

hands in the older portions have had funds to their credit.

On section 9,

Mr. DAVIN. This is very important, because it makes a change in what might be called the constitution under which the chiefs work.

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. At present they have one chief for each thirty, and we want to make two for each 200. The number is altogether too large.

Bill reported.

It being Six o'clock, the Speaker left the Chair.

After Recess.

GREAT NORTH-WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY.

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Mr. Blair). Before any other Order is taken up, Mr. Speaker, might I ask permission to have the second reading of Bill (No. 141)—from the Senate—respecting the Great North-west Railway Company proceeded with. There was a misunderstanding. I asked that it should stand over; but I think that every purpose will be served if the second reading is taken, so that the Bill may go to the Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines. Possibly, there might not be another opportunity. If there be no objection, I should like this to be taken up.

Mr. McISAAC moved second reading of Bill (No. 141)—from the Senate—respecting the Great North-west Railway Company.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the second time, and referred to Committee on Railways, &c.

MILITIA ACT AMENDMENT.

Bill (No. 140) further to amend the Militia Act, was read the second time, and the House resolved itself into committee.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. DAVIN. What is this allowance? Do I understand an additional sum of \$2,000 as an allowance to be paid to him?

The MINISTER OF MILITIA. Yes.

Mr. DAVIN. What is that for?

The MINISTER OF MILITIA. The resolution upon which this Bill was based was carried in the House after a full discussion. I suppose my hon. friend (Mr. Davin) was not in the House at the time. The atten-

tion of this Government was called by the Imperial Government to the fact that the General commanding the militia in this country is paid a very much smaller salary than in any of the other colonies although his duties are considerably more important, as he has a larger number of men under him. The Militia Act, of which this is an amendment, provides that the Major General Commanding shall be paid a salary at the rate of \$4,000 per annum in full of all pay and allowances. That portion of clause 37 is changed by this Bill to read "And shall be paid a salary at the rate of \$4,000 per annum, and in addition thereto, and, in lieu of allowances, such sum, not exceeding \$2,000 per annum, as is determined by the Governor in Council."

Mr. DAVIN. Of course, then, this sum is in addition to his pay.

The MINISTER OF MILITIA. Yes.

Bill reported, and read the third time, and passed.

RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT.

Bill (No. 145) further to amend the Railway Act, was read the second time, considered in committee, and reported.

THE GENERAL INSPECTION ACT.

Bill (No. 128) further to amend the General Inspection Act, was read the second time, and the House resolved itself into committee.

(In the Committee.)

On section 1,

The MINISTER OF INLAND REVENUE. The object of the first clause of this Bill is to institute compulsory inspection in the matter of raw hides, potash and pearl ash; and I may say here that my intention is not to press the adoption of that part of the Bill. I felt justified in introducing it from the number of petitions received from the boards of trade of all our principal towns as well as from associations and corporations; but since the Bill has been introduced I find that it has given rise to very serious opposition on the part of dealers in raw hides and of butchers. I think that at this late stage of the session, especially as it appears to me evident that the public may, to a certain extent, have been taken by surprise and did not expect that this year we would re-establish compulsory inspection, I will not ask the committee to adopt that clause, but will beg leave to strike out of the Bill all those parts that relate to compulsory inspection. At the same time the public will be warned that another year,