

Mr. CLAXTON: There is an associate medical committee of the national research council which has been established since 1938 expressly for that purpose, among others.

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): I did not get the minister's answer as to who the persons might be who sought assistance; that was in the part of his statement referring to consideration to applications for assistance. Who does the applying?

Mr. CLAXTON: Workers who would be wanting to undertake research work in arthritis or rheumatism ordinarily, doctors and professors at hospitals and medical teaching institutions.

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): In other words it is just individuals; there are no organizations that may do this. The reason I am interested is that I have this thing myself, and I have forty-seven letters from people about it, so I would like to know. I am not going to apply, though.

Mr. BENTLEY: As I asked the question, I should like to ask for a little more information.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. BENTLEY: Others have been asking questions on this matter, and I just want to get a little more information.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. BENTLEY: Thank you very much.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. The hon. member cannot ask any further question.

#### HOSPITALIZATION OF EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL— DEFECTS OF SPEECH

Mr. WRIGHT:

1. Is any training given at Christie Street hospital or Scarboro Hall for servicemen and women who suffer from nervous defects of speech and stuttering?

2. If so, when was this training first initiated and on whose authority?

3. (a) What methods are used; (b) how long does the training continue in each case; (c) by whom were these methods prepared; (d) are insulin injections given stutters at Scarboro Hall? If so, in what amounts and for how long a period?

4. Since this project was initiated (a) how many stutters have enrolled to date; (b) how many have been discharged as corrected; (c) what is the average length of time required for the course of training?

5. What are the names and salaries of the persons employed in the training of stutters, and for what period of time has each of these people been employed?

Mr. MACKENZIE:

1. Yes.

2. October, 1944; under the authority of the Department of Veterans Affairs Act.

3. (a) Speech training classes; (b) duration varies according to the nature and length of standing of the condition, of which the speech defect is one of the signs; (c) by the medical service of the Department of Veterans Affairs which follows accepted methods of treatment; (d) not directly for stuttering, although in some cases stutters have received insulin injections in the course of treatment of their general condition. The amounts given and the duration of such treatment vary according to the nature of the condition being treated.

4. (a) Forty-eight cases with functional speech defects, in which are included stutters, have been treated by speech therapy since October, 1944; (b) forty have improved to the point where speech therapy was discontinued; (c) in functional cases, six weeks.

5. Miss Margaret Christie McCurdy is the speech therapist and cerebral re-educationalist. Monthly salary: \$175 plus \$6.51 cost of living bonus. Employed by the Department at Ste. Annes Hospital, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que., on April 3, 1945; transferred to Christie St. Hospital, Toronto, on September 14, 1945.

#### INCOME TAX—CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. JAENICKE:

1. Have any income tax payers refused to file their income tax returns or to pay income tax on the grounds that there is no constitutional power in the dominion government to collect income tax or that the act is ultra vires the dominion parliament?

2. If there have been any such refusals as mentioned in paragraph 1, how many in each province?

3. Has any action been taken or is any action contemplated against such persons referred to in questions number 1 or number 2 hereof?

4. If any such action has been taken what was the form of such action, and what was the result?

Mr. McCANN:

1. Yes.

2. Taxpayers refusing to file returns or pay tax on constitutional grounds have not been segregated from those who refused or neglected to comply with the Income War Tax Act for other reasons.

3. Actions are continually instituted against persons who fail to file the required returns under the provisions of sections 41 and 79 of the Income War Tax Act and proceedings to obtain payment of the tax are continually taken under part IX of the Income War Tax Act against those who refuse or neglect to pay their tax.

4. Actions taken as described in 3 above have never been successfully defended on constitutional grounds.