

That the report of the Special Committee on Bill No. 10, an Act to amend the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment Act, the minutes of their proceedings and the evidence taken by them and presented to the House on the 31st October, together with a suitable index to be prepared by the Clerk of the Committee, be printed in the Appendix to the Journals of the present session.

That 1,000 extra copies in English and 250 extra copies in French of the said report, minutes, proceedings and evidence, and 50,000 copies in English and 10,000 copies in French of the said report be printed forthwith for distribution, and that Rule 74 thereto be suspended in relation.

Mr. FRANK CAHILL (Pontiac): Does the minister expect to distribute these extra copies among the returned soldiers?

Mr. CALDER: Many members of the House have expressed a desire to have extra copies—in some cases as many as 1,000—of this report, and even if they are each limited to two or three hundred copies, the 50,000 copies asked for will not go very far.

Mr. D. D. McKENZIE: Do I understand these proceedings are to appear in a separate volume, or will they form part of the Journals of the House?

Mr. CALDER: The idea is that the report itself and all the proceedings, including the evidence, shall be embodied in the Journals of the House. In addition to that the extra copies provided for in the resolution are to be printed.

Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING: How does the minister intend to make distribution of these reports? Will regard be had to the different constituencies of the Dominion, or has he any particular form of distribution in mind?

Mr. CALDER: I should think a regulation should be made allotting a certain number to each member. After the demands of members of the House have been met, the distribution could be made in any way deemed advisable by the officials who have it in charge. I think a certain number of copies should be at the disposal of members of the House for a certain length of time and after they have been exhausted the distribution office, or whatever official may be supervising the matter should distribute the remainder.

Mr. McKENZIE: It is intended then to print the report and the evidence in a separate volume?

Mr. CALDER: Yes.

Mr. J. A. ROBB (Chateaugay-Huntingdon): I suppose it is well understood that [Mr. Calder.]

when the report does go out it will not be padded in any way, for instance, by incorporating with it the speeches of hon. gentlemen who spoke in favour of making a grant of extra gratuities, and of referring the report back to the committee.

Mr. CALDER: The motion speaks for itself.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by asterisks.)

AMNESTY TO M. S. A. DEFAULTERS.

*Mr. GAUVREAU:

1. Is it the intention of the Government to advise the Imperial authorities that it would be desirable that His Majesty King George V should proclaim a general amnesty throughout the whole of His Empire, in favour of those who violated the Military Service Act either in England or in the Dominions, on the day of the official proclamation of Peace?

2. If so, is it the intention of the Government to take advantage of the official proclamation of the Peace in Canada in order to proclaim a general amnesty to the defaulters of the Military Service Act, especially to the sons of farmers who have always understood that their services on the farms were just as valuable as those who had enlisted for overseas service?

Hon. Mr. DOHERTY: Any action that the Government may decide upon in reference to the matter referred to, will be announced in due course.

EXPENDITURE ON PUBLIC WORKS.

Mr. CAMPBELL:

1. What is the estimated cost of laying steel on the Hudson Bay railway, from Mile 332 to Port Nelson, Mile 424?

2. Will the financial condition of the country now permit of this cost being incurred?

3. Does the financial condition of the country permit of the expenditure of \$1,329,000 on the Trent Canal this year?

4. Does the financial condition of the country permit of the expenditure of \$3,675,000 on the Welland Canal this year?

5. According to the newspaper reports a proposition has been submitted to the Government for the Government to purchase the Edmonton, Dunvegan and B. C. railway. Will the financial condition of the country at the present time permit of the purchase of this railway?

Mr. DOHERTY:

1. Approximate estimate to complete track laying on Hudson Bay railway from Kettle Rapids Mile 332 to Port Nelson, Mile 424 with permanent structures over Limestone and Kisemachisk rivers using 80 lb. steel, ballasting, train filling, erecting tanks and telegraph line, \$1,750,000.

2, 3 and 4. Work on the Hudson Bay railway, Trent Canal and Welland Ship Canal