

lectures which have been delivered to the staff, to the minister and to everybody, with regard to the amount of paper used. I think it is reduced to some extent. I am not enthusiastic about the results, but at the same time we keep on trying. The difficulty is that so many people have to see and have to know about what is going on that it means passing from one to another. The tendency to put on another memorandum, instead of just saying, "Noted and concurred in", is very great. The tendency is for one official to write a memorandum and another to write a memorandum repeating the previous officer's memorandum. We have cut out all salutations, and things of that kind, and we make our memoranda as terse and to the point as possible.

Mr. GREEN: By the time the war is over, the experimental farm will be full of records buildings.

Mr. RALSTON: These memoranda will not be on the records.

Mr. GRAHAM: I was interested in the remarks of the hon. member for Leeds respecting moving pictures, and the work done through that medium in the training syllabus. Would the minister make a statement on what assistance is being received from moving pictures and, generally speaking, what use they are? I am told great use can be made of moving pictures, particularly in connection with training in the reserve army.

Mr. RALSTON: I would have to be a Hollywood director to give my hon. friend a description of the films. I have not seen many of them, but I do remember one which impressed itself upon my mind, namely, that having to do with the Boys anti-tank rifle. It was a realistic representation of the rifle, all its parts, and the way in which it is operated. The film carried an excellent running commentary. One need only see it for about ten minutes, and it seemed to me he would have the operations of the rifle fixed in his mind better than he could in any other way.

I have not any memorandum before me with regard to training films. I have, however, taken an interest in the matter myself, and I believe it was only the day before yesterday that I discussed this matter with the chief of the general staff. I remember that there were something like a thousand copies of different films being circulated, and we have a technical man trained in that work attending not only to the possibilities of making the films but also that what is just as important, namely, the distribution of them. There is

the greatest tendency, I find, in connection with training films to have them tucked away somewhere in a pigeon-hole, or to have them kept at one training centre instead of being passed on somewhere else. That sounds like a very simple sort of problem with which to deal, but it is not quite so simple with the number of training centres we have and the number of different films with which we have to deal. Films are being made now; the national film board is helping us a great deal in that respect, and we have had some commercial films as well. On the whole, I think great strides are being made in that particular method of training.

Mr. GREEN: Could they be used at all in the training of the school cadets?

Mr. RALSTON: They certainly could.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): Yesterday the minister said he would give me the division of the money spent on transportation as between the different railways. I wonder if, when the minister gives that information, he could give me the same information in regard to telegrams and telegraph service, as between the two companies.

Mr. RALSTON: I do not think we have the information in regard to telegrams and telegraph service. The break-down as between the two railways for the fiscal year 1942-43 was as follows, and if I may I will lump the figures: passenger, freight, express and meal services, Canadian National Railways, \$12,384,042.90, or 51.40 per cent; Canadian Pacific Railway, \$11,710,314.25, or 48.60 per cent.

Mr. HAZEN: A day or two ago I asked the minister one or two questions about the directorate of public relations, and he said he would make a note of it. I do not know whether he is in a position to give the information now, but, if not, I should like to know when I may expect it.

Mr. RALSTON: Does my hon. friend want it on this discussion?

Mr. HAZEN: No, not particularly.

Mr. RALSTON: As a matter of fact it is almost ready. Would my hon. friend accept it as an order for a return?

Mr. HAZEN: No; I should like it answered here.

Mr. RALSTON: Then my hon. friend wants it on this discussion?

Mr. HAZEN: Yes, but not necessarily right away.