

NOVA SCOTIA PATROL SERVICE.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN:

1. How many officers, men and boats, respectively, are in the Canadian Patrol service at Halifax or elsewhere in Nova Scotia?
2. What is the usual size of the boat so employed and the number of officers and men assigned to each boat?
3. What is the pay allowance to officers and men, respectively?
4. What is the nature of the services performed by the patrol service boat, and where are such services performed?
5. Is it proposed to further enlarge this service? If so, to what extent?

Mr. HAZEN: 1 and 2. It is not advisable to publish the information asked by these questions under present conditions.

3. Pay and allowances same as authorized by Orders in Council, which have been laid upon the table of the House.

4 and 5. Answer same as Nos. 1 and 2.

REPORTED INCREASE IN PENSIONS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Sir THOMAS WHITE (Minister of Finance): My attention has been drawn to this despatch appearing in certain newspapers as coming from Toronto under date of September 5:

A sixty per cent increase in the pensions to be paid members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force is to be granted by an Order in Council to be passed in Ottawa within the next few weeks.

This Dominion Government announcement of such a large pension increase, amounting to many millions of dollars, was made to local officers of the G.W.V.A. by the Cabinet at Ottawa, according to their statement here.

I desire to say, as this report appears to have received wide circulation and currency, that there is no foundation for it. The question of the amount of increase in pensions has not been determined, and no intimation nor statement has been given or made by the Government respecting such increase.

CERTIFICATES TO THOSE MEDICALLY UNFIT.

On the orders of the Day:

Mr. E. M. MACDONALD (Pictou): I have seen it stated in the press that certificates are shortly to be given to those men who have offered to enlist, but who have been refused on account of medical unfitness. Can the Minister of Militia say if that is a fact? Has any list been kept by the Militia Department of those who offered to enlist and were refused. If the minister has any such list, can he give to the House the number of such men?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: I will look up my hon. friend's question in Hansard to-morrow. I am not prepared to give an answer to-day.

Mr. MACDONALD: The minister will do so to-morrow?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: I will try to give my hon. friend an answer to-morrow or the next day.

OVERSEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

PAY OF SOLDIERS PROMOTED AND OF OFFICERS WHO REVERT IN RANK.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. F. B. CARVELL (Carleton): I wish to ask the Minister of Militia whether it is a fact that men who have been promoted on the field in France and Flanders, and who, having been wounded, return to the base or to Canada, receive only the pay of the position which they occupied when they left Canada, while men who received their appointment in England or in Canada, upon being wounded, receive the pay of their present rank.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: I will get my hon. friend an answer as soon as I can get the particulars from the department.

Sir SAM HUGHES: I understand that officers who revert to lower rank in order to get to the front were at one time entitled, upon so reverting in rank, to receive the pay of their previous rank. I believe that that practice has been discontinued, and that the men now receive the pay of the rank to which they revert. When the minister is looking up the information asked for by the member for Pictou (Mr. Macdonald) and the member for Carleton (Mr. Carvell), he might give me some information with regard to this matter.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: I will have the matter looked into.

ARRESTS IN MONTREAL.

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX (Rouville): I wish to direct the attention of the Minister of Justice to the arrests that have been made in Montreal in connection with the dynamite outrages. I see by the press that at least three of the men arrested were old jailbirds, who were not long ago released on ticket-of-leave. Their names are: Blackwell, Monette, and Handfield, alias Leduc. Is that a fact?