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I say that this limited experience provides a guidepost in the field of the activities of The Company of Young Canadians, namely, that it should stay out of the way.

Mr. Schreyer: Mr. Chairman, while we have had a relatively full discussion on the setting up of The Company of Young Canadians on second reading of the bill and its consideration in committee, nevertheless I think it is appropriate to direct a few questions to the minister during the consideration of his estimates. It would seem that by the end of the current fiscal year parliament will have appropriated over \$120,000 directly for organizing The Company of Young Canadians and to allow it to carry out a pilot program in its first year.

I would ask the minister whether he does not think it proper and right to give us some detailed, specific information as to the scale of honorariums and the salary level of the executive director of this company. I have tried to determine whether this information has been given in a white paper or a speech by the sponsor of the bill and I must confess that so far I have not been able to do so. I have not seen any figures or estimates as to what honorariums are likely to be paid to these young volunteers. Neither has there been any mention of what the salary of the executive director will be, who I presume will be considered as a full-time public service official and will probably draw a salary of a relatively high level. I would ask the minister whether he is now in a position to elaborate on this point.

Mr. Favreau: Mr. Chairman, I must first say that I have not participated in the debate on The Company of Young Canadians because it is not a company that is under my present responsibility. However, as the budgetary provisions are included in my estimates I will read from my book in this respect to try to give the hon. member the information he seeks.

The hon. member has asked what the salary of the director will be. I see here that there will be a director and provision is also being made for an associate director. The present estimates provide in the case of the director for a salary scale between \$18,000 and \$22,000, but for this year \$20,000. In the case of the associate director the salary scale provided is \$15,000 to \$18,000, but for this year \$15,000. So far as the honorarium to be granted each of the volunteers is concerned, at least for the period of training—I cannot

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assure the committee that this is exclusively for the period of training although I believe it is for their period of exercise, if you like—it is \$50 per month plus living expenses, of course during training the maintenance of a volunteer is expected to amount to \$8.50 per day for 56 days and for 300 volunteers the provision is \$142,800. For the lecturers and trainers in the first group of 200 volunteers there is provision for \$33,600, and for the second group of 100 volunteers, \$16,800.

Mr. Schreyer: Very briefly, Mr. Chairman, I should like to say that the honorarium is in the range I would have expected, namely, \$50 plus expense money. We understand that these young people will be living it in the rough and the expenses incurred will be relatively small. I do not think anyone would take exception in the slightest to this aspect of the program. However, the minister mentioned the proposed salary to be paid the executive director, and I am wondering whether this might not in itself cause some misgivings or dissension within the organization. If young people are to give of their time and effort for an honorarium of \$50 a month, \$600 a year, I am sure many will begin to question working with a director who is paid between \$18,000 and \$22,000 a year.

I realize of course that the situation in the United States is pretty much the same. There the volunteers in service are drawing an honorarium of about \$50 a month plus a small expense allowance. I believe the director in the United States is drawing a salary in the range of \$30,000 to \$35,000 a year. Despite this I wish to put on record my misgivings about this great disparity between the incomes of people who are working to the same ends in the same program which is being established by this parliament.

● (3:00 p.m.)

Item agreed to.

15. Expenses of the royal commissions listed in the details of the estimates and the expenses of the preparatory committee on collective bargaining in the public service, \$1,559,600.

Mr. Howard: I would like to make an inquiry under vote 15. I find here an antiquated item called "Expenses of the Royal Commission on Pilotage" which seems to have been in existence almost since creation. The sum for this year is \$187,600 while for last year it was \$212,800. Can the minister tell us how much has been spent on this royal commission on pilotage?