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Hon. Mr. FROST—I am paired with the Hon. Sir John Carling, so that my name must be struck off.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Perhaps Sir John Carling would vote the same way.

The SPEAKER—I do not see that it is a government question.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—It is a government Bill.

Hon. Mr. FORGET—If it is a government Bill I have a right to vote.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—If the hon. gentleman is paired with any one, his duty is to adhere to the pair.

The name of Hon. Mr. Frost was struck off, leaving the division yeas, 11; nays, 13.

Hon. Mr. DAVID—With the leave of the House I withdraw my second amendment.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I beg to move that Bill No. 5 be not now read the third time, but that it be amended by striking out in clause 39 all the words after 'shall be appointed,' in the ninth line down to the end and replacing them with the following :

By the officer commanding the corps or regiment to which they belong and shall hold their rank during pleasure.

That is replacing the old law and giving to the commanding officer of each regiment the right which he has had heretofore, to name the non-commissioned officers of his regiment.

The amendment was declared lost on division.

The motion for the third reading of the Bill was carried, and the Bill was then read the third time and passed.

LAND TITLES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.
THIRD READING.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (158) An Act to amend the Land Titles Act, 1894.

(In the Committee.)

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—This is a Bill of a somewhat technical character. It has been found necessary to make some changes to admit of certain documents to be registered in the Northwest Territories. Under the Land Titles Act the rule is that only straight conveyances are to be registered. There are a number of agreements and documents which would be very convenient for the people up there to have registered, to give them in that way a degree of legality which they cannot otherwise possess, and therefore these amendments are made with that view. The explanation furnished me of the reasons for the change is that agreements for the sale and purchase of lands in the Territories cannot be registered under the provisions of the Land Titles Act, the transfer must be absolute. Therefore, when the Hudson Bay Company, or any company who had received a land grant from the Crown, sells a parcel of land to an individual, and the latter, prior to receiving his transfer from such company, obtains, either for the purpose of paying such company the purchase money for such land or for erecting buildings thereon, purchasing stock, or other purpose satisfactory to himself, a loan from another company upon the security of the land the mortgage executed to secure the repayment of such loan cannot be filed with the registrar as the law stands at present. The delay in the execution of a transfer from an individual to an individual does not occur, as it does in cases of purchases of lands from the large companies referred to. The reason that the Hudson Bay Company is named in the amendment is that only a small proportion of that company's lands has been granted to it by Canada, its title being derived under the original charter from Great Britain. True, the grant is from the Crown in both instances, but grants from the Crown under the provisions of the Land Titles Act are grants under the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act, or, in other words, grants from the Crown as represented by the Do-