

EVIDENCE

MONDAY, March 2, 1959.
11.00 a.m.

The CHAIRMAN: We have a quorum, gentlemen, and we can now proceed with the discussion where it was left off the other day. We were still on the first item, 448, found on page 81 of your blue book, and the details on page 549.

We have the minister with us this morning for a short time. This is a visit we did not anticipate, sir, and we are glad to have you here. When the committee rose the other morning I believe we were dealing with the subject of unclaimed medals. I do not know whether or not that subject has been concluded. We discovered there were three members of the committee among those who had not been suitably awarded medals and we hope at some time during our sittings this morning to have their medals presented.

Shall we carry on with item 448? Are there any further questions on item 448?

Mr. LALONDE: Mr. Chairman, there were two questions which were unanswered at the last meeting. I would ask Mr. Black, the departmental secretary, to provide the answers to those questions.

Mr. C. F. BLACK (*Departmental Secretary*): Gentlemen, Mr. Matthews asked how many veterans are in the United Kingdom or are serviced by the departmental district office in London, England. We are unable to maintain, of course, an exact census of the veterans in the United Kingdom, but our best estimate is 20,000 veterans for whom our London, England, office is responsible.

The other question, asked by Mr. Herridge, was in respect of the annual report of the department, published by the Queen's Printer on information provided by the department. Each year we order 500 copies of the report in English. The cost of the 500 copies of the 1957-58 report was \$1,659.67. Of this 500 copies, 354 have been distributed within the department, 32 outside the department to the various veterans organizations and the British Ministry of Pensions and one or two other agencies. The remaining 114 copies are in the departmental stores. In addition, I understand the Queen's Printer prints 200 copies for free distribution to those who are entitled to, and ask for, them, and a further 100 copies are printed for sale at 25 cents a copy.

Issue of the French edition is delayed, due to the necessity for translation. The last report which was issued in French is for 1956-1957. The department orders 50 copies of which 21 have been distributed within the department, 2 outside the department, and 27 remaining in stores. The cost of these 50 copies to the department was \$1,641.78, which does not include the cost of translation which is done by the bureau of translations. I believe the Queen's Printer prints an additional 40 copies of the report in French for distribution similar to that explained in respect of the English copies, and a further 35 copies for sale at 25 cents each.

Mr. McINTOSH: I have a question I would like to ask in respect of gallantry awards. I think I wrote the department for a definite answer. Should I leave this question until we arrive at that item?

The CHAIRMAN: That would be preferable.

Mr. ORMISTON: May I ask a question on rental of office machines?