

Mr. Ryan of the House of Commons. Our committee and the delegates certainly gave an excellent account of themselves at the meeting.

We also had the opportunity of visiting our forces in different parts of France and Germany. It was no surprise to me, nor, I am sure, to the other members of the delegation, to note how well trained were these men and what an excellent spirit existed, except for the fact, of course, that some of the air force units have to move from their present locations to others, which is giving them great concern.

I therefore wish to ask the honourable sponsor if item 45 has anything to do with the cost of moving our air force from France into Germany, which I understand must take place before April of next year.

May I also ask what will become of the buildings and the other military set up at Marville and the other Canadian stations. I know the officers and other ranks of Marville, where we spent considerable time coming and going, have an excellent set-up in the matter of accommodation for married people, barracks, schools and other facilities, and these of course will have to be abandoned before April of next year.

Another item I should like some information on is item 1 under National Gallery of Canada on page 13. This has to do with the administration, operation and maintenance including the payment of \$500,000 to the National Gallery Purchase Account for the purpose of acquiring works of art. Could the sponsor give us a list of some of the items that have been acquired by the National Gallery of Canada? Of course we know that the \$5 million picture has not been acquired. However, the amount of \$500,000 is mentioned, and it would be interesting to know just what items have been purchased or intended for purchase.

In connection with the Centennial Commission, on page 19, items 35, 40 and 45 specify the amounts that are to be paid to each of the provinces. I was wondering if this could be broken down to show the amount that each province will receive.

The honourable sponsor mentioned "Railways and Steamships," on page 21, with respect to the Maritime Freight Rates Act, and that we would have an opportunity of discussing that later when the MacPherson Report and the transportation bill are before us.

One page 34 is an item entitled "University Grants." Since I returned to Ottawa I have

had the opportunity and pleasure of reading Senator MacKenzie's remarks in connection with university grants. This item mentions the amount of \$38,400,000. In reading Senator MacKenzie's remarks I was greatly impressed with the cost of university education in Canada today in relation to the projected cost in the years to come, which Senator MacKenzie mentioned. An amount of \$38,400,000 seems very small, compared to over \$1 billion which he anticipates will be the cost of university education a few years hence.

I was glad to hear the honourable Senator Deschatelet's remarks on the Dominion Coal Board and concerning the \$10 million which is being voted to assist in the competition of Canadian coal with United States coal. I think that is money well spent and will be greatly appreciated in certain parts of the Atlantic provinces.

I had some other items to mention, but I will take the opportunity of asking questions in committee. However, I wish to make a brief remark on items 10c and 25c, to be found on pages 46 and 47 with reference to Veterans Affairs. I understand that the pension increase is to be 15 per cent over the increase that was made in 1964. At that time I understand the veterans asked for a 15 per cent increase but received 10 per cent. The 15 per cent increase is quite fair, but not as substantial as we would expect. However, I understand it is to be an interim increase, and that after the Wood Report a bill will be introduced to increase it along the lines of that report.

So far as War Veterans Allowance is concerned, the increase from \$94 a month to \$105 for single veterans is a fair one. A ceiling increase from \$133 to \$145 is in the right direction, but hardly sufficient in my opinion. The increase in allowance of \$175 over \$161, being \$14 a month, for married veterans is modest; however, I think the ceiling in this case might also have been raised.

The items I have mentioned are very small. The vote to veterans amounts to a few millions of dollars. These are people who are most deserving. I do not believe anyone would criticise an increase to the war veterans, either under the Pensions Act or under the War Veterans Allowance Act.

Honourable senators, it is not my intention to take up additional items at this time. As the sponsor stated, he does not intend to discuss the items but after studying them he will arrange for them to be dealt with in committee. I approve of this procedure.