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amount of \$115,000 for, I think, marine hospitals. We found that we were short about \$20,000. The amount is made up of unpaid accounts, \$10,000; salaries of port physicians, \$5,200; and estimated amount of account for hospital treatment, etc., that will be used before March 31, \$5,172. The reason for the additional amount is the increase in the number of vessels which call at the different ports and consequently the larger number of sick mariners who have had to be attended to, hospitalized and cared for. Referring only to the number of vessels which call at Grosse Isle, below Quebec, during the year 1922, we had 903 vessels calling there from foreign ports or from ports from another province, which means the same under the Shipping Act, and in the year previous only 709 vessels had called at that quarantine station. There is a difference of 200 at Grosse Isle. But all over the country the number of ships has increased, and that is the reason why \$20,000 is required for the fiscal year just ended.

Mr. STEVENS: This has to do with the sick mariners dues?

Mr. BELAND: Yes. The amount of course is paid in to the Receiver General.

Item agreed to.

Salaries and contingent expenses of the Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada—additional amount required, \$2,000.

Mr. BELAND: This is a small amount required by the Board of Pension Commissioners for contingent expenses during the fiscal year.

Item agreed to.

Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment—Unemployment Relief—further amount required to provide assistance to unemployed Pensioners and to their dependents in the amounts and under the conditions laid down by the Governor in Council in Order in Council P.C. 721, dated March 31, 1922, as amended by Order in Council P.C. 911, dated May 3, 1922, and amendments thereto; and to provide for salaries and other expenses of administering the provisions of said Orders in Council, \$400,000.

Mr. MANION: Will the minister explain that item?

Mr. BELAND: This covers the relief that is extended to returned soldiers who come under the supervision of the department. In other words, it is relief extended to pensioners or disabled soldiers entitled to receive a pension. The amount is greatly reduced from the vote of the previous year. In 1921-22, \$2,100,000 had been voted for the unemployment relief of disabled soldiers. Out of the appropriation, \$1,764,000 in round figures was spent.

[Mr. Beland.]

In the year 1922-23, \$500,000 was voted. As in the previous year, the amount was totally inadequate to meet the situation, and at the end of last session \$150,000 was voted in the Supplementary Estimates. We find that \$400,000 more will be required to cover the expenditure of the year ended 31st March last. In other words the total amount required will be \$1,050,000. The amount actually expended is \$1,019,000 a reduction over the previous year of about \$740,000. I do not know whether the hon. member wants to know by unit the amount expended.

Mr. MANION: Yes, but there is another point. Has the minister any figures regarding the number of soldiers who were unemployed during the past winter as compared with the year before? I know that the number was smaller because there was less unemployment generally.

Mr. BELAND: For the year 1921-22 the total number of times men were granted relief was 132,597; in 1922-23 it was 71,175, a considerable reduction. Giving round numbers, the amount spent in Montreal for 1922-23 was \$191,000; Halifax, \$57,000; Ottawa, which is a unit, \$38,000; Toronto, \$427,000; London, Ontario, \$20,000; Winnipeg, \$73,000; Regina, \$18,000; Calgary, \$43,000; Vancouver, \$101,000; St. John, which is a sub-unit, \$25,000.

Mr. MANION: Has the minister any figures in that connection for Port Arthur or Fort William?

Mr. BELAND: I have not those details; they are included in Winnipeg unit, \$73,000.

Mr. MANION: As a matter of fact, I do not think there was any expenditure there, but I wanted to find out definitely. I may be wrong, but I do not think there was any expenditure.

Mr. BELAND: I am ready to accept my hon. friend's word.

Mr. MANION: The minister did not give me the number of men who were unemployed during the past winter.

Mr. BELAND: The figures I have would apply only to disabled pensioners. I have given the total original issues of relief.

Mr. MANION: The minister, I take it, has not the figures in reference to the unemployed soldiers who were not disabled.

Mr. BELAND: No, I have not got that.

Mr. KENNEDY (Edmonton): Did I understand the minister to say that a little over half a million was spent last year for relief?