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EXTRACT FROM ORDER IN COUNCIL
No. 2206.

"The Committee of the Privy Council further observes that as this war is being waged by the whole people of Canada, it is desirable that the whole people should be kept as fully informed as possible as to the acts of the Government which are concerned with the conduct of the war, as well as with the solution of our domestic problems; and for this purpose an Official Record should be instituted to be issued weekly for the purpose of conveying information as to all Government measures in connection with the war and as to the national war activities generally."

VOTE AIR BOARD
CURRENT EXPENSESSalaries of Staff and other
Expenses met by Order
in Council

Certain sums of money out of the appropriation of \$250,000 for the Air Board have been placed at the disposal of the Board by an Order in Council, with attached memorandum, passed on July 14, as follows:—

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated 9th July, 1919, from the Right Honourable the Prime Minister, submitting, in the absence of the Chairman of the Air Board, the attached memorandum containing a request that the sums therein mentioned should be placed at the disposal of the Air Board and recommending that the said request be approved.

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendation, and submit the same for approval.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

MEMORANDUM.

1. The Air Board has carefully considered what organization will be immediately necessary for the purpose of taking over the flying machines, etc., now under the control of the Department of Militia and Defence, the Department of the Naval Service, and the War Memorials Commission, and for the purpose of administering the Air Navigation Regulations, which will, doubtless, be founded upon those recently adopted in Great Britain.

2. The Board proposes to proceed immediately to the appointment of the three principal departmental officers, namely, a secretary, a superintendent of the certificate branch, and a superintendent of flying operations, and expects to obtain the benefit of the suggestions of the individuals appointed to these positions in the selection of those few subordinate officers who, in the opinion of the Board, are likely to be immediately necessary. The Board has been in communication with the Civil Service Commission on this subject, and the proposals of the Board have the Commission's full concurrence.

3. The Air Board has the honour to request that, out of the appropriation of

TEN-YEAR STORY OF
CANADIAN WHEAT CROP

Year.	Acreage harvested.	Average Yield per Acre.	Production.	Weight per measured Bushel.	Average Farm Price per Bushel.	Farm value.	Domestic exports including flour, fiscal year beginning April 1 of indicated year.	Per cent of Crop exported.
	Acres.	Bush.	Bush.	Lb.	Cts	\$	Bush.	%
1908..	6,610,300	17.00	112,434,000	59.10	0.81	91,228,000	*56,958,599	54.6
1909..	7,750,400	21.51	166,744,000	59.83	0.84	141,320,000	*63,529,456	38.0
1910..	8,863,151	14.89	132,048,782	59.77	0.75	99,530,000	*59,522,822	45.0
1911..	11,100,673	20.80	230,924,000	59.42	0.64	148,123,000	*81,291,048	35.2
1912..	10,996,700	20.38	224,159,000	59.02	0.62	139,090,000	*113,317,202	50.5
1913..	11,015,000	21.04	231,717,000	60.36	0.67	156,462,000	*142,171,402	61.3
1914..	10,293,900	15.67	161,280,000	59.49	0.22	196,418,000	*94,193,901	58.4
1915..	15,109,415	26.05	393,542,690	60.19	0.91	356,816,900	*186,546,432	47.4
1916..	15,369,709	17.10	262,781,000	57.10	1.31	344,096,400	*223,059,599	84.8
1917..	14,755,850	15.75	233,742,850	59.46	1.94	453,038,600	*195,082,203	83.4
1918..	17,353,902	11.00	189,075,359	59.44	2.02	381,677,700	*82,759,471	43.8

\$250,000 made by Parliament, there be presently placed at the disposal of the Board the sums following:—

1. Salaries of staff, from 1st August to 31st March .. \$20,000
2. Equipment of offices .. 2,000
3. Travelling expenses .. 3,000
4. Maintenance of machines and aerodromes .. 10,000
5. Experimental flying .. 5,000

Total .. \$40,000

4. The Board proposes, as on the advice of the technical staff the duties become better defined and its plans developed, to request further authorizations indicating the purposes to which the monies are to be devoted.

(Sgd.) O. M. BIGGAR, Lt.-Col.,
Vice-Chairman.

ALLOWS INCREASE IN
STRENGTH OF R.N.W.M.P.Force to Muster 2,500 of
whom 1,870 are to be
mounted

Authority to further increase the strength of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police Force to 2,500 non-commissioned officers and constables is contained in an Order in Council passed on July 14, as follows:—

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a memorandum, dated 10th July, 1919, from the President of the Privy Council, submitting a report of even date from the Comptroller of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police.

The Minister concurs in the said report and recommends that under Section 8 of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police Act, as amended by Section 4, Subsection (1) of "An Act to amend the Royal Northwest Mounted Police Act," authority be given to further increase the strength of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police Force to 2,500 non-commissioned officers and constables.

The Minister further recommends that 1,870 of the men shall be mounted, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police Act, as amended by Subsection (3) of Section 4 of "An Act to amend the Royal Northwest Mounted Police Act."

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendations, and submit the same for approval.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

War Savings Stamps pay 4½
compounded half-yearly.REPORT SHOWS
TOTAL KILL OF
MEAT ANIMALSMore Cattle Slaughtered in
1918 but Decrease in Kill
of Sheep and Swine

INCREASES IN WEST

The total slaughter of meat-producing animals in Canada during the year ending March 31, 1918, as shown in the report of the Veterinary Director General for that period, issued by the Department of Agriculture, is as follows:—

Cattle	739,085
Sheep	336,897
Swine	2,129,682

This shows an increase in cattle slaughtered, over the preceding year, of 90,226 head, or 13.90 per cent; a decrease in kill of sheep of 79,678 head, or 19.12 per cent; and a decrease in the slaughter of hogs of 115,829 head, or 5.16 per cent.

The percentage of slaughter for each province to the total kill for all Canada was: In Ontario—Of cattle, 45.33 per cent; of sheep, 47.22 per cent; and of swine, 58.94. In Quebec—Of cattle, 23.84; of sheep, 27.60; of swine, 13.56. In Manitoba—Of cattle, 14.27; of sheep, 4.23; and of swine, 9.30. In Saskatchewan—Of cattle, 2.37; of sheep, 1.33; and of swine, 1.80. In Alberta—Of cattle, 10.74; of sheep, 7.64; and of swine, 14.4. In British Columbia—Of cattle, 2.97; of sheep, 3.11; and of swine, 1.60. In New Brunswick—Of cattle, 0.04; of sheep, 3.39. Nova Scotia—No percentages. Prince Edward Island—Of cattle, 0.44; of sheep, 5.48; and of swine, 0.76.

In cattle, Quebec and New Brunswick are the only provinces showing a decrease; the others all show increases. In sheep, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island show an increase, while the other provinces show large decreases. In swine, the three Prairie Provinces are the only ones to show an increase in hogs, all the others being below last year. The four western provinces increased their percentage of slaughter for all animals killed, except Alberta in sheep and British Columbia in sheep and swine. Ontario increased its kill of sheep by 7 per cent, while cattle and swine are about the same as last year. Quebec is below last year in cattle, sheep, and swine, 5, 2.75, and 1.50 per cent respectively, as stated in the report.

AMOUNTS PAID BY
BENEFIT SYSTEMS OF
ORGANIZED LABOUR

Nearly \$17,000,000 Expended
by Various Labour Bodies
on Account of Benefits in
1918

DISBURSEMENT FIGURES

The benefit systems of organized labour bodies entail the expenditure of very large sums of money. The large number of international organizations operating in Canada pay benefits of one class or another, and so far as known the demands made upon them are promptly met, as stated in the eighth annual report on Labour Organization in Canada, published by the Department of Labour.

Of the 96 international organizations operating in the Dominion, 74 have beneficiary features of a varying nature. Death benefits were paid by 58, unemployed benefits by 13, strike benefits by 53, sick and accident benefits by 24, and old-age pensions by 2.

INCREASE FROM 1917.

The total expenditure by the various central organizations on account of benefits during the year 1918 amounted to \$16,802,092, an increase of \$3,626,713 as compared with the expenditure for benefits for the year 1917. In addition to the benefits paid, many international organizations made contributions to other unions, the sum aggregating \$94,283. The disbursements for each class of benefit were as follow:—

Death benefits	\$12,679,934
Unemployed and travelling benefits	91,372
Strike benefits	1,973,418
Sick and accident benefits	1,294,268
Old-age pensions	763,100

Seven of the non-international organizations made payments on account of benefits, the total being reported as \$16,895, an increase of \$499 over the expenditure for 1917. The largest disbursement was made by the Federated Association of Letter Carriers, which body paid out \$9,750 for death benefits, the remaining \$7,145 being disbursed by the other six organizations.

CLASSES OF BENEFITS.

The expenditure of the local branch unions in Canada among their own members, in addition to what may have been received from headquarters, for the year 1918 amounted to \$431,504, an increase of \$118,388 over 1917. The payments on account of each class of benefits were as follow:—

Death benefits	\$170,576
Unemployed benefits	6,573
Strike benefits	71,071
Sick benefits	129,093
Other benefits	54,191

ORGANIZED LABOUR
AND WAR LOANS

A total of 26,438 Canadian trade unionists, besides 692 reservists who had rejoined their regiments on the outbreak of war, enlisted for military service, as stated in the eighth annual report of Labour Organization in Canada, issued by the Department of Labour, which says:—

"The efforts of the Canadian and United States Governments in raising money for the furthering of their war activities have also been supported by the labour organizations operating on the North American continent. From returns received in the department it is learned that the international bodies subscribed \$753,600 to Canadian war loans and \$37,496,388 to United States bonds, a total of \$38,249,988. Two of the purely Canadian labour bodies subscribed for a total of \$14,700 of the Dominion issues.

25 cents buys a Thrift Stamp.