

house thinks this house will do. That is a very fair attitude to take because, as has been pointed out, the wrongs were suffered not by one class of people alone; they were suffered not only by members who supported the administration although one member is concerned in the net result - But not one member of parliament or two, not Liberals or Conservatives, are to be considered as such in dealing with the matter. That is not the point - Those who suffered these wrongs were citizens of Canada, and Germany has paid a sum of money to repair those wrongs, that sum of money being known as reparations."

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"These, however, are mere details; the principle is that the money having been paid by Germany to repair the wrongs suffered by the civil population, and that money being now available in the treasury of the country, should be paid for the purpose for which it was intended and was received. This was clearly recognized by the former government as well as by the present administration, and for that reason I submit that we should all unite and urge upon the Secretary of State that the claims be paid in full. It is not sufficient at this late date to say that mere expressions of acquiescence in the will of parliament should govern the matter. I urge that it is not satisfactory disposition of the question to pay the claims without interest. I wish to impress that upon the Minister."

"But in this case we have money provided by a third party and passing through this conduit pipe of parliament - money made available for Smith, Jones and other beneficiaries entitled to it, and which has earned interest in the banks and elsewhere. We have used that money and I submit that without question it should be used now to liquidate with interest these claims as found by the tribunal created by the government. I say that these claims should be paid with interest from the date fixed by the commissioner who investigated them."

Page 2613 - Mr. LADNER, - "I read these two paragraphs to point out to the Minister that by a treaty to which Canada's name is appended an obligation is placed upon this country with respect to the moneys which we received from Germany, and I submit that there is created not only a moral obligation on the part of Canada in relation to her nationals but also a legal obligation, because the very wording of the treaty makes the contributions of Germany payable to the nationals of this country.

"I rise to make this point, and to ask the Minister a question upon it. If there is in any sense a legal claim on the part of a claimant, or if there are principles of law involved on the part of any claimant, and the commissioner, either through lack of judgment or lack of knowledge of the law, or for any other reason, has failed to give justice to the claimant, I consider that the claimant should have the right of appeal to a court which could properly determine the question just as the right of appeal prevails with respect to the administration of justice in all our courts. My question is this; As the Minister has had time to consider the matter following the previous discussion, is it his intention to provide for a right of appeal with respect to the ~~xxxx~~ claims which have been turned down, where good cause for appeal can be shown?"