

Mr. KYTE: That is not the total amount, the total was \$24,620.33.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: The total amount is made up as follows:

Pay of 16 officers of the Active Militia . . . . .	\$ 3,984.00
Subsistence 16 officers of the Active Militia } . . . . .	
Subsistence 5 officers of the Permt. Militia } . . . . .	8,399.87
Estimated steamship passages 17 officers . . . . .	3,330.00
Motor hire of party in England and on continent . . . . .	6,904.26
Other transport and travelling expenses . . . . .	1,284.74
Incidental expenses disbursed by Col. Biggar . . . . .	129.46
Subsistence and travelling expenses two private secretaries and two orderlies . . . . .	588.00
	\$24,620.33

Mr. KYTE: One of the items is for the pay of officers while attending the manœuvres. Were these officers not in the employ of the Militia Department?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: No, they were in the Militia Force, but not on the permanent staff. There were about twenty militia officers who were not on the pay roll.

Mr. KYTE: Is there any report in the Department of Militia as to the result of manœuvres that were performed?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: I have no doubt that there will be a report in the department in connection with this trip. I think the country has benefited greatly by the visit of these officers in Europe. They would be able to learn a good deal about warfare in the continental armies, a great advantage which they would not have if they had never made this trip. Some of these officers have been engaged actively at the front, and some have been killed.

Mr. KYTE: One of the advantages is the valuable suggestion Miss McAdam received while attending these manœuvres, which resulted in a shovel being patented by the Militia Department, and a considerable expenditure of money involved in it. Is there any item of the minister's own expenses there, apart from the expenses of the other officers?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: There would be no details in respect of the minister's travelling expenses.

Mr. NESBITT: That would be charged to the general expenses of the militia, would it not?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: There is an item for contingencies, and I presume it would come under that, but there is no account of these travelling expenses. It is not a very large item.

Mr. KYTE: Would the minister be able to say what use was made of the large

quantity of shovels which were purchased from the Midvale Steel Company, and sent across with the first contingent of the Canadian troops that went overseas in 1914?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: I am informed that the shovels to which the hon. member refers were sent to the Old Country. Whether they were sent to the front I am not prepared to say.

Mr. KYTE: Does the hon. minister know whether any use was made of them or not?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: I could not possibly answer that question.

Mr. KYTE: This being rather an unusual item, and as there is a desire on the part of a great many members of this House to get full particulars, I think it would be well to let the item stand over till further information has been obtained.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: The expenditure has been discussed in the House almost every year since it was made, and the total amount expended is not in excess of amounts spent by previous ministers. Under those circumstances, I hardly think it fair that the item should stand over. I have read what the ex-minister stated in regard to the amounts spent formerly, which were larger than the item before us.

Mr. KYTE: The item has been discussed in a general way from time to time, but, inasmuch as the vote of Parliament was not asked to defray the expenses incurred on this trip, the public would not have so much interest in it. But now that Parliament is asked to pass the vote I think that further discussion is very desirable. With all deference, I do not think the hon. minister has given a full explanation of the reasons why this item should be delayed for four years without Parliament being asked to make the vote. I think a good deal of correspondence must have passed between the Auditor General and the Department of Militia and Defence,