CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND ACT 1914 AMENDMENT BILL.

-THIRD READING.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED moved the third reading of Bill No. 39, An Act to amend the Canadian Patriotic Fund Act 1914.

He said: I promised to secure for my hon. friend information as to the manner in which residents of Newfoundland are employed in the active service of Canada. I understand that there is a Naval Reserve in Newfoundland. The members of that reserve are employed on the Niobe, in the active service of Canada, that is to the number mentioned.

The motion was adopted, and the Bill was read the third time.

INCORPORATING COMPANIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

BILL WITHDRAWN.

The Order of the Day being called:

Second reading of Bill (A), "An Act to amend an Act incorporating companies."—
(Hon. Mr. Domville.)

Hon. Mr. CLORAN-I want to withdraw the Bill. I am in charge of the Bill on behalf of its author, the hon. senator from Rothesay (Hon. Mr. Domville). I wish to inform the House that he is unable to be here and take charge of the Bill. Last week I asked for the postponement of the second reading until to-day, so that I might get in touch with the author of the Bill. He writes me that he will be unable to be present, probably for the balance of the session, and has asked me to request the House to have the Bill dropped, especially in view of the fact that matters in relation to the Bill are under consideration by the Government. I therefore simply put before the House the request of the hon. senator who is unable to be present, and ask to have the Bill withdrawn.

The motion was agreed to, and the order was discharged.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS CONSOLIDATED ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

SECOND READING.

Hon. Mr. CORBY moved the second reading of Bill No. 12, An Act to amend the Independent Order of Foresters Consolidated Act.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—I might say the hon. gentleman has not explained this Bill, and he is asking us to give it a second reading. I do not know what principle is involved. He ought to explain the nature of the Bill before he asks us to pass it.

Hon. Mr. CORBY—If hon. gentlemen would, attend the meetings of committees they would understand the Bill. I know nothing about the Bill except that I introduced it into the House.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—The hon. gentleman asks the Senate to pass on the principle of a Bill, and nobody knows what the principle is. We had better pass over this, until the hon. gentleman who has charge of the Bill is able to instruct the Senate as to what the Bill means.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—I am surprised that an old parliamentarian like the hon. gentleman who has just taken his seat has not taken the usual course. These Bills are printed in English and French, and the hon. gentleman might have read that Bill in one of those languages before this. This is a private Bill, and should go to the Private Bills Committee on Banking and Commerce, to which private Bills are generally referred.

Hon. Mr. CORBY—I understand the Bill is in reference to the funds of the society (reading the Bill) that is the whole Bill as far as I know.

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

TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

SECOND READING.

Hon. Mr. Edwards moved the second reading of Bill No. 16, An Act respecting the Title and Trust Company, and to change its name to "Chartered Trust and Executor Company."

Several hon. GENTLEMEN-Explain.

Hon. Mr. EDWARDS—I do not think there is any great explanation to make. It is simply a Bill desiring a change in the name.

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

SECOND READINGS.

Bill No. 27, An Act respecting the St. Lawrence and Adirondack Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Davis.