

Q. Who is supposed to be in charge of those?—A. Colonel de Lalanne could answer with respect to the regimental fund.

The CHAIRMAN: Colonel de Lalanne will give further evidence.

By Mr. Adamson:

Q. Would you care to state if the canteens prefer their own auxiliary services or the N.A.A.F.I.?—A. Well, of course, our auxiliary services are with all the units, and they are with them regardless of whether a canteen is operated or not. The principal object of our operations is not canteens; that is canteens are really incidental to the general operations. It is difficult to obtain an expression of opinion in that regard.

Q. You regard your canteens as purely extra service to the troops?—
A. Exactly.

By Mr. Brooks:

Q. Not just recreational?—A. Canteens are purely a service to the men, and any profit made therefrom is incidental; they are not operated essentially for profit.

By Mr. Hazen:

Q. Did you have anything to do with the management and supervision of the canteen funds after the last war?—A. For a short time I was trustee of the Manitoba Canteen Fund.

Q. The order of reference under which this committee is sitting states that they are to inquire and report and so on, with respect to the policy and method of management to be adopted in the utilization of the said funds for the benefit of those who have served in the Canadian armed forces and for the benefit of the dependents of such persons. That is one thing we have to do, to consider the policy and method of management of these funds after this war. I do not know whether you care to express your own opinion as to the best policy of management of those funds having regard to your previous experience?

The CHAIRMAN: May I interrupt for a moment? Could we get first all the information possible with regard to the operation of the canteens in Great Britain? Would you mind withholding your question in the meantime, Mr. Hazen?

By Mr. Brooks:

Q. Are the services having any difficulty in obtaining sports equipment for the troops overseas?—A. They have not experienced any difficulty as yet, my observation was that adequate provision was being made.

By Mr. Adamson:

Q. Would you like to list the extra services that the auxiliary services provide in England? You know they provide sports equipment? What are the other things they do for the troops?—A. Well, they provide educational services. There are the various sports and recreational events in addition to the provision of the sports equipment therefor; and I might state that two of the best hockey games I have seen in years I saw in the Canadian army overseas.

By the Chairman:

Q. Between the Maple Leafs and the Canadiens?—A. It really was between Winnipeg and Port Arthur. Then there are concerts and entertainment. There is social hospitality in addition to the hostels. We run hospitality bureaus which provide for hospitality in the homes of the people throughout England. Then there are personnel services in the matter of personal and family problems