

Mr. WEICHEL: In my opinion only about ten per cent of people look at the notice boards in the post offices.

Mr. SPEAKMAN: I wonder if the department has given any thought in view of the fact that approximately twenty per cent of the parcels are being returned, about enquiring of the Legion for perhaps a closer address? I have found that the legions throughout the country keep a fairly close track on veterans in their area.

Mr. LALONDE: They would only know about the members of the legion. I am inclined to think that the members of the legion have already applied for and received their medals.

Mr. SPEAKMAN: I must disagree with you, because I know that in my own particular branch there are, I would say, perhaps two dozen or more people who could have been recipients of one or more—sometimes of as many as three of those medals—yet they have not bothered to apply, and I think that no amount of coaxing will get them to apply. But what I am thinking about is the amount of parcels which you get returned.

Mr. LALONDE: That is right.

Mr. SPEAKMAN: Because, in the case of my own branch, we know pretty well the names of every veteran in our area despite the fact that he may not be a member of that branch. We feel it is our duty.

Mr. LALONDE: That is a suggestion for which I am thankful, Mr. Speakman. I think what we will have to do is to make up a list of those returned parcels and find out from the dominion command of the legion how they might help us.

The other idea is also a good one: the idea of giving some publicity with respect to those who have not received their medals. But I wonder if that publicity should be done at this time.

We are in the process of dispatching medals at as fast a rate as we can possibly do it, therefore I would prefer to wait until we had distributed the bulk of the medals to a number of people and then look after those whom we may have missed in the meantime.

Mr. CARTER: How many names are there on your file who have not applied for or received their medals?

Mr. LALONDE: There are about 400,000 who have not applied yet.

Mr. CARTER: Have their names been printed in the papers or anywhere?

Mr. LALONDE: No. But if it costs \$18,000 for a small advertisement in all the newspapers, it would cost a fortune to get all the names printed.

Mr. ROGERS: There is one right here. I mean Mr. Pugh. You can take his application right now.

Mr. PUGH: Further to what Mr. Speakman has said, it would seem to me that we have two types of veterans, the rural and the urban. In the case of the rural, I can speak for them and say that veterans do keep in touch with one another, even though they may not be members of the Legion. If anything in the nature of dues comes along they say: get hold of Charlie or someone else—and they manage to bring him in. I think the Legion in rural districts could look after those without medals, if pressure was put on the Legion to do this as a service. The same is not the case in towns.

Mr. LALONDE: That is what I meant when I said I would like to get in touch with the dominion command, and find out from them. We have to deal with them and we could find out if, through their branches, they could help us out. I have to admit that it is a problem which has given us many headaches. It was not as easy to solve as it appeared to some people.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, gentlemen, I do not want to bring this instructive discussion to an abrupt conclusion. I see there are one or two members who