

tentative allotments to projects already under way. There is nothing very definite about it. We want to keep a little reserve in case some new project comes up which might be worth while examining into.

Mr. MacNEIL: What portion of this appropriation will be placed at the disposal of the Vancouver local committee? What projects will they be permitted to promote?

Mr. POWER: In December, 1937, an amount of \$2,000 was allotted to them to provide for the formation of veterans' auto parking protective corps in Vancouver. In January, 1938, an amount of \$2,500 was provided for the establishment of a veterans' night patrol. In January, 1938, an amount of \$5,000 was provided for the renting and leasing of suitable parking areas in Vancouver upon which veterans could carry on auto parking services. On January 5, 1938, an amount of \$500 was provided in order that fifty or sixty veterans might obtain first aid certificates in conjunction with the St. John ambulance corps to meet the requirements of the provincial government. In March, 1938, a sum of \$2,500 was provided to form a veterans' guide and greeter project, which it is expected will eventually employ twenty-five veterans and will be self-supporting. Then \$10,000 was provided for the Red Cross Society to assist in the establishment of a veterans' hostel.

Mr. BROOKS: Is there anything left for any place else?

Mr. POWER: I think so.

Mr. CLARKE (Rosedale): How much of this \$100,000 is being expended in Toronto?

Mr. POWER: Toronto received \$48,000 last year under the land settlement scheme, and \$5,000 this year and \$10,000 for the poppy fund factory.

Mr. CLARKE (Rosedale): Is that \$43,000 less than last year?

Mr. POWER: The expenditure last year was a capital expenditure and will not have to be repeated this year.

Mr. GREEN: What progress has been made in setting up branch corps of commissionaires across Canada? I know from our experience in Vancouver that they are a fine body of men and have done a splendid work.

Mr. POWER: As my hon. friend knows, a corps has been set up in Montreal. Originally, there was a headquarters corps and General King was appointed as chairman, with Major Corrigan as secretary. They travelled across Canada setting up branch

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divisions. Vancouver has always been independent and has been remarkably successful in that way. I am under the impression that no assistance has ever been asked for or given to the Vancouver division. A division was organized in Calgary and has established a night patrol, and I am informed that thirty-five or forty men are employed at the present time.

Mr. BENNETT: They are doing splendid work there.

Mr. POWER: My right hon. friend says they are doing a very good work.

Mr. GREEN: Are branches being established anywhere else?

Mr. POWER: There are branches in Lethbridge, Windsor, Winnipeg, London, Toronto and Hamilton. I do not think they have been as successful in these other places as in Calgary in placing the number of men. I think Calgary is an outstanding example, and of course Vancouver has been doing this kind of work for several years, as also has Toronto.

Mr. GREEN: Will anything be supplied from this vote for commissionaires?

Mr. POWER: Yes.

Mr. GREEN: Some weeks ago the minister suggested that the collection of radio licence fees might be turned over to the unemployed veterans. What progress has been made along this line?

Mr. POWER: I have preached to the veterans' associations that I have met, the benefits of unity. We seem to be talking about unity a great deal these days. I think the veterans might get together as a unit and form some kind of a corporation. Having done that, they could go to the government and undertake, as a corporate body, to collect radio licence fees all over Canada. I have spoken to the minister, and I think he might be interested if he received a concrete proposal. About a month ago when I last visited the Toronto honorary committee we had quite a discussion on the matter. I do not mind saying that I do not think any one association can undertake this work; it would have to be a joint effort on the part of the ex-soldiers of Canada. So far nothing has been done.

Mr. GREEN: Probably it will amount to nothing.

Mr. POWER: I cannot control the soldiers' associations.

Mr. GREEN: The suggestion has also been made to establish highway patrols. What progress has been made in this connection?