

within their province to bring the matter to the attention of our industrial workers and the Department of National Defence and to offer all the assistance and cooperation they can give.

Item agreed to.

Miscellaneous grants.

233. Health league of Canada, \$5,000.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: This league has been doing some very good work in the educational field. It is largely dependent upon the grants made by provinces and other charitable institutions. Its work is treated as being something in the nature of charity.

Mr. MARTIN: Is there not a campaign on now in a number of cities to obtain money?

Mr. CASTLEDEN: That is just opened. This work is far too important to have to depend upon grants from the government, from different cities and from individuals. I understand that this league has been doing a great deal of social service work in connection with conditions around military camps and industrial centres. Every dollar we spend to-day by way of prevention is worth a hundred dollars three years hence. I submit that in recognition of what this health league of Canada is doing, the grant should be restored to what it was a few years ago. Five thousand dollars is altogether too small an amount to cover the important work being done.

Mr. ROSS (St. Paul's): The health league of Canada have been instrumental in initiating work in connection with maternal hygiene, nutritional service and venereal disease. They have done very good work as I know. They are being helped out by the provinces to a certain extent. I notice that the province of Quebec has just given them a grant. One feature which I should point out is that by reason of the increased taxes imposed by the budget it is going to be very much more difficult for private individuals to contribute large amounts, and it would be a great pity if this organization were compelled to stop their work for lack of funds.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): I agree with what my hon. friend says with regard to the value of the work carried on by the health league. The situation in regard to grants is as follows: In 1919-20 we granted \$5,000, then \$10,000 for the next two years, \$15,000 in 1922-23 and 1923-24, \$12,500 in 1924-25; then \$20,000 in 1928-29, 1929-30 and 1930-31. In 1931-32 up to 1934-35 there were no grants, and in 1935-36 the grant was \$5,000,

at which it remained until 1938-39. Then in 1939-40 it went up to \$10,000. Some of that was I believe, by way of a supplementary grant of \$5,000. Then for the last two years it has been \$5,000. I have not been successful in obtaining any more, but I do appreciate the excellent work this organization is doing.

Mr. BLACKMORE: How much did the minister ask for this year?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): I am afraid that would be giving away a cabinet secret, but I can tell my hon. friend that the receipt of the organization last year amounted altogether to \$53,471.23, of which they expended \$45,536.44. They have carried on an excellent campaign throughout Canada, especially with regard to the pasteurization of milk, and this year they will carry on a campaign with regard to venereal disease.

Mr. BLACKMORE: We are safe in assuming that the minister received far less than he sought?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): I think that is true of any minister of the crown.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I wish to register a protest against the restriction that is placed on the amount of money granted to these services. We are following a penny-wise and pound-foolish policy in Canada, and very serious are going to be the results we reap from that policy.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: Our grants per capita are only twenty per cent of the grants to similar services in the United States.

Item agreed to.

Mr. MacNICOL: Before you call the next item, Mr. Chairman, at this stage last year I asked the minister if he intended to restore the vote that had appeared in previous years for the Canadian Dental association, and I suggested to him at that time that he at least might consider its restoration. May I ask what he has decided in the matter?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): I can assure my hon. friend that I was a very persistent but unsuccessful applicant on behalf of the vote he mentions.

Mr. MacNICOL: Better luck next year.

Pensions and other benefits.

242. Pensions payable to men on active-service, Northwest rebellion, 1885, and general pensions, \$18,000.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: How much of this grant was used last year?