

*War Appropriation—Army*

Mr. CASTLEDEN: I think that to discharge him from the army and tell him that after three months' rest his heart will be all right puts him beyond the pale so far as getting any redress for his condition is concerned.

Mr. RALSTON: Has my hon. friend brought that case up?

Mr. CASTLEDEN: Yes. It naturally goes to the Department of Pensions and National Health when he is out of the army.

Mr. RALSTON: But my hon. friend has something against the army, namely, the advice of the medical officer on which, I understand, he thinks the pension board are relying in connection with the decision as to whether the disability is due to service; is that true?

Mr. CASTLEDEN: Yes.

Mr. RALSTON: But has the case been brought to the attention of my department?

Mr. CASTLEDEN: No; I brought it to the attention of the Department of Pensions and National Health. But I will refer that case to the minister.

Mr. RALSTON: I would appreciate it.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: And I would also appreciate some action with regard to the other case.

Mr. RALSTON: Now, will my hon. friend permit me? The other case, as I remember it, and I think I have it in mind—was it not the one which began at Petawawa?

Mr. CASTLEDEN: Yes.

Mr. RALSTON: As I remember it, we collected a sort of diary of the different dates on which moves were made, and finally got him out west. I think he received the truss out there, or did he receive it at Petawawa?

Mr. CASTLEDEN: No, he received that in Regina.

Mr. RALSTON: He did receive it in Regina?

Mr. CASTLEDEN: Yes.

Mr. RALSTON: I do not think the feature of the case my hon. friend is bringing up now was drawn to my attention. The feature he is bringing up is whether our regulations and our practice are sufficient to ensure that the facts in respect of an accident are promptly gathered when the incident is fresh in people's minds. Was that point brought up before?

Mr. CASTLEDEN: Yes. What I wanted to point out was that, had there been an investigation of the accident at the time of

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the injury, the facts would be there wherewith the man could prove that his injury was a result of active service or in the line of duty, but without those records the pension department says, "We can give him no redress," and no pension is available.

Mr. RALSTON: I have the name of that man somewhere; but will my hon. friend give me the name again?

Mr. CASTLEDEN: Yes; it is Gunner Robert Morrison, L10362.

Mr. POULIOT: To make the record clear, I have taken the trouble to check the number of my speeches for the last two weeks, and it is astounding to know how little time I have taken. On May 17, three and a half pages out of 52; May 18, two and a half pages out of 52; May 19, three pages out of 23; May 20, one-half page out of 52; May 21, one-half page out of 51; total, 10 pages for the member for Témiscouata out of 230. One-twenty-third of the time did I take, and not the whole time. And this week: May 24, 13 pages—which is a lot, I admit—out of 54; May 25, five pages out of 51; May 26, none out of 30. For these three days, 18 pages out of 134; and to-day, twenty minutes out of more than five and a half hours. It could be worse; of course some hon. members have spoken much more than I did, and they were not blamed for that. I do not blame anybody. I think this is a free country, and when a member has something to say it is not for him to se joindre ses mains et fermer ses yeux—to fold his hands and close his eyes—that is, if he has something to say on behalf of his electors. And I have the more to say because there are several hon. members who are never heard to defend their electors and who seem to be afraid to do so. I do not know whether on the 27th of May the Christmas tree is still in full swing. But I have a duty to perform here and I shall perform it to the last minute. I do not wish to cause any obstruction; I do not desire to interrupt any hon. member; I do not want to be hard on any hon. member, and when at times I am, I regret it. But we have a duty to perform here and I try to do it to the best of my ability.

I have some cases of farmers, painful cases like those I have mentioned. It may be repetition, but if it is a repetition it is repetition of wrong and of evils for which I want redress; that is all. If there is repetition it is because there are numerous wrongs. If there are no wrongs in the county of the hon. member for Wellington North and he has extra farm help to dispose of, let him give me the names and I will pass along those names