

Soldiers' Pensions

and length of service of the civil servant to whose widow, children or other dependents such allowance or allowances have been granted;

(c) a statement showing the amount received as contributions and the amount paid as allowances during the said year under this act together with such further information as may be prescribed by the Governor in Council by regulation made under this act.

The question has already been asked two or three times during the discussion of estimates. If this return were tabled it would obviate the necessity of repeating the question when the estimates for each department come up.

Mr. GRAHAM: What is the interpretation of the word "Minister?" Is that the Minister of Finance or the minister of each department?

Mr. CALDWELL: The act defines "Minister" as the Minister of Finance.

Mr. BELAND: I may point out to my hon. friend that the act came into force after the last session of parliament, and the report which is mentioned in section 14 applies to the fiscal year. The fiscal year during which the act came into force has not yet come to an end. It terminates only on the 31st day of March next.

Mr. CALDWELL: This will not become effective, then, until next session?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: A return along the line which my hon. friend has requested is now being prepared and will be brought down as soon as completed.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALGARY

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. WILLIAM IRVINE (East Calgary): I rise to ask the government if it has taken any action on the telegram received from Mayor Webster of Calgary, in which he stated that many of the unemployed there who were in a destitute condition were immigrants who had not been long enough in the community to come within the scope of the relief policy adopted by the city?

Hon. JAMES MURDOCK (Minister of Labour): That telegram was replied to, and reference of the matter mentioned has been made to the Immigration department. It is expected that we will have additional information for Mr. Webster shortly.

SOLDIERS' PENSIONS

FORTHCOMING LEGISLATION ON CANTEEN FUND AND CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN (South York): I would like to ask the Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment what he has to say [Mr. Caldwell.]

with regard to the following suggestion which has been made to me in the form of a telegram:

Please strenuously oppose grant of \$100,000 from veterans' canteen funds to Veterans' Alliance.

Is it the intention of the minister to dispose of the fund in that way?

Mr. GRAHAM: Who sent the telegram?

Mr. MACLEAN (York): Mr. Davidson, president of the Riverdale Great War Veterans' Association, of my constituency.

Hon. H. S. BELAND (Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment): I understand the question to be whether the government intends to introduce legislation to apportion \$100,000 of the canteen fund to the Veterans' Alliance?

Mr. MACLEAN (York): Yes.

Mr. BELAND: There is no such provision in the bill.

Mr. MACLEAN (York): Then why is there this unrest over it? Has any order in council been passed in the matter?

Mr. BELAND: No order in council having any relation to the canteen fund has been passed by this government. There is no provision in the legislation which is contemplated that relates to the apportionment of \$100,000 to the Veterans' Alliance in Canada.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I am very anxious to be clear in the matter. As I understand the minister, he says that the government does not propose to introduce any legislation similar to what is embodied in the act of last year?

Mr. BELAND: The government does, yes.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Oh, the government does?

Mr. BELAND: Yes.

Mr. MACLEAN (York): But not along the line of the suggestion in this telegram?

Mr. BELAND: Not at all. There was no provision in the bill of last year for the payment of \$100,000 to the Dominion Veterans' Alliance.

Mr. ARTHURS: And no order in council has been passed along similar lines?

Mr. BELAND: No.

Mr. R. B. HANSON (York-Sunbury): I would like to ask the government if the appointment of a special committee on pensions and soldiers' civil re-establishment is contemplated for the present session?

Mr. BELAND: No.