

When the regulations for compulsory military training for service within Canada were enacted, provision was made therein for the possible postponement of such military training for conscientious objectors, Mennonites and Doukhobors. Provision for postponement of training for the last two classes was granted pursuant to terms of orders in council enacted at the time these people were admitted into Canada.

The regulations provided that, notwithstanding postponement from military training of persons within these three groups, such persons might be required to render some type of alternative service.

The twenty-one year old class is now being called out for military training. Members of that age class whose military training is postponed as either conscientious objectors, Mennonites or Doukhobors will now be required to render either three or four months' labour service in lieu of military training and be subject to such further labour service as may be decided in the future.

In the case of Mennonites and conscientious objectors, an arrangement has been made with the federal Department of Mines and Resources to open camps in national parks and a camp in Ontario where Mennonites and conscientious objectors will be sent for their period of labour service. They will be called upon to do certain work in these parks which would not otherwise be done. The men will be supplied with board and lodging and will be paid fifty cents per day, but will be called upon to supply their own clothing.

In the case of Doukhobors, who are all in western Canada, negotiations are being conducted with provincial governments concerned under which certain road projects will be carried on under provincial control, and these men will be required to work on these projects under the conditions I have outlined.

Those who fail to report at these camps for work on these projects, when directed will be dealt with in the ordinary way as defaulters.

It is hoped to have these camps in operation on June 15, and, as the type of work to be done must of necessity be seasonal, the camps, with one or two exceptions, will be summer camps.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

AMENDMENT OF ACT TO PROVIDE FOR COOPERATION AS TO MEDICAL CARE OR COMPENSATION —BILL WITHDRAWN

Hon. H. A. BRUCE (Parkdale): Mr. Speaker, with your consent and with the consent of the house I would ask that Bill No. 21, order No. 17, standing in my name under public bills and orders, be withdrawn.

Bill withdrawn.

DOMINION SUCCESSION DUTY ACT

The house resumed from Wednesday, May 28, consideration in committee of Bill No. 79, to authorize the levying of duties in respect of successions—Mr. Ilesley—Mr. Vien in the chair.

Section 9 agreed to.

On section 10—Initial duty dependent on aggregate net value.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Would the minister give a brief explanation of this section? I understand that in the first place there shall be paid an initial duty based on the aggregate net value. I do not quite understand the necessity for the proviso. What is intended by the initial duty? What will be the scope of the operation, if that is a fair way to put it?

Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of Finance): That is the duty payable in respect of the estate. That is clear, is it not? There is no estate duty up to \$25,000. If the hon. gentleman will look at the schedule on page 25 he will see that the initial rates start at \$25,000. For estates of between \$5,000 and \$25,000 the additional rates apply, but not the initial rates. What this proviso says is just that there shall not be any initial rates for estates between \$5,000 and \$25,000.

Section agreed to.

On section 11—Additional duty.

Mr. MACDONALD (Brantford City): I notice there is a definition of child in clause (b), and child is also defined in the interpretation section. In clause (b) reference is made to a child of the deceased eighteen years of age or over. No reference is made to an adopted child.

Mr. ILSLEY: The interpretation section defines "child" as being a child under eighteen years of age, or a child who was dependent upon the deceased for support on account of mental or physical infirmity. In clause (a) of subsection 1 of section 11 the only reference to child is to one who would come within the terms of that definition. But when we come to clause (b) we find that we are talking about a child in the ordinary sense, that is a son or daughter of the deceased or a lineal descendant over eighteen years of age and not dependent upon the deceased. The child referred to in clause (b) is not a minor child.

Mr. HAZEN: There seems to be a defect in the draftsmanship; it is not very good.

Mr. ILSLEY: I suppose the point is that if you apply the definition of child as found in the interpretation section to the word