

to the ballot, by this Bill therefore the compulsory system was substituted for the volunteer system. He saw no good reason for such a change, on the contrary, he thought every encouragement should be given to volunteering.

Hon. Mr. Cartier made some remarks in reply to observations by previous speakers. He said although he and his friend had found fault with the shortcomings of the member for Cornwall, they had voted for it. He hoped similar treatment would be accorded to the measure he now introduced, even by those who might be disposed to criticize some of its features.

Mr. Cartwright was as firmly convinced as ever that the conduct of the Parliament in refusing the measure of 1862 was unpatriotic and such as had injured the country.

In reply to **Mr. Blanchet**,

Hon. Mr. Cartier said the volunteer service was reduced from five to three years, with the privilege of leaving on six months notice, except when on actual service. They would have no remuneration save that of the feeling of honour consequent on the faithful discharge of their duty. The Governor had power to divide the country into geographical and regimental divisions. The battalions were to be formed of all the service and volunteer companies. The country was divided into 9 districts, these to be sub-divided into regi-

mental divisions, and again into company divisions. It is proposed that Lower Canada be divided into three districts; Ontario four districts, and New Brunswick and Nova Scotia one district. He further explained that he intended to move the second reading of the Bill for Easter Tuesday before the House adjourned.

Mr. Mackenzie called attention to the double cost entailed in printing the several Bills of the House, such as this, which had been sent to other than the House printers, and was also printed by the latter. The work was thus done at double cost.

Sir John A. Macdonald replied that generally the Government sent their work to the House contractors, who were worthy and reliable men; but occasionally Government Bills were sent to the Queen's printer.

Bill read a first time, and ordered for a second reading on the 14th of April.

Hon. Mr. Holton complained that no estimates were yet forthcoming. It was high time that this tariff policy, which they declared their intention of re-opening, should be before the country.

Sir J. A. Macdonald replied that the Finance Minister was preparing his measures with as much speed as could be made with Bills involving such a great amount of labour.

The House adjourned at 10 minutes to 2.
