

as the different methods of operation, collection, and control which are current as between the three services both in Canada and overseas. It is to this that the proposed committee is asked to address itself within the terms of reference of the resolution.

In a preliminary manner the government has already addressed itself to the problem, not only by the execution of the agreements I have referred to in the case of the four national organizations, and by the ordinary operation of the control which the administration of the defence departments provide, but notably by the study which has been made by two special committees. One of the ten subcommittees working under the Inter-departmental Advisory Committee on Demobilization and Rehabilitation was one on the Administration of Special Funds. An interim report from this subcommittee was brought to the attention of the select committee of the house on the Pension Act and allied post-discharge problems during the last session of the house. The report reviews in considerable detail the policy and administration of not only the canteen funds but a number of other special funds which were created during and following the last war for the benefit of ex-servicemen and makes certain recommendations as to future policy following this war.

Furthermore, it will be recalled that there has been tabled a report of the special committee set up by Order in Council of the 20th of December, 1940, and subsequent amendments thereto. The members of this committee consisted of Messrs. J. W. Macdonnell, L. Plante, and Watson Sellar. The committee had available to them the report of the subcommittee on the Administration of Special Funds, and they in turn made certain inquiries and recommendations. Valuable as these reports are both in the information which they have recorded and the recommendations which they have made, the government has felt that they are perhaps not sufficiently authoritative and conclusive upon which to determine a definite policy without further submission to the house. The resolution now proposed provides for that further consideration and recommendation.

The importance of wise utilization of these surplus funds cannot be over-estimated.

We had for the veterans of the last war the most comprehensive pensions and re-establishment program of any belligerent country. Our program with respect to men serving in this war is even broader and will, we trust, be more helpful.

Nevertheless, we know that it is impossible to anticipate all contingencies; it is impossible to provide laws and regulations that cover adequately every deserving case.

In the past there have been available to the Pension Commission and to the departmental officers a number of special funds derived from bequests and a variety of sources, which have been of inestimable value in providing for isolated cases of hardship not covered by our legislative authority.

The importance, therefore, of the government, and particularly my own department, having the very best advice possible as to the administration of these funds, will be appreciated by honourable members of this committee. The report of the subcommittee on administration and special funds was printed in the report of the special committee on the Pensions Act and the War Veterans' Allowance Act, in report No. 10.

Would someone move that the Order in Council and these two reports be printed and form part of our proceedings?

Mr. HAZEN: Does that refer to the report of the general advisory committee? Is that to be printed too?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, the report of the general advisory committee, and also the report of the other committee—I do not know what the name of the committee is.