

Supply—Veterans Affairs

end. It was determined that this time men going on the land should have follow-up assistance.

I can assure my hon. friend that the directors, and field supervisors in Alberta and elsewhere, do not enjoy driving their cars out over the hills; they do not do it as a matter of pleasure. But so far—and we are not going to brag too soon—the Veterans Land Act plan both for the farm and the small holdings is moving forward with a good deal of success.

My hon. friend spoke of the competition last year. I am not going to make any apologies either for the competition itself, the prizes, the running around or the publicity with regard to that competition. It will be remembered that two years ago it was my duty to bring to this house in estimates a demand for large sums of money for what I was pleased to call remedial purposes. What it was for was to try and fix up quickly built structures on our subdivisions across Canada, some of which were bad, but often worse in the minds of those who lived in them, because they were discouraged.

By the efforts of the director and the staff with the people living on those subdivisions, that phase ended and eventually they achieved a measure of enthusiasm for brightening up their property, and growing some garden on it, and as a result of the competition held last year as applied to the small holdings and subdivisions I can tell my hon. friend that the whole standard of the homes on those subdivisions has been greatly raised. So much so that this year we are carrying on a similar scheme of competition as between small holdings which are independently located, not on subdivisions. On the other hand, we will continue to make as large economies as we can in the travelling expenses here, commensurate with service to the veterans.

Item stands.

Progress reported.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Tomorrow we will take up third reading of Bill No. 265, respecting the units of electrical and photometric measure; then the resolution which appears in today's *Votes and Proceedings* to provide and maintain a residence for the Prime Minister

which the Minister of Trade and Commerce will wish to advance as far as possible. I am told that there are some amendments from the Senate to the Income Tax Act which may come up. I have not seen the Minister of Finance but I am announcing them in case it is possible to go ahead. We will proceed with Bill No. 209, to amend the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, 1939, if the Minister of Agriculture is in Ottawa. Then Bill No. 133 and Bill No. 134 concerning national defence and the Militia Pension Act. There is also a resolution in the name of the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to amend, consolidate and clarify the Indian Act. If time is left we will take up the estimates of veterans affairs. On Thursday it is our intention to proceed with national defence estimates.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

[The following items were passed in committee of supply]:

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

- 528. Departmental administration, \$2,175,279.
- 529. District administration, \$2,894,311.
- 530. Veterans' welfare services, \$3,494,538.
- 531. Treatment services, \$34,389,177.
- 532. Prosthetic services, \$983,450.

Canadian pension commission—

- 533. Administration expenses, \$2,132,824.
- 534. Veterans bureau, \$436,791.
- 535. War veterans' allowance board—administration, \$203,960.
- 536. Veterans' insurance, \$77,495.

Payments to or for veterans and dependents—

- 537. Pensions for disability and death, including pensions granted under the authority of the civilian government employees (war) compensation order P.C. 45/8848 of 22nd November, 1944, which shall be subject to the Pension Act, \$99,739,000.
 - 538. Newfoundland special awards, \$46,000.
 - 539. War veterans' allowances, \$21,715,000.
 - 540. Assistance fund (war veterans' allowance), \$750,000.
 - 541. Unemployment assistance, \$50,000.
 - 542. Hospital and other allowances, \$3,720,000.
 - 543. Gallantry awards—world war II, \$18,000.
- Miscellaneous payments—
- 544. Employers liability compensation, \$150,000.
 - 545. Last Post fund, \$125,000.
 - 546. Grant to Canadian Legion, \$9,000.