

Mr. MACDONALD: A boy is wounded and his parents get the stereotyped advice from the department that so-and-so is wounded. Amongst the multitude of men that we are paying for in connection with this matter, both here and on the other side, is there not somebody whose business it would be to give advice in a particular case where a boy is missing or is wounded and his friends at home are unable to tell what has become of him or where he is? I wish the minister would arrange something of that kind.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: I would think that the deputy minister over there, Colonel Walter Gow, would attend to any request of that kind.

Mr. MACDONALD: If the minister would take some steps to have this done it would be a very great convenience.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: I will take the matter up and see that an understanding is arrived at that any one cabling shall receive every consideration in that regard.

Royal Military College, \$185,000.

Mr. MACDONALD: I am glad to see that the minister has increased the vote for the college this year. I think every Canadian ought to be proud of the splendid work that is being done by the college and of the boys who have gone from the college to the war. There is an extra amount of \$25,000 proposed. Would the minister explain how it is proposed to expend this money?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: This is to provide for the extra cost of clothing and supplies largely for the cadets.

Mr. GRAHAM: How many cadets are there?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: There are twenty extra to provide for this year.

Salaries and wages, \$250,000.

Mr. MACDONALD: What number of men are employed under this vote?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: I have all the names here, covering a good many pages, but it has not been totalled up. Possibly the number would be about 400.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: What is meant by "boat crews, Halifax"?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: That is for the water transport, salaries and wages. I have a list of the names here and the wages. There are pilots, a caretaker, chief engineers, assistant engineer, boatmen, store accountant, master lighter, deck hands, stokers

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and messengers. The total amount is \$19,978.75.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: It is for the services of men in connection with steamers for use for military purpose in the harbour, doing patrol work?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: And carrying provisions and troops to McNab's Island, etc.

Schools of instruction, \$150,000.

Mr. MACDONALD: What is this for?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: The transportation of officers who have to be gazetted for the Canadian militia previous to appointment to the Expeditionary Force is charged to this vote because they must belong to the Militia Department before joining the Expeditionary Force.

Survey, \$40,000.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: Is this amount likely to be expended this year?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: Yes, the survey work is going on all the time. The staff and plant are there. We have a very efficient staff for work.

Transport and freight, \$50,000.

Mr. GRAHAM: Am I right in supposing the reduction in that amount is on account of there being no training camp?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: Yes, and the work is going on in connection with the militia.

Mr. MACDONALD: Why do you want a vote of \$50,000 to transport the active militia? Would that not come out of the war fund?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: I have the details here. There are various items for the transport and travelling expenses of the permanent force, attending schools of instruction, and so on.

Mr. MACDONALD: You have no active militia now to transport. It is the Canadian Expeditionary Force that is instructed and not the active militiamen.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: They must be qualified as officers of the active militia before they are made officers of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Mr. MACDONALD: I know of a case in which the commanding officer of militia has had his recommendations turned down with regard to boys who wanted to go to the Schools of Instruction. That occurred in connection with my own regiment in my own county, where the major had made recommendations and they were disre-