

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): With all respect to the ruling given by His Honour the Speaker in the case to which reference has been made, I would point out that, as regards the letter produced by the hon. member for North Battleford, and the principle that a member should take full responsibility for the contents of such a letter, there were some rather questionable allegations in that letter with respect to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the Speaker ruled partly on that ground. An unsigned letter should not be read in the house, and there are many precedents. In accordance with past precedents every case must be decided on its own merits or demerits.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): It all depends upon majority rule. It depends upon whose ox is being gored.

Mr. GRANT: I hope this turmoil is over. I will take responsibility for all I have read, and I shall have more to say about the matter. I want to give the minister an example of what is taking place. In 1938, for instance, two young men entered medical college, one going to Dalhousie and the other to McGill. They continued their studies for four years, passing their examinations, the one I have in mind particularly having taken many honours. At the end of the fourth year the McGill student was allowed to take his dominion council, but the Dalhousie student was not allowed by that college to do so until the end of the fifth year, at which time they both graduated. These two young men entered the army and the Dalhousie man is made a lieutenant while the McGill man is made a captain.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Send him to Saskatchewan or Manitoba.

Mr. GRANT: This is an important matter to me Mr. ex-leader of the ex-Conservative party. The McGill student, who was in the same class, according to their rules was able to take his dominion council at the end of the fourth year, and he puts in his internship afterwards. The Dalhousie student is not allowed by the rules of that university to take his dominion council until he has finished his internship at the end of the fifth year. But they both graduate together. The McGill man because he had taken his dominion council a year ago was recognized as a doctor with a year's practice and was made a captain, while the Dalhousie man who was in the same class, the same year, but did not

take his dominion council until the end of the fifth year, had to wait a year for his captaincy. That is the regulation to-day and that regulation should be rectified at once. Someone says, why does not Dalhousie change its regulations? That is all very well; but has this young man to wait, when he has been discriminated against, until Dalhousie changes the regulations? I say, no. He is in the army, and since we are talking about money matters, I would point out that the McGill man gets an increase of fifty per cent in his pay. He gets \$1.50 a day extra for professional services and another \$1 a day besides. But the other man, working shoulder to shoulder with him, doing the same work, has to be content with a lieutenant's pay for one year. We are told that the mills of the gods grind slowly, but I think there were a lot of pigeon-holes in those old mills and they were full of unanswered letters and unpaid bills. I am not referring to the Minister of National Defence. I am not speaking of the mills run by the Minister of National Defence to-day. My opinion of him is the reverse. Sometimes he does things a little too fast before giving them full consideration.

An hon. MEMBER: Shame.

Mr. GRANT: He is not one of those whose mills grind slowly, but I wish to bring this matter to his attention now, and I do not want a joke made about it, because it is an important matter to me.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Now the truth is coming out.

Mr. GRANT: It is also an important matter to the young man who has just graduated from Dalhousie, with a load of \$7,000 of debt on his shoulders, having to enter into competition with a young man from McGill getting three times as much pay, both from class A colleges, both on an equal footing, both graduating at the same time. I know the Minister of National Defence does not regard this as a joke. It is not his fault. It is due to a lack of knowledge of medical matters on the part of the officials of the department who make these regulations. I am finding no fault, but I want to have the matter rectified at the earliest possible date.

Mr. ISNOR: I wish to support the plea put before the committee by the hon. member for Kings. I have no individual case in mind; but speaking in a general way I may say that this matter has been brought to my attention