

of the different Provinces? It is a very important matter, however, and I hope the Government will give us more information upon it than they have vouchsafed up to the present time.

Mr. FERGUSON (Loods). I am glad to see that my hon. friend from Grey has taken such an interest in this question; but there is a strange feature about it. First, he finds fault with the Minister for not having a fully digested policy on this question already. The question has only been before the country for fifteen or sixteen months. How strange is the zeal manifested opposite will be understood, when I say that if my information and observation are correct, two meetings of the Medical Association of the Dominion of Canada have been held in the city of Ottawa, and yet not a single Grit doctor has attended or taken the slightest interest in them.

Mr. SPROULE. I think my hon. friend from South Grey (Mr. Landerkin) mistook the object of the vote. I think it was explained by the hon. Minister of Agriculture, and understood at the time, that the vote could not be used for promoting the health of the people, but for collecting health statistics, and that is the reason why the scheme desired by certain medical men in the House was not elaborated. I believe the hon. Minister of Agriculture went as far in that direction as the law allowed him, and he said he was willing to ask for an amendment to enable him to elaborate a scheme if it was thought desirable.

Mr. LANDERKIN. The hon. member for Loods and Grenville has stated in the House that not a Grit doctor attended the convention held here. I attended on several days, but I never saw the hon. member there at all.

Mr. BERGIN. This, I believe, happened with respect to meetings held in this building. There were two deputations to the Government, and the hon. member for South Grey, like the King of France, walked up the hill and then walked down again.

PENSIONS.

51. {	John Bright, Messenger, House of Assembly...	\$ 80 00
	Lady Cartier.....	1,200 00

New Militia Pensions.

	Mrs. Caroline McEachern.....	\$ 184 00
	Janet Anderson.....	110 00
	Margaret McKenzie.....	80 00
	Mary Ann Ritchey and one child.....	240 00
	Mary Morrison.....	80 00
	Louis Prud'homme.....	21 00
	Virginie Charron and one child.....	1 0 00
	Paul M. Rotins.....	145 40
	Charles T. Bell.....	73 20
	Alex. Oliphant.....	109 80
	Charles Lugaden.....	91 50
	Thomas Charters.....	91 50
	Charles T. Robertson.....	110 00
	Percy G. Routh.....	400 00
52. {	Richard S. King.....	400 00
	George A. McKenzie.....	73 20
	Edwin Hilder.....	146 40
	Fergus Schofield.....	73 20
	John Bradley.....	109 80
	James Bryan.....	109 80
	Ensign W. Fahey.....	200 00
	Mary Hodgins and three children.....	191 00
	John Martin.....	110 00
	Mrs. J. Thorburn.....	150 00
	Mrs. P. T. Wortington and one child.....	250 00
	Mrs. J. H. Elliott and one child.....	120 00
	Mrs. George Prentice and three children.....	352 00
	Mary Hannan Tempest and child.....	293 00
	T. Robinson.....	50 00

53. To meet the probable amount required for pensions to veterans of war of 1812..... \$18,000

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Will the hon. Minister of Militia tell me how many of these old gentlemen still survive?

Mr. CARON. Last year we paid 784; this year we have estimated to pay 600 pensions, at \$300.

Mr. LANDERKIN.

Mr. WILSON. I wish to call the attention of the Minister of Militia to one of the veterans who, he led me to understand, was on the roll and receiving pay. I was also in correspondence with him during the recess, when I was given to understand that he was placed upon the roll. Since that time, I have been informed that his name is not on the roll, or if it is, he has not received his pension.

Mr. CARON. I forget altogether to whom the hon. gentleman refers. There are so many applications with reference to veterans in the course of a year, that the hon. gentleman will understand that I may easily have forgotten the particular one he refers to. Of course, whatever I answered the hon. gentleman at the time, was from the information I possessed. If he will send in the name of the veteran he refers to, I will be glad to give him any information I possess.

Mr. WILSON. I did send in the name and an affidavit along with it, and I got an answer from the Deputy Minister stating that his name was on the pension roll. That I thought was satisfactory, and I notified the party, who had written to me. Time went on, and when the time passed when he should have received his pension, I was asked why he did not receive it. Why he has not been paid I cannot understand.

Mr. CARON. As the hon. gentleman knows, it is necessary to carry out the Statute. The requirements imposed upon the Department are provided for in that law. Either, as the hon. gentleman supposes, that veteran was put upon the list—and if he has not received his money it must be by some mistake for which I am not able to account—or else he did not make out a case. The affidavits may have been found, in this, as in many cases, not satisfactory. If the hon. gentleman will send in the name of that particular person, I shall be glad to have the matter looked into.

Mr. WILSON. I was informed from the Department that these two men were on the roll. Mr. Richards is one, living in Port Morpeth; the other, whose name I forget, lives in Springfield. I was informed they were on the roll, and receiving pensions, but they told me they never received a cent.

Mr. FERGUSON (Loods and Grenville). I remember when this vote was first placed on the Estimates, it was as a consideration of merit, and of a plea also of necessity in many cases. I know many instances where the widows of these old men are in want of relief and the small amount of gratuity would be very important to them. I urged their cases but was met with the reply that it could not be done this year. I think, if possible, the Statute should be changed as a compliment to the widows of those old men. In many cases the \$25 or \$30 would be a very important item. They are tottering on the verge of the grave and in poverty.

Mr. CARON. These pensions are authorized by the Consolidated Statutes of Ontario in one case and by the Statutes of Lower Canada in the other instance. It is impossible for me to travel outside the Statutes and grant these pensions to the widows of the men provided for under them. Moreover, this is a part of the debt which has been assumed by the Dominion Government, belonging to the old Provinces, and we could not make any change now without referring the matter again to two Provinces.

Mr. PATERSON (Brant). Is the amount to remain at \$30 per head?

Mr. CARON. When I came in, it was \$20; I increased it to \$30, which is fixed as the amount hereafter to be paid.

Mr. PATERSON. As the number die, will the hon. Minister increase the amount?

Mr. CARON. It has been decided to keep the limit at \$30.

Mr. PATERSON. You estimate 600 are still alive?

Mr. CARON. Yes; last year we had 784.