

I wish to thank the Minister of Pensions and National Health for saying that the matter will be given attention.

Mr. MACDONALD (Brantford City): I do not think the hon. member for Weyburn should have used the word "ignorance". He should be asked to withdraw.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): I shall be glad to withdraw the word "ignorance" with respect to the hon. member.

Mr. MARTIN: Let us all control our tempers.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): Of necessity the bill is very limited as to the number of returned men who will be affected by it. As I have already said, it will not touch, for instance, men who were unemployed prior to enlistment. That covers a large number. Any of us who remember the fall of 1939, and the thousands of men—

Mr. MARTIN: That will be covered in the other bills.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): There are other measures to look after that situation. There are many other measures. I sent a circular letter to every hon. member in the house with reference to the terms of an order in council passed on October 1, 1941, in which there are specific measures for looking after those who were unemployed before.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): The minister was out of the house when I referred to order in council P.C. 7633, and the provisions in respect thereto. But if he wishes, I shall pick up the thread of my argument.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): Yes.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): The order in council in question cares for men who come under the unemployment insurance scheme for only a period of time equivalent to their length of service, but not more than fifty-two weeks.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): That is only one of six specific benefits enumerated in the order in council.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): That is quite correct. But let us consider the man who was unemployed prior to enlistment, and who now finds that when he leaves the army he receives the benefits under the order in council to which the minister has referred. He may be in a position to take the vocational training. But there will have to be something much more comprehensive if we are to guarantee

him two things: we have either to guarantee him care, and be responsible for him until he can be placed—

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): That is exactly what the order in council does.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): I must differ from the minister.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): I do not think my hon. friend is familiar with P.C. 91, which was complementary to the order in council of October 1.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): I have it here as a matter of fact. I am pointing out that the whole problem of rehabilitation boils down to three things. First, the government must be prepared to accept complete responsibility for the men until such time as they are gainfully employed, irrespective of the length of time required for that purpose. Second, the government is responsible for the training of these people, so that they can be put into some—

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): That is all arranged for.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Let him finish.

Mr. MARTIN: This whole discussion is out of order.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): I am surprised that my hon. friend is not more familiar with what has already been done.

Mr. COLDWELL: I rise to a point of order. The minister will have ample opportunity to reply to the statements made by the hon. member for Weyburn, and I suggest he ought not to interrupt, unless he has permission from the chair to do so. There is no hon. member in the house who rises more frequently to points of order with respect to other people than does the minister himself. I would ask him too to observe the rules.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): I thought I was rising with the consent of the hon. member for Weyburn.

Mr. MARTIN: I rise to a point of order. This is an important discussion, but hon. members have not come prepared to discuss the whole question. The question before us now is Bill No. 5, which has to do with a relatively small but specific problem related to the whole matter. I do not wish in any way to interrupt the discussion, because it is an important one, and one in which I purpose taking part. But we ought to discuss only