

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

MISCELLANEOUS PRIVATE BILLS—VETERANS
AFFAIRS—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—CHANGE IN
PERSONNEL

Hon. LIONEL CHEVRIER (Minister of Transport) moved:

That the name of Mr. Bradshaw be substituted for that of Mr. Lockhart on the select standing committee on miscellaneous private bills; that the name of Mr. Fulton be substituted for that of Mr. Harkness on the special committee on veterans affairs; and further, that the name of Mr. Richard (Ottawa East) be substituted for that of Mr. McCubbin on the select standing committee on public accounts.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—PENSIONS

Mr. KNOWLES:

1. How many employees now working for the Canadian National Railways are making payments toward a supplemental pension in addition to the basic pension of \$25.00 per month to which they will be entitled on retirement at age 65?

2. How many employees now working for the Canadian National Railways will be entitled on retirement, according to their present status, to only the basic pension of \$25.00 per month?

Mr. CHEVRIER:

1. The number of employees making payments toward a supplemental annuity is 31,858.

2. There is no record of the number of employees who on retirement will be entitled to only the basic pension of \$25 per month.

CANADIAN ARMY

Mr. FULTON:

1. What is (a) the authorized strength of the Active Canadian Army? Has this been amended and if so, what is the effect of the amendment; (b) the present actual strength of the Active Army?

2. What is the distribution, by commands, of Active Army personnel presently on strength?

3. Of the personnel in each command as shown in the answer to question 2, how many are (a) effective fighting forces; (b) administrative, service and desk troops?

4. (a) What is the present authorized strength in officers and other ranks respectively of each unit or part unit of all arms and services (giving names), which comprise the brigade group forming the field force of the Active Army? (b) What is the actual number of officers and other ranks respectively presently on strength in each unit or part unit covered in 4 (a)?

Mr. LAPOINTE:

The hon. member has agreed to drop parts 3 and 4 of the question. Parts 1 and 2 are answered.

1. (a) 26,329—subject to the total actual strength not exceeding 20,079 at the present.

(b) 15,409.

2. Army Headquarters	1,925
Eastern Command	1,081
Quebec Command	2,096
Central Command	5,203
Prairie Command	2,093
Western Command	2,798
Special Duty and Courses	213
Total	15,409

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—PENSIONS

Mr. KNOWLES:

1. How many retired employees of the Canadian National Railways are in receipt of only the basic pension of \$25.00 per month?

2. How many receive the basic pension of \$25.00 per month plus a supplemental pension?

3. How many of said supplemental pensions are (a) less than \$20.00 per month; (b) \$20.00 to \$29.99; (c) \$30.00 to \$39.99; (d) \$40.00 to \$49.99; (e) \$50.00 to \$59.99; (f) \$60.00 per month or over?

Mr. CHEVRIER:

The Canadian National Railways advise as follows:

1. Pensions paid solely at the expense of the railway consist of either a basic pension of \$25 or a service pension in excess of \$25. The number of employees who receive only a basic or service pension is:

Less than \$25 per month	60 (old plan)
\$25 per month	2,584
\$25.01 to \$29.99 per month ...	875
\$30.00 to \$39.99 per month ...	667
\$40.00 to \$49.99 per month ...	365
\$50.00 to \$59.99 per month ...	225
\$60 or over per month	574
	5,350

2. The number of pensions paid partly at the expense of the railway and partly arising from employee contributions is:

\$25.01 to \$29.99 per month	470
\$30.00 to \$39.99 per month	1,994
\$40.00 to \$49.99 per month	1,305
\$50.00 to \$59.99 per month	873
\$60 or over per month	3,509
	8,151

3. See answer to No. 2.