

Mr. CARVELL: I think I know the man. This is all right.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: All I want to say about the matter is this: I am not very much interested in this particular item, but it is not the practice in other departments to allow interest.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: The Receiver General allows three per cent interest.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: I do not think so.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: We could not take millions of dollars on deposit without paying interest.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: It is not done by the Public Works Department.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: I am surprised to hear that.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: I have often thought it was unfair not to pay interest.

To provide for the following gratuities: Professor A. Laird, on his retirement from the staff of the Royal Military College, \$3,271.67.

Mr. CARVELL: How is it these are all revotes?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: They were all voted last year, but were not paid.

Mr. SINCLAIR: Why did Professor Laird leave the department?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: Because of illness.

Mr. SINCLAIR: If these amounts were voted, why did not the parties get the money?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: The financial year had expired before the money was voted.

Mr. SINCLAIR: They will get it now?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: I hope so.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: Professor Laird has since died; the money cannot be paid to him.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: No, it should be paid to his estate, and I move to amend the item accordingly.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. OLIVER: What is the explanation of the next payment of \$2,628 to the widow of the late Major Kilborn?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: This is based on one month's pay for every year the man has been in the service.

Mr. OLIVER: It is on a pension basis: The reason I ask is that lower down I see a gratuity to the widow of the late Mr. Gibson for only \$365.

Sir EDWARD KEMP: The gratuity depends upon the length of service and the rank.

To provide for the payment of the value of loss of timber licenses by reason of expropriation of land for site of Petawawa camp grounds to Robert Booth estate, \$16,077.59; Samuel Bromley, \$9,553.76; James R. Gillies, \$12,724.40—\$38,355.75.

Mr. CARVELL: I think this item requires some explanation. I remember a great many years ago, when Sir Frederick Borden was Minister of Militia, we used to have a good deal of discussion in this House over the claims for compensation by owners of timber licenses at Petawawa camp. I do not know whether the claims were settled in 1911 or 1912, but I think two large amounts were paid. This is certainly a large amount of money we are asked to vote. I used to go to Petawawa ten years ago. I suppose there may have been some timber there, but I never saw it. All I ever saw at Petawawa was sand and a sort of sagebrush, but there must be timber up the river. I often wondered on what ground these men based their claims for such enormous sums of money. I think the country is entitled to some explanation why this amount of \$38,000 should be paid after so many years, unless of course it is a new expropriation, or something of that kind.

Contribution in aid of sufferers from an explosion in mine No. 3 of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, on the 7th of June last, \$537,250.

Mr. CROTHERS: In this explosion 38 miners lost their lives, leaving 24 widows and 52 young children. This compensation is to be distributed by a committee composed of the mayor of the town of Fernie, the manager of the Imperial Bank, the manager of the Home Bank, and three miners.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: Is there any system of compensation in British Columbia which would have been available for these people?

Mr. CROTHERS: I am not sure as to that, but I know a contribution was made by private individuals amounting to about \$11,000.

Mr. KYTE: I would draw the minister's attention to the explosion that took place in the town of New Waterford some weeks ago, in which 62 miners lost their lives. I should like very much if the minister would take that into consideration and, following the precedent he has established in this case, make some provision for the depend-