

the fatherless children. It would be difficult to discriminate in regard to the time of service, but he thought they would have to adopt the policy of giving those who came in at the the eleventh hour the same as those who were engaged for the whole time.

In reply to Mr. FLESHER,

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said it was intended that the vote should be taken yearly.—Item passed.

On item 51—\$8,000, compensation to pensioners in lieu of land,

Mr. HAGAR asked explanations. He said there were pensioners in his county who had been promised a grant of \$100, but it had never been given to them. He desired to know what the policy of the Government was in respect to them.

Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT said the Government could not investigate any claims against the Imperial Government, excepting those which had already been recognized.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK called attention to the item of \$2,133 asked as a pension to the Hon. L. A. WILMOT of New Brunswick. He believed that Mr. WILMOT had resigned his position, and now, after five years it was proposed that he should be put on the pension list. He thought there should be a special Act to cover this case.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said he thought the case was covered by the Act of last session, but promised full explanations at a future stage.—Item passed.

Items 52, 53 and 54, under the head of Militia, were adopted.

On item 54, Military College, including two Ordinary Schools under District Staff, \$40,000,

Mr. MASSON asked how far the School was in progress, and suggested whether it would not be advisable to employ officers belonging to the country instead of importing them from abroad.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said it was necessary to obtain an officer of high military rank. An offer had been made to an officer of that kind, selected by the Commander in Chief, at the instance of the Colonial Secretary, but he had declined it. Negotiations were afterwards entered into, but they had not yet succeeded in getting the proper person. It was not the intention of the Government to make any subordinate appointments until the com-

mandant was appointed, whose advice would be taken. They had already the names of several distinguished military men in various parts of the Dominion, who probably would receive appointments.—Item passed. Also, the next item, ammunition, \$40,000.

On the item, clothing, \$75,000,

Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT said the increase this year of \$50,000 over last year arose from the fact that last year the vote was very much cut down. There had been a good many complaints of the need of more clothing for the men.—Item passed.

Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT explained with reference to the next item, Military Stores, \$60,000, that it was found necessary to make the increase of \$35,000, thus bringing the item up to its former standard, because it had been found that the reduction last year was too great.

Mr. HAGGART asked if the clothing was manufactured in Canada cheaper than it could be obtained in England.

Hon. Mr. VAIL said he was not in a position to state, but even if it cost a little more it would be better to have it manufactured here.

Mr. WOOD highly approved of the course pursued by the Government in encouraging home industry in this matter.

Mr. MASSON also approved of it, but he thought the Government should have ascertained in the first place what was the difference in the price between cloth manufactured here, and imported.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said they had done so before the present Minister of Militia joined the Cabinet. The cloth here was a little dearer than it could have been procured in England, but it was better, and would wear longer, and the Government therefore considered it was practically as cheap.—Item passed.

On next item, No. 59, Public Armouries and Care of Arms, \$52,000,

Mr. KIRKPATRICK asked if the Government proposed any change in the system of keeping arms. He was very much afraid that a considerable number of the valuable arms distributed some two years ago were not now in so good a state as they might be.

Hon. Mr. VAIL said that matter had engaged the attention of the department. The Major General had reported in favour of an additional sum being given to certain care-takers who had charge of the arms.

*Hon. Mr. Vail.*