

dollars a year to us in the efficiency with which his work as Secretary, and the preparation of our various Artillery Summaries are carried out. As you know, the Artillery Association functions more directly in relation to training than any other Association. It actually lays down the terms of Competitions for the year, which in turn really guide the course of training. This is actually done by an Executive Committee composed almost equally of Permanent and Non-Permanent officers, although the voting majority is in the hands of the Non-Permanent. As I have been Chairman of this Committee for three years, I do know something of how it operates. I know that the complete co-operation between the Permanent and Non-Permanent Branches of the Service, and the very real efficiency of our Competitions are largely dependent upon the liaison work of the Secretary, who is in Ottawa, and who is in the confidence of the C.G.S. and D.M.T.

In view of the great value of his services, we have been paying Colonel Sharman a small honorarium, which doesn't in any way even begin to recompense him for the time and energy he devotes to this work. His Minister learned of this, and after Sharman had been Secretary of the Artillery Association for twenty-two years, he was suddenly notified by McLaren that he must resign from the Canadian Artillery Association, pointing out a certain order-in-council which referred to civil servants carrying on gainful occupations which conflicted with their work. This work in no way conflicts with his civil service work, as Col. McLaren knows perfectly well. When I pointed this out to him, he said, in his rather inane way, that after all, he thought everybody in his Department should have their hours of relaxation free to themselves. Well, you can't argue much with a man whose mentality operates in that way. However, Sharman offered to carry on without remuneration, and we passed a resolution discontinuing the honorarium. McLaren was notified of this. He wasn't satisfied with the way the letter was written, as it didn't apparently promise that no future honorarium would be paid for ever and ever, and he has been writing, asking the most absurd promise as to the future as well as the present.

I write of this incident at such length, because it does illustrate to me the sort of thing that is going on in Ottawa at the present time. Governments try to encourage employers to permit their men to perform military service. Sharman is recognized by every artillery officer in Canada as being of immense value to the Canadian Artillery Association. His work obviously does not conflict with his work in the Narcotic Division, and yet we find, at a time when scores of