

Mr. HERRIDGE: Is this amount to meet just the additional expenses under that item?

Mr. MACE: Yes, there are two items in here. The first one is to supplement our provision for university and vocational training in respect of the retraining of pensioners, which we are permitted to do under regulation; and the \$25,000 is to provide some assistance to Canadian veterans who happen to be living in the United Kingdom. We have a departmental office in London, England. Canadian veterans deal through our office there. Unfortunately, there are very little welfare funds available to them in the United Kingdom as such. In Canada we have quite a number of welfare funds. People have donated funds. We have no small slush fund from which we can help a person from time to time and this is a provision of some \$25,000 which we will turn over to our London, England office.

Mr. PATTERSON: Is that an entirely new appropriation?

Mr. MACE: Yes, it is. For many years in the past we did have some money over there that we could use for such purpose as this. However, over the years this has been expended, as a result of which this was the only way we felt we could make some funds available to our district administrator in the U.K. in order to meet emergencies.

Mr. PATTERSON: Is this appropriation just for the year or is it a fund which may extend over a period of years?

Mr. MACE: We can pay these people up to \$10 a month. Of course, most of these people would be in receipt of some social assistance in the United Kingdom. However, as I said, we will be able through this fund to supplement their income up to \$10 a month.

The CHAIRMAN: I would like to close off items 5 and 10 if there are no further questions. As you know, these were discussed last week.

Mr. PATTERSON: Perhaps just before we leave this item I could ask one further question. Is it anticipated that this would be just for the one year or is this a fund set up that will carry on year after year until it is expended?

Mr. MACE: Yes, it is our intention to carry this on. But, this is the start and from experience we will learn what might be required from the financial point of view. But, so far as I know, the intent is to carry this on. Of course, this provision is only for our requirements for this year. We can only appropriate for one year, unless, of course, you make it a statutory item.

Item agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall we carry both votes 5 and 10?

Mr. CHATTERTON: At the last meeting I asked if we could obtain information in respect of the number of W.V.A. recipients from the unemployable class who have dependant children. Were you able to get that information?

Mr. MACE: The official who could give that information is not here today. However, I do not think he has obtained this information yet. This will take us a while.

Items 5 and 10 agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: Our next item appears on page 506. It is item 20, under "pensions".

20 Administration, \$2,634,300

Mr. HARLEY: What is the situation in respect of item number 15?

The CHAIRMAN: We are coming back to that later. We have not touched upon that yet.

Mr. MACE: If I might explain, this is one of the problems. Doctor Crawford is here today. He has an item in vote 15 and he will deal with that. Then,