

form. This matter could be taken into consideration. Certainly cases such as have been alluded to by my hon. friend from Sunbury and Queens (Mr. McLean) ought not to be passed over. It will be a very easy matter to make any necessary amendment afterwards.

Section agreed to.

On section 14—by-laws and regulations:

Mr. H. H. McLEAN: I would suggest an amendment to paragraph 14, providing that the by-laws, rules and regulations made by this corporation shall be approved by the Governor General in Council. We do not know what rules and regulations they may make, and I think it would be only right for the Governor in Council to have some control over the by-laws and regulations made by this corporation.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: With all deference to my hon. friend, I hardly see the necessity of that. It seems to me that every necessary safeguard has already been provided, and I think the membership of the Association, as set forth in section 2, representing both sides of this House and the Senate, is a sufficient guarantee that the by-laws will be reasonable and effective.

Section agreed to.

On section 16—dissolution of corporation:

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: Inasmuch as a large number of the members of the corporation are now in the House, I would like to make a suggestion although not in the way of an amendment to the Bill. In soliciting subscriptions for this fund, I think its purpose should be made clear to the public. It is to secure funds for the dependents of men who have enlisted for service abroad. I think it is quite clear that the amount of charitable work that will be required in Canada within the next few months for persons dependent on men outside of those enlisting will be greater than that in connection with this fund, and one can easily see how the public might be deceived and imposed upon. I think no subscriptions should be taken without the subscriber distinctly understanding the express destination of his subscription. I would imagine that the average person in Canada would think that the object of this corporation was to distribute funds for general charitable work. The purpose of the corporation is of course expressed in the Bill, but I fear the public will not be aware

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of it, and I suggest that the corporation take very great care to let subscribers know the actual purpose of this fund so that its objects will not be confounded with other charitable work.

Mr. ROGERS: The suggestion of my hon. friend seems to be all right, and I shall be pleased to bring it to the attention of the members of the corporation.

Mr. DEVLIN: Does section 3 of this Bill cover the cases, say, of the men who serve on the Niobe or the Rainbow, and of men who may be on active service not outside of the Dominion of Canada?

SIR ROBERT BORDEN: It would certainly cover those. I was just inquiring of the Minister of Public Works as to whether that was perfectly plain.

Mr. LEMIEUX: That was the view taken the other day at the first meeting of the committee—that it applies to any man on active service during the present emergency.

Mr. ROGERS: That was the distinct understanding of the committee and of those who prepared the Bill.

Mr. LEMIEUX: The committee accepted the definition of active service as given in the Militia Act.

Mr. DEVLIN: I do not want to delay the proceedings by suggesting any amendment at this stage, but it might be well to have a promise of an amendment that the words 'may be on active service with the naval and military forces of the British Empire and Great Britain's allies,' may be held to mean, men in, as well as outside of the Dominion.

Mr. LEMIEUX: That is provided for, I think, in the definition of active service given in the Militia Act.

Mr. BOYCE: Would section 3 cover the case of Imperial naval reservists now resident in Canada who may go to the front, leaving their wives and families in Canada?

Mr. ROGERS: It was the understanding of the committee that the provisions of the Bill were broad enough to cover such cases.

Mr. LEMIEUX: The question came up before the committee as to whether reservists of the British, French and Belgian services would benefit by this Act.

Section agreed to.