

nuation. This is an improvement on the present condition of the law, but I hope the Government in the near future will bring in a measure to abolish the superannuation system so that nobody entering the service hereafter will look for the benefits of a superannuation fund.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I am very sorry to differ from the hon. gentleman from British Columbia. The Government ought to deal with its servants as any large institution carrying on a very extensive business would deal with its servants. If we come to look round us we find that the great corporations in this country, and of other countries, do provide for the cases of death, or old age and inability to work of their employees. The Bank of Montreal, as I understand it, has a very thorough system, not exactly of superannuation, but something very nearly like it—a combined superannuation and life insurance. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have one, and I think that there is every reason why the Government should have the same. It is, of course, desirable that it should be conducted in a business-like way. My complaint is that in the past the superannuation has not been conducted in a business-like way. The hon. leader of the Government made some remarks about the preceding Administration. If the Administration of Mr. Mackenzie sinned in that way, I think at any rate their crime has been barred by the statute of limitation. I speak of the Government as a corporate body, so to say, and not as a political body, and I know since the present Government came in, there have been a great many superannuations which should not have taken place. I did not mean to reflect at all upon the manner in which the leader of the Government conducted the Department over which he presided for so many years. I have never heard it alleged that the hon. gentleman was guilty of extravagance, undue favouritism or that there was any fault to be found with the administration of his Department with respect to the employees. It has been charged against him that he was rather rigorous, and that the legislation which was passed by Parliament at the hon. gentleman's instigation went rather too far in the direction of treating importers as public offenders, and as being *prima facie* criminals who had to be watched just as though they were criminals and were always ready

to do what was wrong, but as to the hon. gentleman's administration of his Department in other respects I have never heard anything said against it. I think the hon. gentleman has always tried to do his work thoroughly, honestly and economically.

The clause was adopted.

Hon. Mr. VIDAL, from the Committee, reported the Bill without amendment.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

VOTERS' LISTS BILL.

SECOND READING.

Hon. Mr. BOWELL moved the second reading of Bill (123) "An Act respecting the Voters' Lists of 1893." He said:—This is simply a Bill to postpone the revising of the voters' lists for the present year. I need not enter into any explanation. All I can say is that it will save a very large amount of money, and as there is no probability of a general election within a year, it is not deemed advisable to go to the expense that would be involved in revising the lists.

Hon. Mr. McINNES (B. C.)—Is it understood that there will be a revision of the voters' lists before a general election takes place?

Hon. Mr. BOWELL—I think I may inform the hon. gentleman that there will be, some time within the next two or three years.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Hon. Mr. POWER—This Bill shows that there has been a change of mind on the part of the Government lately, because in the early part of the session a Bill was introduced providing for the revision of the lists this year. I was going to say I thought the Government should take the House more into their confidence than the leader of the House has done, but the question is, why this change of mind on the part of the Government? Is it that since the beginning of the session they have come to the conclusion that it would probably not be desirable