

Mr. POULIOT: It was No. 350 of 1942. Brigadier Switzer is over age, but Lieutenant-Colonel Clayton is liable and eligible for service overseas whenever required. Lieutenant-Colonel Johnston is liable and eligible for service overseas whenever required.

Mr. RALSTON: I may tell my hon. friend he is overseas now.

Mr. POULIOT: I thank the minister for the information, but the name still appears in the telephone book; I will strike him off the list. I understand that Lieutenant-Colonel Clayton won his spurs in Ottawa, in the great office of the judge advocate-general.

Mr. RALSTON: I do not think it lies in the mouth of my hon. friend to talk about men winning their spurs in Ottawa in war time.

Mr. POULIOT: I have no lesson to learn from Colonel Ralston in that respect. I admit that he gave fine service overseas, but in the last war I acted in accordance with the law, and I did not buy an exemption from anybody. I have the right here in Ottawa to mention the promotions that are given men who are not in a theatre of war, but who send others to war. I have no lesson in patriotism or in dignity or in loyalty to learn from the minister. I will tell him that for the time being, and I do not want that kind of jeer with regard to members who fulfil their duties honourably. It is not that I was not at war the last time—

Mr. RALSTON: I suggest that my hon. friend treat these men in the same way, since they are doing their duty honourably.

Mr. POULIOT: They may do their duty honourably, but I wonder what they are doing as thunderbolts. This man is in the office of the judge advocate-general; I will come to that in due course. As I was saying, last year there was one W. A. Croteau, who was a major and liable and eligible for service overseas whenever required. This year he is a lieutenant-colonel. Last year one E. Acland was a major; he was also liable and eligible for service overseas whenever required, and this year he is a lieutenant-colonel. That is not all; the list is long. Last year one E. J. H. Morrissey was a major. I may say that I do not know these gentlemen; I have taken the record I was given last year. Sometimes there is a slight discrepancy in the initials, perhaps a C for a G, and so on.

[Mr. Ralston.]

Mr. RALSTON: Does it indicate in what capacity Major Morrissey was employed?

Mr. POULIOT: He was described as a major last year; he was liable and eligible for service overseas whenever required. This year in the telephone book he is described as a lieutenant-colonel. Then last year there was mention of a Major Thompson; this year the initials are not the same but he is described as a captain. Then last year there was mention of one R. W. Zinkman, who was described as a major, liable and eligible for service overseas whenever required. He has won his spurs in Ottawa; this year he is a lieutenant-colonel. Then last year one J. L. B. Roop was described as a major, liable and eligible for service overseas whenever required. He has won his spurs at headquarters and is now a lieutenant-colonel. There was also a jump for one H. A. Hunt, who last year was described as a major, liable and eligible for service overseas whenever required; he is a brigadier now. Last year one R. B. Sharpe was described as a major, liable and eligible for service overseas whenever required. He has won his spurs at headquarters; he is now a lieutenant-colonel. There was also one R. McCole, who last year was described as a major, over age. In spite of his old age he has won his spurs in Ottawa for gallantry and is now a lieutenant-colonel. Then there is one A. J. Lemay, who last year was described as a major, liable and eligible for service overseas whenever required. He also has won his spurs in Ottawa, and now is left in Canada.

I started to work on the captains, and I was pleasantly surprised when I saw that the second name, Captain A. Barnes, over age last year, had been promoted to major. Every little bit helps. Now, as to the others who had never been in any theatre of war last year—and there are many of them. There are elderly gentlemen. Some names do not appear in the bulletin. Five names among the colonels, majors, and lieutenant-colonels do not appear in the names I have read, down to the captains. But all the others are still there. They are doing a good fight for the country, in uniform.

Now I will explain to the minister why I talk that way. I do so because in my humble view men in uniform must be soldiers, and a soldier must be one who fights. So long as a man is dressed in civilian clothes I have no objection; but the objection I have is that those men, who do no fighting, receive allowances in just the same way as those who expose their lives at the front. That is my point.