

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Sanderson in the chair.

Section 1 agreed to.

On section 2—Incorporation.

Mr. MacNICOL: The last line of section 2 is as follows:

. . . together with such other persons as become members of the corporation.

By whom are they to be selected or appointed?

Mr. POWER: By the corporation.

Section agreed to.

On section 3—Objects.

Mr. POWER: Representations have been made by a number of patriotic organizations and associations to the effect that the patriotic fund will not, in all probability, during the course of this war, be called upon to pay such large amounts as was the case during the last war, because pay and allowances of soldiers and their dependents, as provided under the pay and allowances regulations now in effect are much higher than those which governed in the war of 1914 to 1918.

During the last war no allowance whatsoever was made for the dependents of ex-soldiers, whereas under the present arrangements the dependents receive fairly substantial amounts. During the great war separation allowance was paid on behalf of the wife only, and the additional allowance for a private soldier was \$30 a month. To this was added \$20 assigned by the soldier, making a total of \$50. No additional allowances were paid on behalf of children.

The patriotic fund augmented the allowance by paying an additional allowance of

\$10 for the wife, \$9 for the first child, \$7 for the second, \$5 each for the third, fourth and fifth and \$4 for the sixth. The total of separation allowance and assigned pay, and also patriotic fund grant to a man with a wife and six children was \$95. This was the highest amount paid.

The amended pay and allowance regulations of 1939 provide for a separation allowance of \$35, assigned pay of \$20, and an additional allowance of \$12 for each child. Thus the man with a wife and six children will receive \$127 a month instead of the \$95 a month which was the case in the last war. In other words, the dependents of a serving soldier will be far better provided for than they were in the last war. It is a question whether or not the compensation paid by the state should be supplemented by any definitely fixed scale, such as was done during the last war. It is anticipated that there will be ample scope for the activities of the patriotic fund in relieving many of the problems of the soldiers' families, either by way of financial assistance or otherwise, where the direct intervention of the state would not assure the best results. If the committee so desires and will permit me to do so, I shall be glad to place on the record tables showing the military pay and field allowance of a private soldier, in fact of every rank in the army, during the last war, and the rates provided under the 1939 regulation, together with separation allowances. I can also place on the record a table giving a comparison between the rates of separation allowance, assigned pay total to dependents and the portion the soldier is allowed to keep. If this information is placed on *Hansard*, it will make things clearer to hon. members. The tables are as follows:

| | Military pay and field allowance | | Separation allowance | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---------|----------------------|-----------|------------|---------|
| | 1914 | 1939 | 1914 | Dec. 1917 | Sept. 1918 | 1939 |
| Private. | \$1 10 | \$1 30 | \$20 00 | \$25 00 | \$30 00 | \$35 00 |
| L/Corp. or L/Bomb. | 1 15 | 1 50 | 20 00 | 25 00 | 30 00 | 35 00 |
| Corp. or Bomb. | 1 20 | 1 70 | 20 00 | 25 00 | 30 00 | 35 00 |
| L/Sergt. | 1 30 | 1 90 | 20 00 | 25 00 | 30 00 | 35 00 |
| Sergt. | 1 50 | 2 20 | 25 00 | 25 00 | 30 00 | 35 00 |
| Squad. Batt. or C.Q.M.S. | 1 70 | 2 50 | 25 00 | 25 00 | 30 00 | 35 00 |
| Squad. Batt. or C.S.M. | 1 80 | 3 00 | 25 00 | 25 00 | 30 00 | 35 00 |
| Reg. A.M.S., Staff Q.M.S., Q.M.S. | 2 00 | 3 10 | 25 00 | 25 00 | 30 00 | 35 00 |
| W.O. Class I. | 2 30 | 3 90 | 30 00 | 30 00 | 35 00 | 40 00 |
| R.S.M. | 2 30 | 4 20 | 30 00 | 30 00 | 35 00 | 40 00 |
| 2/Lieut. | | 4 25 | | | | 45 00 |
| | | 12/9/18 | | | | |
| Lieut. } 3 00 | 2 60 | 5 00 | 30 00 | 30 00 | 40 00 | 45 00 |
| Capt. } 4 00 | 3 75 | 6 50 | 40 00 | 40 00 | 40 00 | 50 00 |
| Major. | 5 00 | 7 75 | 50 00 | 50 00 | 50 00 | 55 00 |
| Lieut.-Col. | 6 25 | 10 00 | 60 00 | 60 00 | 60 00 | 60 00 |