

There are some other amendments dealing with minor anomalies in the C.F.S.A. which are included in the bill.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): First, in connection with the calculation of the period of service, section 40, page 37, I gather this fully takes care of the anomaly whereby wartime service was not counted at all as service in the regular forces. This will meet the considerable complaints I am sure Brigadier Lawson has had, as I have had.

Brigadier LAWSON: That is true.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): In connection with the problem of employment in the Public Service of those who have retired from the armed forces, this is now the problem under section 17(2), which section is being repealed and a new section is being inserted which gives the authority somewhat similar to that which there is in the R.C.M.P. Superannuation Act.

Would Brigadier Lawson outline what is contemplated would be done in this respect, when the authority is available?

Brigadier LAWSON: I am not able to do this. It is a question of Government policy which should be left to the minister.

Dr. DAVIDSON: May I interject, from the back, to suggest that this may be one of the questions which should be reserved for Mr. Benson.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): I appreciate it is a matter of Government policy but I have been trying to get the answer since the resolution stage and I am apparently no further than I was then. I want to serve notice now that I do not intend to be taken by surprise with some statement at the very last moment in the deliberations of this committee. I am not making complaint about Brigadier Lawson, because I appreciate this is not within his field of jurisdiction, but I think the minister has to come clean with this committee and not play footsie with us until the very last moment.

Mr. TARDIF: I do not think the minister should be accused of playing footsie.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): He was asked on the resolution stage and on the second reading in the House.

The Co-CHAIRMAN (*Mr. Richard*): Let us wait until events show what is happening. The minister has said he will come before us and I will see to it that he remains long enough to answer questions and not to evade, by his absence, the questions you want to put to him.

Mr. CHATTERTON: Could Brigadier Lawson compare integration here with the integration in the P.S.S.A.? There is a formula in the P.S.S.A. whereby the benefits will be calculated by 1.3 per cent up to \$5,000. Is there a similar formula?

Group Captain McLearn, Deputy Judge Advocate General, Department of National Defence: In general, the benefits available in the armed forces are different from what they are in the Civil Service, because our contribution is only 6 per cent, as compared with 6½ per cent paid by members of the Civil Service. The differences are not marked. The details can be provided.

Mr. CHATTERTON: Could Mr. Clark tell us what is the simple formula for calculation?