

**Mr. H. C. Chadderton, Secretary, Army Benevolent Fund, called:**

**Mr. CRUICKSHANK:** Now, Mr. Chairman, in order to make my question fair to Mr. Chadderton, what was the total amount—I am speaking now of the Army Benevolent Fund. How much has been expended up to the present date?

**The WITNESS:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, the total amount turned over to the Army Benevolent Fund in accordance with the Army Benevolent Fund Act was roughly \$9 million. The total benefits to date from the fund in direct financial grants is \$917,000, roughly. The exact figure is \$917,989.

**The ACTING CHAIRMAN:** You have had 6,631 applications?

**The WITNESS:** That would represent 6,631 awards.

**Mr. BROOKS:** How much is the fund being reduced, that is, taking into account the interest the government has been paying, the 2½ per cent interest, what is the fund today?

**The WITNESS:** The depletion of the fund has been nil, that is to say, we have received interest since the coming into force of the Act in 1947, and that interest has just about balanced what we have actually spent.

**Mr. CRUICKSHANK:** And how was that spent? Have you the records?

**The WITNESS:** I can give you no breakdown of the expenditure of that amount which was spent by the Army Interim Benevolent Fund prior to the coming into existence of the Army Benevolent Fund Act, although the total—

*By the Acting Chairman:*

**Q.** What is the date of Incorporation of the Army Benevolent Fund?  
—**A.** The Army Benevolent Fund came into existence commencing November, 1948, and we took over from the Army Interim Benevolent Fund on a province by province basis, and the taking over, I would say, took nine months.

**Q.** Well, give the date, the best information you can as of a starting point when you were in control and help him if you can, before you took over.  
—**A.** Well, the figures for the last fiscal year, that is, the fiscal year ended March 31, 1951, are as follows:

Prince Edward Island, \$9,000; Nova Scotia, \$39,000; New Brunswick, \$23,000; Quebec, \$54,000; Ontario, \$80,000; Manitoba, \$32,000; Saskatchewan, \$16,000; Alberta, \$43,000; British Columbia, \$27,000; United States, \$700; United Kingdom, \$723, and Army, \$35,870.

I think your committee, Mr. Chairman, would require an explanation in connection with that last figure. We do not keep the expenditures for World War II veterans in the army on a provincial basis, because of the mobility of the army. The figures on a provincial basis would mean nothing; consequently, we concentrate those all under one figure, irrespective of province. The total expenditure as represented by those figures for all provinces and the army was \$364,580.

**Mr. BROOKS:** What is the cost per year for the administration of the fund?

**The WITNESS:** Last year, Mr. Chairman,—if I could correct that please, the fiscal year ended March 31, 1951, the administrative expenses were \$63,000. As some of you may know, that figure was recently questioned by the Public Accounts Committee and we were able to indicate that a great proportion of that was represented by organizational costs, that is to say, we had to hire people, paying salaries, have them setting up agencies, doing staff training, etc. That is in connection with the \$63,000 figure for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1951. Administrative expenses for this year were \$45,000 roughly, plus other expenses of \$6,800. In explanation, Mr. Chairman, at the suggestion of the Auditor General we have broken down those figures which formerly