

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to compliment the minister on that statement, especially as regards the building up of an esprit de corps between the active units and those which are reinforcing them. May I ask the minister if this is the total announcement with respect to recruiting? I had heard that we were to have this policy announced over the radio to-night and I thank the minister for not doing it in that way. But is this the whole policy?

Mr. RALSTON: This is the whole policy. As a matter of fact, over the radio to-night, what I proposed to do was to outline generally what I had already outlined to the house with regard to the primary duty of reserve units and the method whereby men could enlist either as members thereof or as men who were not members of reserve units. I also intended to refer to the plan to which reference has been made to-day. The only thing that will be new in connection with anything that is said in the broadcast will be with respect to the plan for affiliation or integration of the reserves.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

PROCEDURE RESPECTING AMENDMENT OF MR. SENN ON MOTION FOR COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

On the orders of the day:

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Leader of the Opposition): Hon. gentlemen will remember the discussion that took place yesterday before we went into committee on the special estimate of \$35,000,000. I rise now not for the purpose of complaining but to ask that the position be regularized as soon as possible. In the *Votes and Proceedings* of April 7, referring to the amendment of the hon. member for Haldimand (Mr. Senn) there is the statement:

Thereupon Mr. Senn withdrew his amendment.

The amendment was then withdrawn, and the question being put on the main motion, it was agreed to.

That is not what occurred. I am not going to traverse the whole ground. It was to meet the convenience of the government and especially the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Gardiner), to get on with his estimate of \$35,000,000 for wheat, that we agreed in a way to postpone discussion of the Senn amendment, so called, to the motion to go into supply. But no one, I think, will take it from the discussion that is found in *Hansard* of yesterday that the Senn amendment was to be dropped and had to be revived. Now I understand the position is, having regard to the record, that the Senn amendment is

gone unless revived, and it cannot be revived according to the rules until the next motion to go into supply—and no one knows when that may be.

I am sure the Prime Minister never intended anything like that. I certainly never did, and I should like to ask that, by unanimous consent, irrespective of the rules, we put the position where we thought it was going to be and that it be done now if it can be done.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): If the simplest way to get the amendment back where it ought to be is to move that the house resolve itself into committee of supply at once, I shall be glad to move accordingly.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): That would be all right.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION TO GRANT INCREASES IN PAY AS OF APRIL 1

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. ERNEST LAPointe (Minister of Justice): A few weeks ago, when the estimates of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were being discussed, members on all sides of the house strongly urged an increase in pay for members of the force. I have much pleasure in informing the house that the government has now decided to grant an increase in pay for the force from April 1, 1941. In broad outline, the increases are as follows:

Constables and corporals, 50 cents per diem.
Staff sergeants and sergeants, 75 cents per diem.

All officers below the rank of assistant commissioner, approximately \$1.25 per diem.
Two junior assistant commissioners will receive an increase of little less than \$1 per diem.

All other assistant commissioners and officers above that rank will not benefit by the increases.

The exact details of the increases will be set forth in the order in council, but the general situation is what I have already given. I am sure the house will be pleased.

THE MEMBER FOR KOOTENAY WEST RETURN OF MR. ESLING TO THE HOUSE AFTER A PERIOD OF ILLNESS

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): My colleague the Minister of Finance (Mr. Ilsley) has a rather long statement to make, but before he does so I should like to say a word which will be very brief but which I am sure will meet with general approval. When I came into the