

why they should not be entitled to pensions when they come under the provisions of our Act? Surely this is no argument against their claim.

My hon. friend from Red Deer (Mr. Clark) asks: Where will the money come from? It will come from the same source as the money that will be paid to the other soldiers, it will come from special taxes paid by the relatives of these men, Canadian citizens, just the same as by the relatives of all the other Canadian soldiers. There is no good reason why these men should be accorded different treatment from that accorded to our other soldiers. And surely, if we do not give them anything in the way of pensions, at least let us give them some respect and not laugh at them in their misfortune.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Shelburne and Queen's): Mr. Speaker, I think it is a misfortune that the House is called upon this afternoon to decide in a very hurried manner a question which seems to be regarded, and justly so, as one of considerable importance. It appears that a number of hon. members are already familiar with this question, having had it before them in one form or another, but to the majority of the House, as to myself, the matter comes up in a hurried way and entirely new. Probably if I had had as much opportunity to study it as has my hon. friend from South Renfrew, I would reach the same conclusion as he has reached. Unfortunately there is a conflict of fact to-day in the House as to what we are doing for the various classes of reservists of foreign nations. I would not wish the Polish soldiers to be treated in any different way from the French, Belgian or any other body of reservists, who returned from Canada at the outbreak of the war.

Mr. PEDLOW: Will my hon. friend allow me? These men on whose behalf I am appealing are not reservists, they are Canadian-born citizens.

Mr. FIELDING: Still it is explained that although they were Canadian-born citizens, they, for their own good and patriotic reasons no doubt, preferred not to enlist in the Canadian army. I do not dwell on that point. But there is this conflict not only of opinion but of fact. Now, if we had abundance of time to take this matter up again I do not know what conclusion I might reach. But the chairman of the committee has informed us that they had the matter before them. I have such profound respect for the work of that com-

mittee, and especially for the great work that has been done by my hon. friend from London (Mr. Cronyn), that when he tells me that the committee have given this matter all due consideration, knowing as I do that they could have no desire but to do what was right, I see no reason why I should not support the chairman's report.

Mr. J. W. EDWARDS (Frontenac): Apparently the discussion has departed from the request made by the member for South Renfrew (Mr. Pedlow) which was that members of a Polish regiment, Canadian-born citizens, be granted the difference between Canadian rates of pay and allowances and the rates which they received on service overseas in the armies of Allied countries. The discussion has wandered far afield; matters affecting pensions, gratuities and so on have been taken up which have nothing to do with what the hon. member is asking. I submit that if this report is sent back to the committee with instructions to make the amendment suggested, it will carry with it the obligation on the part of the committee to give the same consideration to Frenchmen, Belgians and Italians who went overseas and served at a lower rate of pay than that given to members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Amendment (Mr. Pedlow) negatived, and main motion (Mr. Cronyn) agreed to.

JUDGES ACT AMENDMENT

Right Hon. C. J. DOHERTY (Minister of Justice) moved:

That Messrs. Guthrie, McKenzie, Redman, Lapointe and Doherty be appointed managers on behalf of this House of the free conference with the Senate with respect to the amendments made to Bill No. 60, intitled "An Act to amend the Judges Act," and that a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their Honours therewith.

Motion agreed to.

CANADA TEMPERANCE ACT

Right Hon. C. J. DOHERTY (Minister of Justice) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 219, with regard to certain proceedings under Part IV of the Canada Temperance Act.

He said: Mr. Speaker, this Bill was explained the other day when I asked for the consent of the House to introduce it without notice, and it is perhaps unnecessary for me to go over what was then said. I would add, however, that the purpose of the Bill is not in any way to invade the proper field of the courts, which is the in-