

the last few months many passengers who have been in the habit of coming by way of St. John and the Canadian Pacific Railway have reached Ottawa about half-past 9 o'clock on the evening preceding the day on which the mails arrive. I call the attention of the Postmaster General to the matter in the hope that these irregularities will be corrected.

Sir ADOLPHE CARON. My attention has already been called to the irregularities which my hon. friend mentions, and I have caused enquiry to be made by the officers of the department. I think they must be due to the fact that no connection is made at Montreal by the Short Line. I expect to receive in a few days all the reports which I require to show exactly the cause of these irregularities, and I can assure the hon. gentleman that if it is within the power of the department to rectify them, that shall be done.

#### GRANTS TO NORTH-WEST MILITIA.

Mr. DEWDNEY moved third reading of Bill (No. 96) to make further provision respecting grants of land to members of the Militia Force in active service in the North-West. He said: I promised on the third reading of the Bill to give to the hon. member for South Grey (Mr. Landerkin) some information in reference to the number of land warrants and scrip notes that had been issued. Up to the 28th of June of this year 4,999 scrip notes were issued for \$80 each, amounting in all to \$399,920, and 1,263 land warrants had been issued. But, subsequently, 279 exchanged land warrants for scrip, leaving the number at 984. With regard to the present Bill, I find that the Prince Albert Company, which I was uncertain about, comes within the provisions of the Bill, which increases the number to 244.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the third time and passed.

#### SUPPLY—DOMINION DAY CELEBRATION.

Mr. FOSTER moved that the House again resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

Mr. KAULBACH. Mr. Speaker, before the House goes into Committee of Supply, I desire to offer the few remarks which I attempted to make the other day, thinking that you would indulge me in that privilege. It is not my intention to occupy the time of this House at this late stage of the session, more than to offer a few words regarding the announcement made by the hon. leader respecting Friday next as a Canadian holiday. I can assure you, Mr. Speaker, I feel that the announcement was received with much favour by this House, much as we all desire to see business despatched and we get to our respective homes, as it was very generally felt that all Canadians, whether by adoption or birth, would have an inclination to do their utmost on that day to make it one of pleasure, and have it kept in every sense of the term, Canada's national holiday. On the 1st of July next—Dominion Day—Canada will have completed the 25th year of its existence. Twenty-five years ago Canada confederated, comprising Lower Canada and Upper Canada, better known as Canada East and Canada West, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Now we comprise the entire area of continental British North America, and it is

Mr. McDougall (Cape Breton).

to be hoped ere long to bring in with us our sister colony, Newfoundland, and form one grand whole. It is a pleasing recollection to know that when our neighbours to the south of us, across the border, just previous to Confederation refused us trade relations with them, and we had no other alternative but to encourage trade of an interprovincial character, that the historic old band of faithful ones as pioneers, nothing daunted, the fathers of Confederation, with our late lamented and grand old chieftain at its head, worked out the great national scheme of Confederation, which has, since its founding, proved such incalculable success to us, and so far beyond our most sanguine expectations. Many of the faithful ones—the fathers of Confederation—have ceased from their work of usefulness, and joined the great majority, but their names, with their great old leader, will live in history. We have a number still spared to us who will, I feel, be only too anxious to join with us in this national holiday, and assist with their presence, in making it indeed a gala one for us all. Ottawa as the metropolitan city should be foremost in this movement, and there is no city in Canada better calculated this year, and better able to do honour to this day, not only as being the metropolitan city, but being as it has Parliament in session and every county in the Dominion represented from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It may be that not every one is seeing eye to eye with the Government in matters politic, still they will be actuated by honourable, generous and patriotic motives as Canadians to advance this great Dominion of ours, and join heartily with us in our sports. A quarter of a century's experience shows us to day how rapidly we have advanced with the age of progress and how steadily we are increasing as a country in material greatness, having completed as a body confederated that gigantic work, the Canadian Pacific Railway—that iron road across this continent—the high road to the world, thanks to the patriotism, the wisdom, and the skilful guidance of our leaders at the helm of state, backed by a people full of energy, and true-hearted loyalty in sentiment and feeling for Canada, her constitution and her laws. We are told Canada is “the brightest gem in the Crown of the British Empire”—a beautiful sentiment, and of which we may be justly proud. Then may I ask, how has she acquired the proud position? Has not the harbinger of all her success been in the fact of the separate provinces having become one confederated whole? Then as a great and prosperous country having acquired greatness in the way I have referred to, let us keep Friday next, “Dominion Day”—our national holiday—in a becoming manner, and consider it a day worthy of all the recognition we as Canadians can give it. Let the day contrast favourably with the celebrations of Independence kept by our neighbours across the border, and let us prove our faith, our devotion and our attachment to Canada by our works. I do not desire exactly to dictate as to what should be done here, not being a resident of this city, but would merely suggest that it would add greatly to the enjoyment of the day were the Dragoon Guards, Troop of Cavalry, Batteries of Artillery and the companies of Infantry, with their bands, to parade on that day. A salute to be fired in the morning, or at noon, or both. In fact anything available to attract should be