

I shall be very glad to let the item stand until we get a report.

Mr. GRAHAM: I agree that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. I think it would be interesting to know just what has been done.

Mr. OLIVER: I should also like to know whether there is any lack of co-operation on the part of the authorities of any province.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I did not expect to go on with these Estimates, or I should have had a report from Colonel Sherwood before me. We shall let the item stand.

Amount required to pay Consular offices abroad for services, \$500.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: It occasionally happens that we require some special services from a British consular agent—services that we could hardly call upon him to undertake without recognizing them in some way. A small grant for this purpose has been placed in the Estimates for the last two or three years.

Salaries and expenses of the Paris Agency, \$28,000.

Mr. GRAHAM: I do not want to repeat the discussion we had with reference to the High Commissioner's office, but I should like to ask whether the Paris offices are conveniently situated, and whether they are all together. The last time I was in Paris they were in separate places, but our agent was preparing to get new offices.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: The offices now are very convenient and, I think, all together. They are entirely suitable, and are visited by a great many Canadians; at least, that was the case before the war. I was in the offices in 1912, and again last summer. When my hon. friend visits Paris again, I am sure that he will be pleased with the offices and come to the conclusion that the establishment there is creditable to Canada.

Mr. GRAHAM: At the present time we stand in a closer relationship to France and will probably continue to do so than ever before. Our treaty with France, entered into during times of peace, has I believe shown excellent results and we were just beginning to experience the benefits of that treaty when war broke out. It is a matter of general comment that when the war is over, there will be a closer [Sir Robert Borden.]

trade relationship between the Allies and that may mean there will be a greater distance between the Allies and those opposed to them. I wish to direct the attention of the Government and the country to the fact that after the war our relations with the countries who are now our Allies will be on a different footing from what they have ever been before. From what the Prime Minister has said, I believe that we have comfortable and commodious offices in Paris. Naturally, we expect that when the war ends our trade with France will increase; for after the experience of the two countries, standing side by side facing a common enemy, when in days gone by they were facing each other, I cannot conceive how it could be otherwise than that great trade results will accrue to both countries. Whatever else we may do, I think we should not neglect to keep our machinery in France for trade information and trade increase up to the minute, so that every opportunity that presents itself may be taken advantage of without waiting; and we must remember that trade cannot easily be compelled to go in any certain direction. The feeling now between the Allies is that we should be friendly in business, as in everything else. If that spirit is taken advantage of and the business clinched (if I may use the term) at the opportune time, Canada will reap a rich reward financially and industrially in the years to come, and any reasonable expenditure along that line will, I believe, meet with the unanimous approval of the people of this country.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I think Mr. Roy has had these matters before his mind during the last eighteen months. We find him efficient and indefatigable, doing everything within his power under present conditions to promote trade between this country and France, and particularly to promote the placing of orders in this country for supplies required by the French Government.

Pension to J. B. Allan, \$450.

Mr. PUGSLEY: What is that for?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Mr. J. B. Allan was a member of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police who was rendered unfit for further service owing to a gunshot wound which he received while endeavouring to effect the capture of an escaped Indian prisoner called Almighty Voice.