

Bill (No. 148) respecting the Manitoba Radial Railway Company.—Mr. Molloy.

Bill (No. 149) respecting the Hamilton, Waterloo and Guelph Railway Company.—Mr. Harris.

Bill (No. 145) for the relief of Pauline Verena Meyer.—Mr. Rankin.

Bill (No. 151) to incorporate the Canadian Surety Company.—Mr. McCraney.

The hour for private Bills having expired the House resumed in Committee of Supply.

Mr. FIELDING. With the view of taking up a matter which I understand is by consent, I move that the committee report progress and ask leave to sit again this day.

Motion agreed to and the committee rose.

CANADA MEDICAL ACT.

Mr. FIELDING. There is on the Public Bills and Orders, Order No. 33 for the House go into committee on Bill (No. 15) to amend the Canada Medical Act which is in the hands of the hon. member for Hants. I am informed that by something like a general understanding this Bill may be called this evening so as to accord the hon. member (Mr. Black), an opportunity of advancing it. If there be no objection I would move that Order 33 be now called.

Motion agreed to, and order called.

House in committee on Bill (No. 15) to amend the Canada Medical Act.

Mr. BLACK. The object of this Bill is to make a general and uniform registration of medical men throughout Canada. Under its provisions any regular graduate in medicine regularly qualified to practise in any of the provinces of the Dominion may, by passing an examination before a central council can be qualified in any province in Canada. The Bill provides for a central council for examinations all over Canada. By passing the examination of this council a medical man shall be entitled to practise in any part of Canada. The Bill also provides that any man who has been a qualified physician for ten years in any one province may have the privilege of practising in any province in Canada without examination, providing that no province objects to the ten years stipulation. This Bill cannot become law until qualifying legislation has been adopted by every province in Canada. Five of the nine provinces have already passed that legislation, and four remain yet to pass it; one is considering it now. After this Bill got its first reading it was referred to a special committee composed of 14 medical members of the House of Com-

Mr. PERLEY.

mons and one legal gentleman to keep us straight. The medical councils of all the provinces in Canada were represented before that committee. There was a perfect agreement on every clause of the Bill by every province of Canada except as to one minor clause which dealt with the central medical council to which the province of Saskatchewan made objection, but this difference after some correspondence has been settled. I am perfectly safe in saying that every medical council in every province in Canada has agreed to the principle, and to all the clauses in this Bill and that there is no opposition anywhere that I am aware of. The principle of the Bill has been long sought for by the medical men of Canada and very much interest has been manifested in it by the medical profession. I have letters from every province in Canada, from the United States, from Germany, from France, and from Newfoundland in regard to this Bill, and I think there will be uniform satisfaction among the medical profession in Canada at its passage. I think that is all it is necessary to say.

Bill reported, read the third time, and passed.

SUPPLY.

House in Committee of Supply.

Post Office Department—contingencies—clerical assistance—further amount required, \$3,500.

Mr. GOODEVE. I would like to ask the Postmaster General what has been done in regard to the petition from the people of Nelson, B.C., in regard to postal delivery, sent to him on December 12?

Mr. LEMIEUX. My hon. friend was good enough to give me the names of the officers. I cannot from memory say whether I have received the report from the inspector, or whether the request has been granted. I will let my hon. friend know to-morrow or on Monday. With regard to the question put to me with reference to the rural postmasters, I cannot at present speak openly as to the decision of the government; but I can say that during the present session I shall be in a position to tell the House exactly what I will do.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Has the minister anything to report in reference to the railway mail clerks?

Mr. LEMIEUX. We are just preparing the schedule. All these things will be included in one Bill.

Mr. STAPLES. I would like to ask the Postmaster General if he has any report from his inspector regarding the changing of a mail route in the Beaconsfield settle-