

Miscellaneous—grant to the Western Stock Growers, \$5,000.

Mr. FRASER: Who are the Western Stock Growers? What is this amount required for?

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): It is a very active association with headquarters at Calgary, and is largely composed of ranchers; it does not take in the farmers. We have from time to time given them grants to assist them in their work.

Mr. FRASER: Is the minister sure that he has the name correct?

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): Yes.

Mr. FRASER: Is it not the Western Stock Breeders' Association?

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): No.

Mr. FRASER: I know an association called the Western Stock Breeders. Is this the same one?

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): No. This association is named correctly. It covers all of southern Alberta and part of southern Saskatchewan. Ranchers constitute 90 per cent of it.

Mr. FRASER: Does it include in its membership any of the British Columbia stock growers?

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): I am not sure; I cannot say definitely.

Item agreed to.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Post Office—Outside service—to compensate the widow of the late Thomas Jackson who was fatally wounded by bandits following the robbery of the Toronto and Fort William railway post office in train No. 4 near Parry Sound, Ontario, on August 18, 1928, \$1,000.

To provide for payment of allowances from April 1, 1929, to railway mail clerks in charge of railway post offices, in accordance with provisions of order in council, P.C. 394-487, dated March 21, 1929, \$160,000.

To provide for the readjustment of the salaries of certain postal employees in western Canada who were dismissed in 1919 and subsequently reemployed, to give them payment as from the date of their reemployment for services actually performed at the rates of remuneration paid to other employees for similar service, \$100,000.—Total, \$261,000.

Mr. ADSHEAD: I wish to draw the attention of the Postmaster General to the very minute amount of \$1,000 to compensate the widow of the late Thomas Jackson who was fatally wounded by bandits following the robbery of the Toronto and Fort William railway post office in train No. 4, near Parry Sound, Ontario, in August, 1928. Is that per annum or is it just a total amount?

[Mr. C. A. Stewart.]

Mr. VENIOT: That is the total amount.

Mr. ADSHEAD: It is a minute amount for a woman who lost her husband who was in the service when he was killed by a bandit. Just a few moments ago, under vote 373, we gave \$1,200 to a man who lost an eye, and under vote 374 we gave \$1,350 to a man who had sprained his knee. When we come to a man who lost his life, we give the widow \$1,000 and that is all. I have no power to move to amend to make the amount \$2,000, or I would do so. But I would be satisfied if it were an annuity for \$1,000. Surely such discrepancies as these should not occur.

Mr. VENIOT: This was not an employee of the government. The person unfortunately killed under these circumstances was not, at the time he was killed, engaged in protecting government property. The bandits, after holding up the train and stealing from it, stole an automobile in which they placed the property taken from the train. While escaping, they ditched the automobile close to a farm house. One of the bandits went to the farm house to get a team to haul the automobile out of the ditch. During the progress of the work of hauling the automobile out of the ditch, the man who got killed had gone with his son to help the bandits, not knowing that they were such.

Mr. ADSHEAD: Was he killed accidentally?

Mr. VENIOT: I will explain. During the progress of hauling the automobile out of the ditch, those who owned the car and who had been following it up, came along. Two of the bandits escaped and one remained in the automobile. Shots were exchanged between those who owned the automobile and the two bandits who were hiding in the woods, and in the shooting this man was killed. The Ontario government, according to reports that I received, compensated the two brothers who owned the automobile, and the Canadian Pacific also gave them small amounts. When the matter was brought to my attention, in view of the fact that this farmer had been killed under such circumstances and that others who had been wounded, had been paid small amounts ranging from \$250 to \$300, I felt that we should at least recognize the services rendered by the man who lost his life and I recommended an amount of \$1,000.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: Why is it necessary to insert this item of \$100,000 to provide for the readjustment of the salaries of certain postal employees in western Canada? Does the act not provide for that?