

allowance. The answer to these questions is as follows:

A civil servant who enlists receives full pay the same as if he were employed doing his civil service duties, provided always that his civil pay is greater than that which he would draw as a soldier.

The Government has undertaken to see that a civil servant receives pay not less than what he would have received had he remained at home and had not enlisted. He does not, therefore, receive separation allowance extra, but it is the intention that he shall receive the regular statutory increases provided he is receiving only one salary.

Mr. PUGSLEY: I understand that no civil servant who is allowed his pay as a civil servant receives separation allowance?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: The answer covers that question. The civil servant receives his full pay as a civil servant.

Mr. PUGSLEY: And no civil servants have been allowed separation allowance?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: Civil servants are not allowed separation allowance.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Then, am I to understand that members of Parliament, with the exception of Mr. Cockshutt, have received separation allowance in addition to their sessional indemnity, although they have been absent from Parliament?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: I am not sure on that point. The return speaks for itself. I am not sure that the hon. gentleman is quite correct in saying that all members of Parliament have received separation allowances.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Then the minister will withdraw the statement that there is no discrimination?

#### MONEY ORDERS FOR PRISONERS OF WAR.

On the Orders of the Day:

Sir EDWARD KEMP: The hon. member for Pictou (Mr. Macdonald) yesterday asked for information in reference to money orders and parcels for Canadian prisoners of war. First, in regard to money orders, the answer is:

About the beginning of the year 1916, arrangements were made by the Chief Paymaster, London, England, through the Red Cross and Post Office, to forward small

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amounts of pay to prisoners of war in Germany. The requests come from the men themselves by post card, and up to January, 1917, the remittances were made by post office order. This practice was discontinued at our request because no receipts or absolute guarantee that the money reached the men were obtained. Since January, 1917, the American Express made payments in cash to the men themselves and obtained individual receipts, at first through their own agents in Germany, and, since United States declared war, through Dutch agents of the American Express Company in Germany. Small sums are sent, not exceeding three pounds, which are charged to the men's accounts in London. I may add that the pay of prisoners of war is credited to the men's accounts, and accumulates, less these small remittances.

#### PARCELS FOR PRISONERS OF WAR.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: In regard to parcels for Canadian prisoners of war, the answer is rather a long one, and therefore I will lay on the table of the House the particulars in reference to this matter. These particulars are set forth in the regulations which were in effect prior to the 1st of February, 1917, and the regulations which have been in effect since that time.

Mr. MACDONALD: I would ask my hon. friend the Minister of Militia if he would be good enough to assent to the proposition that the answer in regard to parcels be published in Hansard. The question is an important one, and that would be the most convenient way by which the matter could be made public for the information of the House and the country generally.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: With your permission, Mr. Speaker, and the permission of the House, I would be very glad that the documents which I have laid on the table of the House should be published in Hansard.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have before me the statement submitted by the hon. the Minister of Militia. While it is somewhat out of the usual order, yet, owing to the importance of this document and the desirability of this information being published as widely as possible, with the unanimous consent of the House, I can see no objection to this document being considered as read for the purpose of being printed in Hansard.

The regulations are: