

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): Last year when the minister gave a similar table I believe it also showed those enlistments on a per capita basis, and the number of trainees called out, also on a capita basis.

Mr. RALSTON: This does not give that information; it is just for the first four months of this year. I could probably file a statement bringing that information up to date. I think my hon. friend refers to the statement that was given as of December 31, and I shall see if I cannot bring that up to date. I think that contains a percentage figure.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): Yes, it does.

Mr. RALSTON: I shall try to bring it up to date. I presume there is no need of reading this document.

Mr. GRAYDON: To what date is the statement?

Mr. RALSTON: It is for the four months, to April 30.

Mr. GRAYDON: I understand the hon. member for Weyburn asks for the figures for the remainder of the period from that time until now.

Mr. RALSTON: No; he was asking for the percentage per capita.

Mr. GRAYDON: That is your latest information?

Mr. RALSTON: Yes, up to April 30; we get day to day telegraphic reports, of course, for current enlistments.

Mr. STIRLING: Will the minister now answer the further question of the hon. member for Lake Centre with regard to the 91,000 Canadians in the United States, and the success which attended the recruiting stations? I believe the minister has answered only that portion which deals with the transfer of those who have enlisted in the United States army. I know the hon. member for Lake Centre is anxious to have the answer to the question whether we are missing potential recruits among those 91,000.

Mr. RALSTON: I cannot answer that question now. I thought I had the statement with me, but it does not seem to be readily available.

Mr. STIRLING: Will the minister bring it down later?

Mr. RALSTON: Yes; it will be here on Monday. I may possibly be able to find it before we adjourn.

May I answer one more question, namely, that asked on May 27, 1943, by the hon.

member for St. John-Albert (Mr. Hazen), as reported at page 3080 of *Hansard*. He asked about the pay for artillery signallers, pointing out that those in the signal corps were getting specialty pay, while artillery signallers were not. I say to him now that artillery signallers are now classified as tradesmen, and under authority of order 144, 1943, after January 1, 1943, they are eligible for extra pay.

Mr. GREEN: He had also asked a question about the cost of publicity. Has the minister that information?

Mr. RALSTON: I have not obtained it yet, but I shall have it on Monday. If I remember correctly, the hon. member asked for a break-down of all the officers and of the civilian personnel.

Mr. GRAYDON: There may be one or two further questions which have not been answered. It may be that some hon. members who are away on a visit to the war plants may have further questions when they come back.

Mr. RALSTON: I am not purporting to have answered all of them.

Mr. GILLIS: I do not wish to break the continuity of this discussion. I was going to say something about travel, transportation and freight; that is, if I am in order. And if I am, everybody else is out of order.

Mr. PERLEY: There is one question I should like to ask now, and it would only require a moment to answer it.

The CHAIRMAN: The hon. member may ask it.

Mr. PERLEY: I did not say anything yesterday, although I had about twenty questions to ask. As I listened, however, I found that nearly all of those questions were answered. But I believe the one I shall now ask is worthy of consideration. Three or four cases have been brought to my attention where the mother of three or four boys finds herself in difficulty. I have in mind one case where the mother has three sons, two of whom are overseas, and a fourth who was called up only recently. She has found that she has had to desert her husband, if I may use that expression. We have heard some talk about desertion by husbands, but in this instance the wife is the deserter. She cannot persuade her husband to give her sufficient accommodation, food or clothing for the rest of the children.