD: What is the object of their getting incorporation now?

Mr. BRADBURY: Because they are spread out all over the Dominion. They have been doing splendid work; they have recruited about five battalions in the Northwest through their own efforts. This incorporation is not intended to clash in any way with any of the other institutions to which my hon. friend refers.

Mr. MACDONALD: My hon. friend may say that it is not intended to clash, but it will clash. The men who have lately returned from the war may feel that their needs and interests and aspirations would be better served by an organization connected more particularly with their own achievements. They may feel that they have ground for complaint if we commit to a local organization in Manitoba the title "The Army and Navy Veterans in Canada." If, for instance, the army and navy veterans of Ontario want incorporation, they will not be able to get it under the title of "The Army and Navy Veterans in Canada" because Parliament will have committed that title to this Manitoba organization. If they desired to obtain the rights and privileges of such incorporation, they would have to join the Manitoba association, made up of men who are veterans of other wars. After the closing of the House we shall go back to our constituencies, and we shall find there organizations of men who have returned from the front. They may say: why did you incorporate these gentlemen in Manitoba under the title "The Army and Navy Veterans in Canada?" We want to have an army and navy organization of men who have fought in the present war.

Mr. BRADBURY: There is an army and navy organization of the Empire in Toronto; there are various army and navy organizations. We are asking for the name "The Army and Navy Veterans in Canada." By this name the organization will be distinguished from other organizations already existing.

Mr. MACDONALD: "In Canada" would include veterans of any war.

Mr. BRADBURY: These men are really the pioneers in this line; they have done excellent work; they have spent a large

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amount of their own money with a view to promoting the interests of the Empire. There is not likely to be any clash between this organization and any other similar body. They do not intend to do the work which is the object of the organization formed in Ottawa—that of looking after the rights and interests of returned soldiers. They are, however, forming clubs and libraries all over Canada for war veterans; that is the purpose of the Bill.

Mr. OLIVER: Are most of these incorporators residents of Manitoba?

Mr. BRADBURY: I think they are.

Mr. OLIVER: There seems to be some merit in the view of the member for Pictou that an organization which is assumed to be Dominion-wide—

Mr. BRADBURY: This is only the parent organization. They have other organizations all over the Dominion.

Mr. OLIVER: If they had in the list of incorporators representatives of these organizations in other parts of the Dominion, then what my hon. friend contends would be quite clear. But it does look as if the Manitoba organization were attempting to forestall other organizations in the use of this somewhat desirable name.

Mr. BRADBURY: For years they have had that name as a provincial organization.

Mr. MACDONALD: On behalf of the veterans of the present war who are scattered all over Canada, I object to this worthy organization in Manitoba, made up of Fenian Raid and Northwest Rebellion veterans, appropriating the corporate title of "The Army and Navy Veterans in Canada." The boys who come home from the present war are primarily entitled to that corporate title, and I object to its being appropriated by this other organization.

Mr. BRADBURY: Hundreds of men who have returned from the war belong to this association in Manitoba.

Mr. MACDONALD: Every province has its army and navy veterans who do not belong to this association.

Mr. BRADBURY: There are branches of this association in Toronto and in Ottawa. This is the parent organization.

Mr. MACDONALD: If this is to be a Dominion-wide organization, there ought to be in the list of its incorporators the names of representative men from other provinces