

have been in Great Britain. What have you been doing there?—A. I have been in the United Kingdom investigating matters that come under the jurisdiction of the Directorate of Auxiliary Services. I went into the matter of canteens as operated by the four national voluntary organizations operating with the Canadian army. The number of canteens operating fluctuate according to circumstances, but the records show there are now some 87 canteens operated by the national organizations. There are also a great many canteens being operated by the N.A.A.F.I. over which the auxiliary services has no control. The goods sold by our own canteens are either purchased from the N.A.A.F.I. wholesale, direct from the manufacturers or they are imported from Canada, and the prices are in line with the prices of the goods sold in the N.A.A.F.I. canteens. There is no percentage of the profits made by the organizations returned in money to the Canadian units, but those profits are expended for the benefit of the Canadian forces. N.A.A.F.I. operated canteens, I understand, pay 6 per cent of the gross profits in cash to the units for which they operate canteens. The average daily attendance at each of our own canteens is approximately 253 men.

*By Mr. Castleden:*

Q. There is one question which occurred to me: is there any request from any of those units for a larger share of the gross profits to be returned to the unit concerned?—A. I did not hear of any requests. I did not seek any such information.

Q. There is no demand for a larger share of the profit to be returned, is there?—A. None, as far as I personally know.

*By Mr. MacKenzie (Neepawa):*

Q. That 6 per cent is from the national organizations?—A. No, that 6 per cent is returned by the N.A.A.F.I. to the Canadian units in which they operate—direct to the unit.

*By Mr. Isnor:*

Q. As far as your canteens are concerned, your own unit enjoy the only benefits; you do not make any returns?—A. No, the profit that is earned by the organizations in operating those canteens is spent for the benefit of the men, but not by a cash donation.

*By Mr. Brooks:*

Q. What does it cost to administer these canteens overseas?—A. I cannot give you those figures; the full accounting system is now being set up.

*By Mr. Hazen:*

Q. Who is in charge of these canteens?—A. The supervisor of the organization operating the canteen is in charge of the canteen.

Q. Is he an honorary officer?—A. We have the representatives of the organizations in the classification of supervisors. They are paid at captain's rates of pay but are not commissioned officers.

Q. But they wear the officer's uniform?—A. They wear an officer's type of uniform without rank badges.

Q. Who appoints them? On whose recommendation are they appointed?—A. They are appointed on the nomination of the organization concerned and with the approval of the Directorate of Auxiliary Services.

Q. Can a man of military age and physically fit be appointed to one of those positions?—A. He must get the usual exemption from the board.

Q. Through whom?—A. Of his district committee if he is of military age and subject to call.