

they enlisted at the beginning of World War II, Great Britain could not afford to give them uniforms. They went in their own uniforms. At the end of six months they were told: "We want you, but if you sign up you will not be allowed to transfer to the army or navy." Some decided not to sign and they went into the army or navy, many of them giving up their lives in those services. Those who signed for the duration of the war were ignored. That is a scandal.

Honourable senators, I have said these few words to bring this matter to your attention, and particularly to the attention of the honourable Leader of the Government. I am sure he will take every step possible to bring it before the proper authorities.

I feel hurt about it, and I think all honourable senators here share that feeling, especially my fellow senators from Newfoundland. We feel that a wrong has been done, and I want that wrong corrected. We in Newfoundland now are Canadians and we want the same treatment as is given those men in other provinces who served in the forestry units in the Second World War.

I was not in a forestry unit in the Second World War, nor was I in one during the First World War, but I was in the trenches and I understand these men. They gave up good paying jobs in those days. In the Second World War they were the first to go overseas, to serve this country's cause in whatever capacity they were called upon to serve. They got, I think, \$2 a day. They were earning much more than that in Newfoundland at that time. They ran the same risks as the rest of our men who went overseas in the Second World War. They ran the risk of being torpedoed on the way over, and of being bombed when they were there. We all know about the bombings in England during that war. Many men of those units died there, and many came back maimed. I appeal to the Government to make this correction. It needs only a small amendment to the War Veterans' Allowance Act. Then those who require assistance can be looked after.

That is all I wish to say with regard to this bill, under which several billion dollars are being voted. I believe every cent is necessary. There may be a little waste here and there, but that is bound to happen.

I would ask the honourable Leader of the Government to take this matter up with the Government at the earliest opportunity.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Has the honourable Senator White leave to adjourn the debate?

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

**Hon. Mr. Pearson:** May I be allowed to speak tomorrow?

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Yes.

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** In case any honourable senators are in doubt, I may say that the debate will go on tomorrow until it is concluded. Therefore, any honourable senator who desires to participate will have an opportunity to do so. I would certainly welcome any speeches that may be made.

On motion of Hon. Mr. White, debate adjourned.

## DOCUMENTS TABLED

**Hon. John J. Connolly** tabled:

Report of the Department of Public Printing and Stationery for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1964, pursuant to section 36 of the Public Printing and Stationery Act, chapter 226, R.S.C., 1952. (English and French texts).

Statutory Orders and Regulations published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II, of Wednesday, November 25, 1964, pursuant to section 7 of the Regulations Act, chapter 235, R.S.C., 1952. (English and French texts).

Canada Pension Plan Actuarial Report, dated November 6, 1964. (French text).

Appendices to the Canada Pension Plan Actuarial Report. (English text).

## DIVORCE

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE PRESENTED

**Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck**, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented the committee's reports Nos. 645 to 684, inclusive, and moved that the said reports be taken into consideration on Thursday next.

Motion agreed to.

## PRIVATE BILL

### THE ECONOMIC MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY—FIRST READING

**Hon. William H. Taylor**, for Hon. Mr. MacDonald (Brantford), presented Bill S-48, respecting The Economical Mutual Insurance Company.

Bill read first time.

**Hon. Mr. Taylor (Norfolk)** moved, with leave of the Senate, that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting.

Motion agreed to.

## HON. SYDNEY J. SMITH

### REPLY TO FELICITATIONS ON GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**Hon. Sydney J. Smith:** Honourable senators, as I was not present at the last sitting of the Senate, when congratulations were ex-