

how these films were made available to motion picture producers in such a way as to exploit them commercially?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): If that was done at all, I have no knowledge of it; it must have been done before I came into the department. I shall be glad to look into the matter.

Mr. POULIOT: They may have gone away, like other papers.

Mr. STIRLING: I do not know to what the hon. member is referring when he uses that term. It will be in the memory of a good many hon. members that a film was prepared most carefully with the assistance of the motion picture bureau and was handed over to the legion for distribution throughout Canada; that film went from Halifax to Vancouver, and was so shown.

Mr. MacNEIL: Is the department still in possession of the films that were taken on the battlefields in the last war?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): I understand that they are being looked after by the government motion picture bureau, under the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Item agreed to.

Adjustment of war claims—Department of National Defence, \$64,411.

Mr. MacNEIL: I now ask my question with regard to the marking of graves of Canadian ex-service men who have died since the war and have been buried in plots set aside for those who served.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): The matter was last dealt with by order in council P.C. 3310 of October 22, 1935, under which authority was given to the Canadian agency of the Imperial War Graves Commission to—

... provide and erect headstones on the graves in Canada of each member of His Majesty's naval and military forces whose death occurred or shall occur during a period 1st September, 1921 to 31st August, 1935, both dates inclusive, under such circumstances and from such causes as would have brought the case within the scope of the Imperial War Graves Commission had such death occurred on or prior to August 31, 1921.

The cost of such headstones completed and erected on suitable foundations not to exceed fifty dollars each. The expenditure to be chargeable to the adjustment of war claims vote.

That deaths in Canada from war causes have occurred and are continuing at a fairly uniform rate. During 1933-34, approximately 315, and during 1934-35, approximately 335 headstones were erected on such graves.

That provisions of previous orders in council did not include any sums for maintenance of the graves so marked.

[Mr. MacNeil.]

That in most cases this is provided locally, but in a certain number of instances some expense under this heading is unavoidable; and

That the maintenance of these graves can be undertaken by the Canadian agency of the Imperial War Graves Commission without exceeding the maximum amount at present authorized for the erection of headstones.

In these circumstances the minister on the advice of the deputy minister of National Defence recommends that the provisions of the orders in council mentioned be continued for the further period of three years, namely from first September, 1935, to 31st August, 1938, both dates inclusive, and that sums as may prove necessary may be allocated to maintenance provided that the total maintenance in any financial year shall not exceed the average of fifty dollars per grave as aforesaid.

Mr. MacNEIL: Did I understand that the order in council indicates whether or not these graves must be in selected plots, or whether the grave of any soldier who dies of war disabilities may be located elsewhere?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): My information is that they are supposed to be in recognized military plots, but special consideration is given to cases where that is not possible.

Mr. MacNICOL: I should like to suggest to the minister an improvement with regard to the presentation of his estimates which might apply not only to his department but to every other. We are now considering item 271, adjustment of war claims, \$64,411. If there were another column giving the number of the similar vote that is detailed in the auditor general's report for 1935-36, it would help hon. members to understand the item. I have the auditor general's report of that year, but I cannot find without a lot of difficulty the similar item two years back. The second column, of course, gives the vote for last year only. The report for that year will not be available until next year, and if we had the reference to the similar vote of two years ago we could understand the item. That applies to every department. It seems to me little more than a farce to come here to consider an item of \$64,000 with nothing before it to indicate what we are talking about unless we ask the minister to take up a goodly length of time in telling us what it is all about. If we had the number in the auditor general's report of two years ago, the last one available, we could look at the item and discuss it intelligently.

Mr. LOCKHART: As regards headstones, mentioned a few minutes ago, what would be the procedure that might be taken to obtain assistance not exceeding fifty dollars on behalf of those who are not buried in certified military plots? There are odd cases where