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plaint, as have, doubtless a number of others who have had the same experience. In the summer of 1911 I purchased a S. A. V. warrant and became the "duly qualified substitute," that is to say, I had it registered in my favor at Ottawa. That means that it was made not transferable, it could be used only by me and the only way it could be used was by applying it on Dominion lands. I intended to apply it some time in the fall or early winter of that year, but, owing to the backwardness of threshing operations, which continued till about New Year, I was unable to do so. When the Act to extend the privileges in connection with S. A. V. warrants was passed I naturally thought it included all warrants, but discovered upon preparing to locate my warrant, that the extension did not apply to any one becoming "substitute" previous to Jan. 1, 1912. The Act contained a clause to the effect that all "substitutes" appointed before Jan. 1, 1912, would be to the effect of the substitutes and the substitutes to the effect of the substitutes and the substitutes are substituted by the substitute of the substitute would, by surrendering all rights in connection with their warrants before Jan. 1, 1913, be entitled to a sum of five hundred dollars. But no money was voted for that purpose. On acquainting myself with the situation I found that very few warrants, if any, were still in the hands of the volunteers. This made it quite plain to me that the extension was made at the request of a few influential speculators.

Now can you explain why it should be necessary to pass an Act which dis-criminates so cruelly against the intending settler?

I paid seven hundred and ninety-one dollars and forty cents for my warrant. bought it with the sole intention of using it as a settler but, for very good reasons, was hindered from doing so in the allotted time. In the event of getting five hundred dollars compensation for it I will still be losing two hundred and ninety-one dollars and forty cents.

The speculator who never had any notion of being a settler has been enabled to make extremely heavy profits on his money, while the interests of the set-tler have been left out of the considera-

"If you think my complaint worthy of recognition I would like the readers of The Guide to hear it and if there are any points on which I have not made myself clear perhaps you could furnish the necessary explanation, as I find very few are fully informed in the matter of South African Veteran Scrip. PERCY MAWHINNEY.

Note.—The clause which prevented our correspondent making use of his scrip was one which the Minister of the Interior informed Parliament was intended to exclude speculators from the benefits of the extension of time. Its effect, as this letter shows, was to extend the time for the location of scrip held by speculators, and to exclude those held by settlers.—Editor,

TO CORRESPONDENTS

Now that the slack season on the farm has arrived we are glad to find our readers once more very busy writing letters for the Mail Bag. At present there are nearly 100 letters from our readers lying upon the editorial desk. We have read them all and would like to print them all in The Guide, but that, of course, is impossible. All we can do is to make a representative selection, and, as our readers know, we always allow both sides of every question to be heard. We wish, however, to impress upon our correspondents the importance of being brief. Our sub-scribers, we think would rather see short letters from twenty readers than five long epistles. As soon as the conventions are over we are going to give considerably more space to the Mail Bag. Letters which are short and to the point, however, will have the preference and we trust our friends will bear this in mind.—The Editor.

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