

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—This is the first clause I have asked to stand, in order to give the hon. gentleman time to inquire why the change has been made. It is a very serious change. You are taking away from the commanding officer of a regiment his whole command of his regiment. If you take that power away he has no more authority. It is a very serious matter, but there may be reasons for it, and I would ask that the clause be allowed to stand.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I will make inquiry of the gentleman who drafted it. We commenced the discussion on this Bill at 3 o'clock, and it is now nearly half-past eleven, and although many of the clauses are a counterpart of the present law, we have only reached clause 38.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—It is not those clauses which are a counterpart of the law that we are discussing. I should like to know what we are here for, unless it is for us to swallow holus bolus every measure presented to us without discussion?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I will ask the Minister of Militia to give me some information on that clause, and I will inform the House before the Bill is read the third time.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—It is understood that if the reasons given are not sufficient to justify us in passing the clause, that we will move to strike it out on the third reading.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I will make no promise further than to speak to the minister.

The CHAIRMAN—I find that the word 'detail' was written in the blue print before it came to this House, therefore, any amending that the Secretary of State has done here was simply to make the copy we are working on conform to the blue print.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The House declined to take my explanation, I said that the clerk came here and said it was a mistake and that the word should be 'detail.'

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Does the hon. gentleman want the amendment continued on the record?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—No. I was forced to take this course by the hon. gentleman refusing to accept my explanation of it.

On clause 54,

54. Officers, warrant officers and non-commissioned officers of the permanent force shall be entitled to daily pay and allowances at rates to be prescribed.

2. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, fix the sums to be paid to privates of the permanent force, regard being had to length of service, good conduct and efficiency; but the ordinary pay shall not exceed the amounts following, that is to say:

For privates, per diem, 75 cents.

For buglers under eighteen years of age, per diem, 40 cents.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—During our last camp we had those increases by a special order, but it turned out that some of the non-commissioned officers were paid higher than the officers. That is a fact.

The CHAIRMAN—In error.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—No. The sergeant-major was paid more than the lieutenant.

The clause was adopted.

On clause 63,

63. The Governor in Council may make regulations for the management of existing rifle associations and clubs, and those hereafter formed; for prescribing the constitution, objects and duties of such associations and clubs, and the conducting of their business and rifle meetings; and for furnishing rifles and ammunition for the training and practice of persons, whether they are, or are not, members of the militia.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—There are some associations formed in the cities in the different provinces, and they generally, up till lately, had ammunition and a certain allowance paid towards their organization. I heard recently that was cut out. I would suggest that every organization or club for rifle practice should be encouraged. It is the basis on which the efficiency of our militia rests. Rifle shooting should be taught in preference to parade movements, and I think it should be encouraged. I hope the hon. Secretary of State will call the attention of the Minister of Militia to that point.

On clause 65.

#### CADET CORPS.

65. The minister may—

(a.) Authorize boys over twelve years of age, who are attending school, to be formed into school cadet corps;

(b.) Authorize boys over fourteen years of age, and under eighteen years of age, to be formed into senior cadet corps;

(c.) Authorize senior cadet corps, or any portion thereof, to be attached to any portion of the active militia for the purpose of drill and training.