

matter of right and not as a matter of favour.

The second section deals with, what I have spoken of, the two-mile limit, and the third section provides :

In the case of a homesteader who has served in the North-west Mounted Police Force, five years' service in the said force may be counted as equivalent to one year's residence on his homestead.

My object is to encourage men leaving the force to go into farming. I think that that will be an inducement to them. If it fails as an inducement, it will do no harm ; if it succeeds, it can do nothing but good.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

THE MOUNTED POLICE ACT, 1894.

Mr. DAVIN moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 62) to amend the Mounted Police Act, 1894. He said : The first section provides for filling the vacancies in commissions, and it provides that promotions shall be from the ranks or else that the man appointed an officer in the force shall be a graduate of the Royal Military College. This view is one which everybody familiar with the North-west and those interested more closely in the Police force hold, and I know that when I happened to mention this subject in other years in the House my views found an echo on both sides. A part of this clause is redlined because unless the Government adopt this Bill I cannot go on with it as it is one a private member could not carry. The second section provides that the Civil Service Superannuation Act shall apply to all commissioned officers of the force and their service shall be computed from the time they enter the ranks. I believe the Superannuation Act at present applies to the officers of the force, but it is only based on a calculation founded on their service from the time they became commissioned officers. It is palpable that if a man has served twelve or fourteen years in the force and is Sergeant-Major and retires, his retiring allowance will be very much better than, should he become an officer, anything he can get for his superannuation allowance after serving three, four, five, six or seven years, so that I think it is only a matter of justice, and it is a logical sequence from the previous clause. If the previous clause commends itself to the Government, this clause also will.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. SPEAKER. An error has been made in the printing of the routine proceedings and strictly speaking, under the order of the House passed on the 12th of April, private Bills and questions put by members

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should come before Government orders. If the House wishes we will go on with private Bills, and if the Government has not been misled by the printed notice, we will go on with questions. But if the Government have not the replies to questions at hand, we had better leave them alone on account of the error.

The PRIME MINISTER (Mr. Laurier). If agreeable to my hon. friend, we will go on with public Bills. With regard to the questions, I would ask to have them put over until to-morrow, because we did not take them up to-day.

SECOND READINGS.

Bill (No. 48) respecting the Dominion Building and Loan Association.—(Mr. Cowan.)

Bill (No. 49) respecting the Richelieu and Lake Memphremagog Railway Company.—(Mr. Belcourt.)

Bill (No. 50) respecting the Atikokan Iron Range Railway Company.—(Mr. Dymont.)

Bill (No. 51) respecting the Langenburg and Southern Railway Company.—(Mr. Richardson.)

Bill (No. 52) respecting the James' Bay Railway Company.—(Mr. Lount.)

Bill (No. 53) to revive and further amend the Acts respecting the Saskatchewan Railway and Mining Company, and to change the name of the company to the Saskatchewan Pacific Railway and Mining Company.—(Mr. Lount.)

Bill (No. 54) respecting the North American Life Assurance Company.—(Mr. Lount.)

Bill (No. 55) to incorporate the Minden and North-western Railway Company.—(Mr. McHugh.)

Bill (No. 56) respecting the Medicine Hat Railway and Coal Company.—(Mr. Lount.)

WAYS AND MEANS—THE TARIFF.

House resumed adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Fielding :

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to go into Committee of Ways and Means.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). I am very much pleased to see that the hon. member for York (Mr. Foster) is once more in his seat. When he vanished into space on Friday night, I had almost begun to fear that he would deprive us of his presence on this interesting occasion. I am very glad to welcome him back. The hon. gentleman's speech was like himself—clever, but disingenuous. He resurrected dead issues and distorted living facts to a degree unusual even for him. But, Sir, I am not disposed to criticise the hon. gentleman too severely. I think every allowance should be made for him on this occasion—every al-