

I presume Norwegian ships are the only ones that are likely to trouble us.

The motion was agreed to and the Bill was read the second and third time and passed.

**SOUTH AFRICAN VOLUNTEERS
BOUNTY BILL.**

SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved the second reading of Bill (109) 'An Act to authorize a bounty to volunteers who served the Crown in South Africa.' He said the object is to grant to all the volunteers who were enlisted in Canada during the South African war the right to two quarter sections of land up in the territories, or to the descendants of those who have died, with this privilege, that instead of accepting the land, scrip to the amount of 160 acres may be granted. There are conditions attached to the grant. Where the land is taken up, the recipient must either by himself or by some representative, comply with the ordinary settlement duties. That is, by living on the land for the requisite time and making improvements. It applies also to the nurses who went out with the military forces, and is limited to British subjects or naturalized British subjects.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN—Naturalized after the war or before?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I do not know particularly; before they get their patents. Applications must be made before December 31st, 1910.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Would the hon. gentleman inform the House the probable number of volunteers who would come under the operation of this Act. The proposition made by the government is a very laudable one, to recognize the services of those who volunteered to assist the army in South Africa. Has the department any knowledge of the number who would be likely to apply, and the quantity of land likely to be acquired?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I am told it runs over 5,000 possibly 7,000.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I know that when the Ontario government

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passed a Bill granting land to the veterans engaged in the Fenian raids, they had not the remotest idea of the quantity it was going to cover, and after a number of townships had been absorbed, the Minister of Crown Lands told me they would have to survey three or more townships before the claims could be all satisfied. A great many in my district never made application, myself among the number. I had the documents ready but never took the trouble to apply, because I thought 160 acres two or three hundred miles back in the country would not compensate for the trouble taken to secure it.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read a second and a third time and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Will the hon. Secretary of State explain what is meant by 'nursing sisters'? It seems to me it would be better to say nursing females. Sisters would imply that they belonged to some sort of order, and I understand the nurses were not confined to any particular class.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—They were supposed to be all certificated. That is, they held diplomas from institutions either in Canada or the United States.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—That would be no reason for designating them sisters.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved to substitute 'female nurses' for 'nursing sisters,' in the second clause.

The amendment was agreed to and the clause as amended was adopted.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL, from the committee, reported the Bill with amendments which were concurred in.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.