
Organisation Pay & Record Office Canada's War Office in London

AN approximate estimate of the cost of Canadian troops under arms at the front, in England, and in Canada, comes to the sum of a quarter of a million dollars a day. In it is included pay for ——— officers and men, supplies, forage, and transport.

Necessarily this is approximate only, for the Pay and Record Office, which is Canada's War Office in London, is far too busy all day and every day to ever dream of getting out such a thing as a balance sheet for a while.

To keep pace with the current work means that there can be no let up from eight in the morning until very late at night, and, indeed, some departments are obliged to work through to the early hours of the morning.

It takes the full time of 44 officers and 716 clerks to do that, and this is not to be wondered at when it is considered that every detail of Pay and Record of the Expeditionary Force from the front, from the base, and the camps, is dealt with by this one central organisation.

Chief of this Head Office is Colonel W. R. Ward, Chief Paymaster, assisted by Major J. L. Regan, Assistant Chief Paymaster. Lt.-Col. H. Kamis Betty is in charge of Records, assisted by Major F. L. Armstrong, Capt. A. M. Houston, Capt. H. Hough, Lieut. H. F. Bray, Lieut. A. W. Kelly, and efficient staff.

Major Armstrong organised the Record Office and brought it up to such a high state of efficiency, and it is to this officer great credit is due.

The various departments include General Inquiries, Casualties, Pay for the whole Force, Assigned Pay, Separation Allowances, Central Registry, Details, and the multifarious ramifications of Records Departments.

In charge of the various department are :

ASSIGNED PAY.—Major S. L. Thorne is Paymaster and Officer in Charge of this Department, which has an