

\$227,000. The chapels can be thrown open or can be used for the religious service of either denomination. When they are not being used for that purpose, there are private rooms where the chaplains may meet their parishioners. Religious centres are being built in all camps where a request has been made by the principal chaplain.

Item agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: The next item is No. 5, personnel supplies and services; food, medical and dental stores, clothing and personal equipment, \$185,868,300.

Mr. GREEN: About two months ago an announcement was made in the press that the army intended to reclaim thousands of men by curing physical defects. As I understood it, men who were not eligible for enlistment in the army would be taken in and given an operation or other necessary treatment in order to bring them up to the category which would permit them to serve. Has any progress been made with this plan?

Mr. RALSTON: It would be difficult to give any statistics with regard to the army. As I remember it, the plan was that a man who volunteered and required remedial treatment would be sent to the Department of Pensions and National Health under a certain scheme of pay if he were a serious case. If he were a less serious case, if he had some disability which could be readily cured, he would be enlisted in the army and treated by the army. I cannot give my hon. friend any statistics about those who came into the army, but I think any that were taken in would be taken in only on the sound judgment of the medical officers. I am advised that in connection with the Department of Pensions and National Health perhaps a few hundred have taken advantage of the provisions. These were mainly operative cases.

Mr. GREEN: Are the men enlisted before they get treatment?

Mr. RALSTON: Not the serious cases; they go to the Department of Pensions and National Health.

Mr. GREEN: How do they get back to the army?

Mr. RALSTON: They are discharged to the army.

Mr. GREEN: Are they attested before they go to the hospital?

Mr. RALSTON: No. We do not enlist the men that go to the Department of Pensions

and National Health. They volunteer for the operation or other treatment and then come back to the army.

Mr. GREEN: Is that not the old scheme? I was referring to a new scheme that had been announced.

Mr. RALSTON: I do not know what my hon. friend is referring to.

Mr. GREEN: The scheme announced in March of this year was that a man would be enlisted and then receive treatment; the scheme the minister speaks of is one which has been in force for a considerable time. Under that scheme a man went voluntarily and took treatment and then when he was cured he enlisted or not as he chose. I should like to know what steps have been taken under the new plan.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not know whether these questions would come under the item which covers personnel supplies and services; food, medical and dental stores. It is for the committee to decide.

Mr. GREEN: I think they would come under medical stores.

Mr. RALSTON: I think I indicated that medical matters could be discussed under this item.

Mr. GREEN: Can the minister give us any information about this scheme?

Mr. RALSTON: I am sorry, but I cannot. I have just sent for the information. I do not know of any change under which we enlist a man in the army when it is not almost certain that he will react successfully to remedial treatment. I am bound to say that my hon. friend has caught me off base when he refers to a report in March to the effect that some change has been made. I shall have the information very soon.

Mr. GREEN: I will send over the clipping.

Mr. GRAYDON: I should like to ask a question with regard to the clothing allowance, which I think would be within the purview of this particular item. General order 139 was issued by the army and under it a number of personnel were called up for service, many of whom were veterans of the last war. These men were taken into the administrative and training staffs at the basic training and other centres in Canada. Some of these men have been discharged for various reasons. Under the ordinary discharge arrangements, when a man leaves the army he is given a clothing allowance or the equivalent in clothing. I have had complaints from time to time from men discharged from the basic training centres who