

lished the evidence together with the findings of the commission, and that such report should be made available to members of this House and to the general public. I would ask if that is not possible.

Mr. ROBB: That has been brought to our attention from time to time. Frequently we hear in this House, but still more frequently in the country, that if Hansard were abolished altogether the business of the House would be conducted more expeditiously. What my hon. friend is asking for is really another Hansard, and its establishment involves more than the expense of the reporters. It involves the translation and the printing and the compilation of a lot of books that will be filed away in the garret or the cellar of the Finance Department, as for instance the report of the tariff inquiry conducted by one of my predecessors, Sir Henry Drayton, never to be read by anybody. Only recently we have had a request for certain evidence given in connection with an inquiry in regard to woollen goods, which is not yet completed. I thought we might meet the wishes of those who asked for this evidence by having type-written copies made. I find that these will cost \$25 each. I have now an inquiry as to how much it will cost to print the evidence. I see no objection, in fact I see every reason why the public should have information if it is asked for from time to time; but I should not like to build up a machine that will add very much to the cost of the tariff board without serving any good purpose. I can assure my hon. friend that if he desires to get any special information I have no objection to its being furnished.

Mr. WHITE (London): Why is this item increased 50 per cent over last year?

Mr. ROBB: The increase is for the additional employees required to look after the business. Last year the tariff board only got started; but now it is in operation, it has daily meetings, and it requires a staff to assemble and take care of information with respect to the cases under consideration. If we carry out the wishes of my hon. friend from Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Woodsworth), the vote next year will be increased considerably more than 50 per cent.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: It might end in a saving to the general public.

Item agreed to.

Grant to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, \$10,000.

Mr. COOTE: Two years ago the government practically promised to increase this grant, but I see it is still left at the same amount.

Mr. ROBB: If my hon. friend will look at the next page he will find there is a small increase.

Mr. COOTE: I am very glad to hear it. Item agreed to.

Miscellaneous—amount required to provide for grants to be made to the provinces of:
Nova Scotia, \$875,000
New Brunswick, \$600,000
Prince Edward Island, \$125,000
pending consideration of provincial subsidies.

Mr. GARDINER: Is this intended as a yearly subsidy?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: No. I direct my hon. friend's attention to the wording of the item. It is the intention of the government to have a conference this fall between the Dominion and the provinces to consider the question of provincial subsidies. This is merely an interim grant for this year.

Mr. MacLEAN (Prince): As a member from Prince Edward Island, Mr. Chairman, I would be very ungrateful indeed if I did not show my appreciation of this vote. I do not wish to take much of the time of the House at this late stage. I merely want to express my gratitude not only to the Prime Minister and to every member of the cabinet but also to our friends on the other side.

Item agreed to.

Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment—operating expense and working capital, \$250,000.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: What does that mean?

Hon. J. H. KING (Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment): This covers administration services, general and medical, cash advances, travelling expenses, Red Cross shops, telegrams, postage, stationery and so on.

Item agreed to.

Sheltered employment, burial of destitute, transportation of the blind, \$175,000.

Mr. ADSHEAD: Mr. Chairman, I am not going to criticize this vote censoriously. When I was last in Calgary, while sitting in the Canadian Legion office with the secretary he received a message that a returned soldier had died. Owing to unfortunate circumstances he