

We then decide what we want from the army benevolent fund, and so on. This is the main or major factor or change, the need for a concerted effort by a number of funds. This we try to co-ordinate in the welfare services.

Mr. LANIEL: Would this mean that the tendency would be for this fund to need an increase in grants, because of increasing needs, and as the funds go down?

Mr. RIDER: No. These funds I am talking about are not necessarily public moneys at all.

Mr. LANIEL: I know, but you get services from them in co-operation with the work, do you not?

Mr. RIDER: Yes, but these are generally trust funds which have been left, and these are used until there is nothing left. It is helpful occasionally when a new fund comes in that we can use again. But there are normally no grants to these funds to increase the funds. I think the grant for the army benevolent fund is one for administrative assistance.

Mr. LANIEL: And there is no grant for the air force fund or anything?

Mr. RIDER: No.

Mr. MACRAE: The grant to the Canadian Legion is \$9,000. How long has it been at that particular figure?

Mr. MACE: Ever since 1933, when it was reduced from \$10,000 to \$9,000, when there was a 10 per cent reduction applied to many government expenditures at that time.

Mr. MACRAE: Has there been a request for an increase in that grant over the past years?

Mr. MACE: No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions on item 5? There is one item on page 501, the war veterans' allowance board. Mr. Cromb is here today, and he might discuss it with you.

Mr. McINTOSH: May we have an explanation of the increase on page 506 from \$145,000 to \$155,000 under war service gratuities? We notice there is an increase from \$145,000 to \$155,000 on page 506 under statutory war service gratuities, and re-establishment credits. Why is there an increase in this one particular item?

Mr. RIDER: This is because of a repayment of the re-establishment credit where the credit has been exhausted and repaid by the veteran to settle under the Veterans' Land Act, and the settlement is not effective. Under this item we pay back to the veteran the amount he had paid in cash, this is the amount we have been spending. We feel that we shall need more this year than we did last year.

Mr. McINTOSH: On page 505 there is a decrease in war service gratuities and re-establishment credit. Do you feel there is not going to be as large a demand this coming year?

Mr. RIDER: That is right. I mentioned under re-establishment credits that the expenditures have dropped considerably from about \$900,000 in 1962-63 to about \$353,000 in 1963-64. It may be that while it has now dropped, at a later date it will increase again very rapidly. These figures are based, of course, on the trend of expenditures that we are having.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Rider. Now, Mr. Cromb.

Mr. W. T. CROMB (*Chairman, War Veterans Allowance Board*): Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I might have permission to table the material which I have distributed; it consists of a table showing the number of recipients of war veterans' allowance, by wars, on strength as at March 31, 1964, with the total annual expenditure, and also a table showing number of recipients of