

bringing it up in the proper place. No employee of the government or of anyone else should have to work for \$11.59 a month. I think it is scandalous.

Mrs. STRUM: In reply to the minister I just wish to say that the people to whom I refer are employees who get less than \$2 a day. They are not in a position to take tips and they have no agency through which they can channel complaints. They have no labour union to make representations on their behalf. Anyone working for less than \$50 a month must be pretty much afraid of losing his job or else he would not be working for that. If these employees had a union then they would have available the proper mechanism through which to make representations. There is only one place in this Dominion of Canada where government employees have a proper trade union, and that is the province from which I come.

Mr. GILLIS: I should like to ask the Minister of Veterans Affairs a question relating to the statement just made by the hon. member for Regina City. He claims that an ex-serviceman of this war employed—

Mr. PROBE: I did not say of this war.

Mr. GILLIS: Is he a war veteran?

Mr. PROBE: He is a military pensioner.

Mr. GILLIS: He was drawing a pension, but in 1944 he was told that he would have to relinquish either the pension or the job. Is that not a contravention of the Pension Act?

Mr. MACKENZIE: I have not the details of the case before me. What was the total amount of the pension?

Mr. PROBE: It was \$77.53 a month. The case is No. CU-B43 of June 27, 1945; that is the unemployment insurance commission investigation number.

Mr. GILLIS: I consider that a flagrant violation of the Pension Act and I suggest that the Minister of Veterans Affairs should look into it.

Mr. MACKENZIE: That is why I got the number.

Mr. MITCHELL: Let us get the record straight in connection with this case. The hon. member does not even know the facts except what are set out in the *Labour Gazette*.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: They are supposed to be right.

Mr. MITCHELL: Just listen a moment. I am trying to be helpful. There are 2,300,000 people who come under the Unemployment

Insurance Act. To pick one case out of the blue and expect an answer from the minister is not, if I may put it in that way, being quite fair. I understand that is the decision of a board of referees made up of a representative of the employer, a representative of labour and an impartial chairman. I think my hon. friend should have secured all the facts before he raised the matter in this chamber, and he should have given the Minister of Veterans Affairs an opportunity of looking into the case, or given me that opportunity if it comes under my jurisdiction. I think that is the best way to clean up those cases. What we all want is to be just to the people under our jurisdiction. There is no politics about it.

Mr. PROBE: This was brought to the attention of the minister.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Golding): We are dealing with the estimates of the Sergeant-at-Arms and I do not think this discussion is relevant.

Mr. POULIOT: Mr. Chairman, I have just one word to say and that is I regret very much that the jurisdiction under this roof is so scattered. For instance, the reporters who take down my speeches come under the civil service commission; they are not under Mr. Speaker. The elevator men are not under the Sergeant-at-Arms; they are under the Department of Public Works. When we want to do something for them we have to go all around. This is not the fault of the Minister of Public Works because it is a situation which has existed for a long time. I think all men who do this kind of work should be under the Sergeant-at-Arms.

In this building there is a veteran of the first war who had a bullet enter his cheek and go out through his neck. He lost four ribs; he has a wooden leg, and he suffers from cancer of the stomach. He is operating an elevator in the building. I think that is most inhuman and the department of pensions should give this man a full pension. He is only getting \$15 a month and it is very hard for him to open the doors of the elevator. I take another elevator in order to give him a chance.

These things should not happen. I do not blame any minister; I do not blame Mr. Speaker; I do not blame the Sergeant-at-Arms, but I do blame the heartless bureaucrats in the Department of Veterans Affairs who do not look after their own men and who force civilians to come and fight for them. It is a shame. I brought this matter to the attention of the most able parliamentary assistant to the minister. He took