

That is all I have to say at this time, unless you have certain questions to put to me.

The CHAIRMAN:

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Mr. CHATTERTON: Mr. Chairman, could we ask the minister one or two questions?

Mr. Teillet, can you say whether the proposed legislation will be referred to this committee?

Mr. TEILLET: That is a question which is a little difficult for me to answer at this time. There will be legislation which, of course, will affect money matters, and then it will be a matter of procedure. We likely will have to use the supplementary estimates to deal with these matters. These are some of the conclusions which have not been tidied up yet. I really cannot answer this question at this time.

Mr. McINTOSH: Mr. Teillet, can you tell us if there is going to be any change in the War Veterans Allowance Act to look after the 365 days requirement? You have said you are going to bring your legislation before the house in the not too distant future. However, that does not mean too much. What is the not too distant future?

Mr. TEILLET: Well, as I indicated in the house, I would still hope to have this before the house during the coming month. This is not a definite commitment but I will do my best to try to get it into the house before the end of October. This is my objective. It may be that it might run into November, but it will be done in the not too distant future. It will be done before the end of the year.

Mr. McINTOSH: I, as well as other members of parliament, am receiving many letters from the veterans in respect of increases in pensions, war veterans allowance and so on, and in order to answer these questions intelligently could you give us any information other than saying we have to wait until November 1.

Mr. TEILLET: I hope you will appreciate my position in this respect. I have not finalized yet the representations and until I have them from the cabinet I am not in a position to answer specifically in respect of that question.

Mr. McINTOSH: To follow that up, I think it is the intention of the official opposition and perhaps others to put your estimates through as soon as possible if we can get the proper information. However, if you are unable to give it to us at the present time perhaps we will have to go into greater detail on these estimates. If you are concerned in getting it through the committee in a hurry it would be helpful if you could give us more definite information. What you have said is rather indefinite.

Mr. HERRIDGE: Without being specific could you advise the committee that our realization will equal our anticipation?

Mr. TEILLET: I would hesitate to go quite that far. But, I would say that I would hope that when legislation comes down, and in dealing with W.V.A. rates and pension rates, there would be general satisfaction from members of parliament. Now, I do not know, Mr. McIntosh, whether or not I have answered your question satisfactorily. I think I have in an oblique way. You will appreciate my position. I am unable to give a more definite answer until I have final approval, the final legislation from cabinet, and until that time it would be quite improper for me to tell you what I am actually recommending at this time. But, I would hope that when the recommendation comes from cabinet it will be to the general satisfaction of the members.

Mr. CHATTERTON: Can you say whether you hope to make amendments to the Veterans Land Act?