

to the fund, I believe Alberta does. I have no doubt that before entering into a commitment they must have assured themselves that committees in the province were functioning.

Mr. DOUGLAS: I know of instances where officials of the legion experienced difficulty in obtaining assistance, in some cases not being able to get it at all. I know that imperials have been refused assistance from the fund. Of course there may have been some technicalities, but the officials did not seem to know the proper procedure. Action had to be taken by local charities.

Mr. HEAPS: In view of what the minister has said, may I take it for granted that men belonging to the imperial forces are eligible?

Mr. POWER: Yes.

Mr. HEAPS: I should like to have a definite answer, in case of any difficulties arising in the future.

Mr. POWER: I shall check up in the matter, but I am almost certain. One can be sure of nothing, except death. Upon looking up the record I find that the Last Post fund was organized under a dominion charter to prevent the pauper burials of any persons who had served in His Majesty's or allied forces. I believe that answers the hon. member.

Mr. DOUGLAS: I officiated at the funeral of a person who died in Weyburn, but for whose funeral we could obtain no assistance. This man was a member of the imperial air force, but local contributions had to be raised to meet the necessary expenditures.

Mr. POWER: If the hon. member will give me the information privately I shall be pleased to forward it to the officers of the Last Post fund, and ask for an explanation.

Mr. DOUGLAS: I shall be pleased to do so. Item agreed to.

#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Conciliation and Labour Act, \$30,000.

Mr. MacNICOL: How is this money spent?

Hon. NORMAN McL. ROGERS (Minister of Labour): Mr. Chairman, this appropriation is to meet the cost of printing and publishing the Labour Gazette, which, as hon. members are aware, is the official organ of the department, and also to pay the salaries of persons employed as Labour Gazette correspondents. The salaries of these persons, most of whom are in the lower category, range from \$120

to \$300 per annum. At present there are forty-three Labour Gazette correspondents. Other small payments are made from the vote for wage surveys and statistics, and for the conciliation of labour disputes. The vote covers certain other publications of the department.

Mr. HEAPS: In the last fiscal year how many disputes has the department attempted to conciliate?

Mr. ROGERS: Does the hon. member refer to the number of disputes investigated?

Mr. HEAPS: And the number of boards appointed.

Mr. JACOBS: That has nothing to do with the cost of the Labour Gazette.

Mr. HEAPS: Possibly not, but it has to do with the Department of Labour.

Mr. ROGERS: The hon. member's question might more properly be answered under the vote for the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act. That is to say, this item covers only incidental expenditures connected with the work done by conciliation officers of the department. It is the policy of the department by that means to settle as many disputes as possible through the good offices of the conciliation service. Under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act boards are set up from time to time, but I would remind the hon. member that that is a separate item.

Mr. COLDWELL: May I ask who are the persons employed? Are they officers of the trades and labour councils, or just how are they appointed?

Mr. ROGERS: Does my hon. friend refer to the correspondents of the Labour Gazette?

Mr. COLDWELL: Yes.

Mr. ROGERS: Where possible the correspondent has some connection with the employment service in the place where he resides, but there is no rigid requirement in that respect.

Mr. COLDWELL: That is, they are usually government employees of a province or under this department?

Mr. ROGERS: In a number of cases the correspondents are directors of employment offices in the various provinces.

Mr. HEAPS: Does the department in any way, shape or form restrict the character of its investigations? For example, a request