

Mr. GREEN: I wonder if the deputy minister could give us an opinion as to why so small a proportion of these young men seem to be taking advantage of any of the benefits? It may be that there could not be any change made in the legislation which would bring about a larger number of applications, but it does seem strange that so few of them are asking for these benefits. For example, only 7 have taken out returned soldiers insurance. I would assume that the whole 22,000 were eligible for it, and even if they continued in the regular forces they would still be eligible to take out a policy of this kind. Why is it that so few are taking advantage of the benefits.

Mr. FORGIE: My experience is that the men do not require it.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Parliament.

Mr. PARLIAMENT: I think one reason is that the first enlistments in the regular forces included a very high percentage of world war two veterans who had already had an opportunity to take out insurance. That is one angle. I do not think I need enlarge on it, but I think it does have a strong bearing on nearly all the benefits.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the subclause carry?

Carried.

Subclause 2, veteran?

Carried.

Subclause 3, discharge from service.

Carried.

Subclause 4. Subpara. (iii) of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 3 of R.C., c. 279.

Carried.

Subclause 5, minister may enter into contract with widow.

Carried.

Subclause 6. The same idem.

Carried.

Subclause 7, time limit.

Carried.

Then we come to clause 8, reinstatement in Civil Employment Act.

Subclause (1), Application of R.S. c. 236.

*By Mr. PEARKE:*

Q. Were any limitations imposed by Order in Council about July, 1950, regarding re-instatement in the Civil Service of Canada?—A. I understand that there was an Order in Council regarding the reinstatement in the Civil Service, but we do not have it immediately available.

Q. Could you tell us the terms of that Order in Council, or the terms under which veterans of Korea may be reinstated in the civil service?—A. My recollection is that it was pretty extensive, that anyone who wanted to go and serve was entitled to reinstatement.

Q. I think there were some limitations as to the degree of service, or whether it was permanent or temporary service. I have had some correspondence on this subject.—A. I should prefer to get you the Order in Council if I may.

Mr. PEARKE: I think that would help.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you wish to have that stand until we get the answer?

Mr. PEARKE: I do not mind about it standing so long as the original Order in Council is made available to the committee.

The CHAIRMAN: It will be made available.