

designate the Review and Appeal Tribunals to be constituted under the proposed amendments to the Pension Act.

2. That the Governor in Council may, on the recommendation of the minister, appoint an ex-member of the Forces to be an Official Soldiers' Adviser in each unit or district of the department, at such salary or remuneration as may be decided in each case, with prescribed duties.

3. That the minister shall have power to appoint a person or persons to hear and receive evidence on oath in respect of any matter pertaining to the department or procedure of the department.

He said: Mr. Speaker, His Excellency the Governor General having been informed of the subject matter of this resolution has given his consent and commends it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Motion agreed to.

WOMEN AND COUNCIL OF HEALTH

On the Orders of the Day:

Miss AGNES C. MACPHAIL (Southeast Grey): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the government if two women have been appointed to the Dominion Council of Health to replace Mrs. Tood, of Orillia, and Miss H. Reid, of Montreal; and, if not, why?

Hon. Mr. BELAND: Did the hon. lady ask whether two women had been appointed?

Miss MACPHAIL: Two women.

Mr. BELAND: I understand that only one has been appointed.

PRIVILEGE—Mr. IRVINE

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. WILLIAM IRVINE (Calgary East): Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of privilege. Yesterday afternoon, when we were discussing the situation of certain Hebridean immigrants, the hon. Minister of the Interior (Mr. Stewart) challenged the facts which I then presented. I have here a telegram from Mr. W. McD. Davidson, who is editor of the Calgary Albertan—

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. On a question of privilege or any other question of a similar nature no writing or communication from the outside can be read to contradict statements made by members of the House in the course of a debate.

Mr. IRVINE: Then, Mr. Speaker, may I refer to this communication without quoting it?

Mr. SPEAKER: What cannot be done directly cannot be done indirectly. On any day, except Friday of course—because to-day the Speaker leaves the chair without any

motion being put—when the House goes into Committee of Supply the hon. member has his remedy.

ADULTERATION OF CANADIAN GRAIN

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. E. J. GARLAND (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Robb) if it is correct that last summer he held a quiet inquiry into the operations of an organization, or alleged organization, engaged at American ports in the business of adulterating Canadian grain for export. If so, what were the results of the inquiry, and when may we expect a report thereon to be tabled?

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I never heard of such an organization until to-day.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): No inquiries, then were held last summer by the minister or by his department as to such adulteration?

Mr. ROBB: I am not sure what my hon. friend refers to. If he would be more specific I might be able to give him the information he desires.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): Perhaps I can put my question directly. Were any inquiries made by the minister or his department last summer into the adulteration of Canadian grain at American ports?

Mr. ROBB: Mr. Speaker, last year we had a complaint from the London Corn Exchange that Canadian grain reaching London was not up to standard. I met the members in their exchange hall, London, and the chairman made it clear that they had no complaints against Canadian grain reaching England from Canadian ports; their complaints were against Canadian grain reaching England through certain United States ports. We instructed the Board of Grain Commissioners—one of the inspectors went along with them—to make an actual survey of the conditions there affecting the receiving and the loading of grain going out to those ports. The chairman of the board and the chief grain inspector have gone over with the idea that they will reach there about the time the first ships arrive from Canada and from the United States. They will make inquiries and observations with a view to giving the government information regarding the condition of the grain that reaches the other side.