

wish to make a further contribution. However, we should try to conclude by twelve-thirty. Mr. Weichel, have you a question?

Mr. WEICHEL: When you inform the Legion, it might be a good idea to inform the army, navy and air force organizations, the Canadian Corps and the amputees; they are different organizations who would help.

Mr. LALONDE: Yes, that is right. We should get all the organizations to help us out. The big question now is when should we make that move. Should we make it now, when we think we have enough useful work for a couple of years?

Mr. WEICHEL: It might be a good time about a week before a lot of them have their Vimy Ridge dinners.

Mr. LALONDE: That is pretty soon.

Mr. MACDONALD (*Kings*): I was going to suggest, Mr. Chairman, that I was rather surprised to see that the appropriation for advertising or publicity was quite small. I was going to say that probably the Legion could run an advertisement without too much expense, and if you asked them they would likely write a feature article. A lot of the membership committees of the Legion are in touch at least with all veterans in their areas because they are soliciting memberships. They do have a wide coverage. I think that would be one method supplemental to what you are doing, to help you get the medals out faster.

Mr. LALONDE: I can say this, that we have been conducting various experiments with respect to this distribution. We have pretty well made up our minds as to what we thought would be the best way of handling it. However, we did not make any move to publicize it, because we knew it would be discussed in this committee and we did not want to go after this until it was placed before the committee and found out what the reactions would be.

The members of the committee appear to agree with the suggestion, so we are really going to go to work on it.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, gentlemen, just before we have a motion to adjourn, I would like to say we are still on item 448, and it appears that you want that item kept open.

Mr. BADANAI: May I ask a question in regard to item 449, automobiles?

The CHAIRMAN: Could we tackle that at our next meeting?

Mr. BADANAI: I will not be here next Monday; I expect to be out of the city. It will not take very long.

Mr. ROGERS: Could we conclude 448?

The CHAIRMAN: No, just a moment.

Mr. LALONDE: Item 449, departmental vehicles, covers those vehicles which serve an all-round purpose. Most of them are ambulances, trucks and a few passenger vehicles that run a shuttle system between our district offices and the hospitals.

Mr. BADANAI: They are not vehicles furnished to employees or for members of the department?

Mr. LALONDE: In very few cases. Most of the employees use their own vehicles and receive a mileage allowance.

Mr. BADANAI: That is what I mean.

Mr. LALONDE: Oh, yes; that is, the great majority of our employees.

Mr. BADANAI: That is what I wanted to know; thank you very much.

Mr. PARIZEAU: Is it still at five cents a mile?