

Netherhaven cemetery who perished from cold and exposure on Salisbury Plains. These men at Rhyll Camp must have been undergoing the same kind of exposure or they would not have rioted. The riot is to be regretted. I trust that the country will forgive them; the only thing I cannot forgive is the loss of life in connection with those riots. Somebody is responsible for that, and sooner or later, when the proper time comes, unquestionably this House will fix that responsibility.

I have dealt with some personal matters to the satisfaction, I hope, of everybody in the House. I trust that this recrimination will cease. We should all be satisfied that every officer and man of all the forces has done his duty to the best of his ability. Many of our boys gave up their lives in the performance of their duty. There are fathers on both sides of this House who have given sons to the great cause. These boys may have died trying to do the impossible, but it was because we did the impossible that the name of Canada is on the map in connection with this war.

I wish to deal at some length with fiscal questions. It is now ten o'clock, and I would ask the indulgence of the House in permitting me to move the adjournment of the debate.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: If the hon. gentleman desires that the debate should be adjourned, I do not think I should be justified in offering opposition, although the hour is not very late.

Motion agreed to, and debate adjourned.

On the motion of Sir Thomas White, the House adjourned at 10.05 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18, 1919.

The House met at Three o'clock.

PENSIONS.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Hon. N. W. ROWELL (President of the Council) presented the first report of the Special Committee on pensions, pension regulations, and all matters pertaining thereto.

On the motion of Mr. Rowell, the report was concurred in.

REPORTS AND PAPERS.

Copy of a letter from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the [Mr. Currie.]

Governor General, of the 25th of February, 1919, transmitting copies of the Convention signed on the 16th of January, 1919, prolonging the armistice with Germany, together with copies of the financial Protocol of the 13th of December, 1918.—Hon. Mr. Rowell.

Census of industries, 1917. Part I, Agricultural Statistics, 1917; Part III, Fisheries Statistics, 1917.—Hon. Mr. Carvell.

Annual Report of the Inland Revenues of the Dominion of Canada for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1918, Part I, Excise.—Hon. Mr. Reid.

Trade report of the Department of Customs, containing the tables and statements of imports and exports of the Dominion of Canada for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1918.—Hon. Mr. Reid.

Copies of a general rule and order amending a rule of the Exchequer Court of Canada, pursuant to section 88 of the Exchequer Court Act. R.S.C. 1906, Chap. 140.—Hon. Mr. Burrell.

PRINCESS PATRICIA CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY.

ARRIVAL AT OTTAWA—STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF MILITIA.

On the Orders of the Day:

Major General the Hon. S. C. MEWBURN (Minister of Militia): With your permission, Sir, I would like, as a matter of courtesy to the members of this House, to remind them that the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry is expected to arrive in Ottawa to-morrow morning. The regiment will detrain at the Central Station at 10.30 a.m., and, on arrival, will receive an address of welcome from the Mayor, on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Ottawa. They will then proceed by Besserer, Nicholas and Rideau streets to Connaught Square in front of the Chateau Laurier, where a platform is being erected, and it is hoped as many members of the Parliament as possible will be present there. I am sure their presence will be appreciated by the regiment. Tickets are being sent down here this afternoon for Members of the House of Commons and the Senate. A short address will be delivered by His Excellency the Governor General, and the regiment will immediately thereafter move along Sparks street and thence by Bank street to their quarters at Howick Hall.