

expenditures of the government of Canada ten years ago totalled \$2,195 million, including national defence costs of \$196 million; while twenty years ago expenditures were \$534 million with \$33 million spent on defence.

Mr. Sellar, I notice in paragraph 16 that national defence costs in the last ten years have increased from \$196 million to \$1,668 million. What amounts make up this big increase?

Mr. SELLAR: Mr. Chairman, there are of course a large number of heads. Three classifications, as reflected in the public accounts, show these big increases: For equipment and supplies in 1948 we spent \$37 million; last year we spent almost \$642 million. The pay and allowances to the forces ten years ago were \$61,600,000, while in the year 1958 they were approximately \$425 million. The salaries and wages paid by the forces—that is distinct from the civil service employees under the deputy minister's control—ten years ago cost approximately \$17 million, while in the last year they cost \$142 million. Those are the three big items.

The equipment item increased very largely because up to 1948 the services were living on the fat accumulated at the end of the war and their stuff was not yet obsolete. Since then improvements have been made and much more has been spent on equipment.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): Do you have the figures showing the change in numbers of personnel represented by the change in the pay and allowances and salaries?

Mr. SELLAR: I could obtain those figures. There are approximately 120,000 persons in uniform at the present time. I will try to get figures.

The CHAIRMAN: Could you give us more details on pay and allowances? Do you have those figures?

Mr. SELLAR: What do you mean?

The CHAIRMAN: Are all costs included in pay and allowances?

Mr. SELLAR: Yes. The pay and allowance rates and so on are set out at pages N21 to N26. The trouble with the classifications for national defence is that the amounts are very large. We have three forces, and we spread the charges around. This year, of course, there is a change in the estimates; there are separate votes. It is very difficult to ascertain what is the exact cost of any particular activity in the service forces.

Let me use as an example something I brought to the attention of this committee in 1956, namely the cost of educating the children of servicemen. It is approximately \$11 million a year. There are something like 950 school teachers on the pay-roll of the department. You will find so many charged to the army, so many to the air force, and so many to the navy. They are listed under the heading, professional services.

Then about \$175,000 a year is spent for transportation, partly in respect of taking the children to school and partly in respect of the teachers, some of whom are moved overseas and so on. All is charged to travel.

We spend about \$500,000 a year for text-books, and the like. That is split up in three different subheads and charged to office supplies.

We pay quite a large sum for fees to schools for non-resident children. For example, in nearby Gloucester township, we pay them so much for the children of servicemen. I do not think you should expect to find it charged under the sub-heading under which it is charged. It is charged to municipal services. You have things like that. Therefore you have some trouble in making a strictly reliable division of charges in national defence. I know they are trying to improve things, but I am still far from satisfied that everything is just as you would like. I must say in a thing like education I would