

have the Canadian forces treated exceptionally, as that is the only force existing in Canada, and a special order made in reference to them. The Canadian force is practically a volunteer force, because the pay is merely nominal. No conclusion has been reached in this matter, but it is being pressed and will be pressed until we get a definite answer one way or the other.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER. My hon. friend the Minister of Railways having laid on the Table a number of returns, I hope hon. gentlemen opposite will acknowledge the great promptitude with which these papers have been presented.

Mr. EDWARDS. I am glad to see these documents brought down even at this late hour of the session. I hope they will be considered before the 4th January next.

Mr. MACDOWALL. As I seem to be the only other member on the Opposition side, I may explain that I am sitting here to give moral support and moral tone to the Opposition. I am glad that my influence has already been such as to cause the Government to bring down three returns.

Mr. EDWARDS. We have not heard from the North-west concerning the great victory of Canada on the other side of the water. I would like to hear from my hon. friend from West Assiniboia (Mr. Davin) his opinions as to the winning of the Queen's prize at Bisley.

Mr. DAVIN. I am very glad that Private Hayhurst made a bull's eye. He must be a thorough Conservative, for I have never known a member of the Opposition to strike the bull's eye yet.

Mr. EDWARDS. If the hon. member had really appreciated the victory, I think we should have heard a longer speech from him.

Mr. DALY. The hon. member for West Assiniboia, having spoken, he desires me to say that he appreciates with other members of the House Private Hayhurst's victory at Bisley. I am sure that we were all very much gratified that the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. Prior) should have brought this subject before the House, especially so, in view of the fact that the hon. gentleman was commandant of the first Canadian team that went to Bisley. It seems most appropriate that he should be the gentleman to bring this subject before the House. While I am on my feet I would like to call attention to the fact that when the hon. member for Victoria speaks his congratulations he is backed by nine other members from the West of Lake Superior. The appearance of these gentlemen upon this the last day of the session when no other part of the country is so well represented shows that the members of that part of the Dominion give very close and appreciative attention to their parliamentary duties.

Mr. DICKEY.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Sir James.

Sir JAMES GRANT. It is indeed very gratifying to see nine gentlemen from the west who have come to take part in the legislative work of Canada remaining until the very close of the session. They have done credit to themselves and to the important part of the Dominion they represent. I have been delighted to hear the warm expression of appreciation of Private Hayhurst's victory at Bisley. I am glad this Chamber has closed in a most healthful condition, politically, and I trust that when we come back again we shall find ourselves in as good spirits as we are at present, in closing up this branch of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada.

ANNEXATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

Mr. MACDOWALL. As there is no other question before the House, I would like to ask the hon. Minister of Finance whether the Government has any plans in view, consequent upon the failure to annex Newfoundland to the Dominion, with the object of transporting the people of Newfoundland to our North-west. I believe there is an hon. member from New Brunswick in the House just now who has taken a lively interest in this matter, and who thinks that if we cannot annex the island, and all its wealth, we may at least get the people to immigrate into our North-west and help to contribute in that way to our wealth.

Mr. FOSTER. I must ask my hon. friend to put that question on the notice paper.

UNITED STATES ALIEN LABOUR LAW.

Mr. DAVIN. The Whip of the Conservative party had a Bill upon the Order paper dealing with alien labour, a Bill which I was to have seconded, but we have not been able to pass this Bill this session. However, next session I think we shall certainly have to do something in that regard, because the way the people of the United States are behaving towards Canadians is really shocking. In today's paper we see an account, showing how some of our people are being treated. I will read the article referred to:—

According to a despatch in the Toronto papers, a Mrs. Sherman and a Mrs. O'Connor, with their families, went a fortnight ago from Toronto to Niagara Falls, N.Y., where their husbands had obtained work on the new electric railway. On Wednesday, while their providers and protectors were absent, Government officials arrived at the house occupied by the women, took them and their children into custody, locked them up for two hours, and then carted them to the middle of the international bridge and unloaded them. The youngest child of six that were thus treated was twelve days old; the oldest was ten years. The unfortunates were taken in and cared for by the mayor of the Canadian village, and he will get his reward. There have been a good many harsh things done on the Niagara frontier in connection with the enforcement of the United States