

Mr. FLEMING (*Okanagan-Revelstoke*): Your welfare officers must be pretty busy men.

Mr. RIDER: They are. As I think I said last year, we expect the welfare officer when he is in the field to work about a ten hour day.

Mr. HERRIDGE: Dozens of the veterans in the larger centres in my riding have been advised to move out of town into smaller areas and they have found this to be very successful. I would suggest to every member that he urge the welfare recipients to do the same thing.

Mr. RIDER: Sometimes it is hard to change the stripes of a tiger; a city dweller often does not like to move.

Mr. CHATTERTON: Do you have any figures with regard to the number of war veterans' allowance recipients who are in the unemployable category and who have dependant children? I am thinking of the war veterans' allowance recipient who is unemployable and who has three or four children where the maximum of the assistance is still only \$30. Do you have any figures with regard to the numbers of such veterans?

Mr. RIDER: I do not have these figures with me, but I will endeavour to obtain them.

Mr. CHATTERTON: I know of cases where there is severe hardship because the assistance fund is \$30 maximum regardless of the number of dependants.

Mr. RIDER: Often in these cases we try to get additional help over and above this through provincial benefits.

Mr. CHATTERTON: But the province cannot assist them in many instances.

Mr. RIDER: This varies between provinces. In some provinces the rates are higher than in others.

Mr. CHATTERTON: I would appreciate having even an approximation of the number of such cases where dependants are involved.

Mr. RIDER: I will obtain that for you.

Mr. PELLETIER: Mr. Rider is responsible for items other than those shown in item 5. I might mention these and members could tick them off and then ask him questions in respect of them. After you have completed those questions, Mr. Rider could return to the office in order to keep the home fires burning.

The first item is on page 502 at the bottom of the page which, I suppose in a sense, we have been discussing. At the top of page 502 there are the two items: grant to army benevolent fund and grant to Royal Canadian Legion. Then on page 504 at the bottom there is the item starting with the words: "repayments in such amounts as the Minister of Veterans Affairs determines", and above that, veterans benefits. Then we move to page 505 where at the bottom of the page there are the two statutory grants, "war service gratuities, and re-establishment credits". Finally, at the top of page 506 there is the item "statutory—repayments in such amounts", and so on. I think that is all. I believe those are the items in which Mr. Rider has interest.

Mr. CHATTERTON: In respect of the veterans re-establishment credits, how many veterans have not used their re-establishment credits?

Mr. RIDER: At the 31st March, 1964, there were 62,343 accounts not yet closed. This does not mean they have not used some of the credit, but there is that number of accounts with a liability of \$9,116,922.

Mr. CHATTERTON: Do you have any idea how many of those have been qualified under the Veterans' Land Act and possibly for that reason are not drawing it?