

Mr. REID: I think that we are handling the matter in a satisfactory way.

Expenses of the Pecuniary Claims Convention with the United States, \$5,000.

Mr. LEMIEUX: Is this commission doing anything at present?

Mr. DOHERTY: Since the war began the operations of the commission have been suspended. This item was passed, as Hansard shows, when my estimates were passed. But by some error it has not figured in the Votes and Proceedings and therefore does not appear on the official record as having been passed. I am bringing it forward now so as to clear up the irregularity. This vote of \$5,000 is merely to make provision in the event of the war coming to an end before the close of the current fiscal year.

Mr. LEMIEUX: The Pecuniary Claims Convention have given out findings in some cases. How many cases remain to be decided?

Mr. DOHERTY: Not having come prepared to deal with this matter, thinking it was passed, I cannot speak with any definiteness on that subject, but in a general way I think quite a number of cases remain to be disposed of.

Grant to assist the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, \$10,000.

Mr. LEMIEUX: Have the Government any one to represent them on the board of that association which is a very worthy one? I read the report which is sent annually to hon. members.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: This is just a grant towards its expenditures which are very large.

Grant to the Canadian Handicrafts Guild, \$2,000.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: This society looks after and encourages, by teaching in some localities, and by giving prizes, manual work of a fine character.

Mr. KNOWLES: I would like to suggest that in the Parliament buildings which are being erected, some memorial or tablet be placed to commemorate the death of our late colleague, Mr. Law, who lost his life there under very distressing circumstances. No tablet and no stone of any kind marks his resting place, and it would be a nice idea and a thoughtful act on our part if somewhere in the corridors of the new Parliament buildings it were to be memorialized that

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the remains of the late Mr. Law rest in that building.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The suggestion of my hon. friend appeals to me personally, and I will see that the matter is brought to the attention of the committee that has general charge of the erection of the building.

It is a sad thing to commemorate, but as the hon. member has said, there is no place other than in the Parliament buildings, where Mr. Law's remains do rest.

Civil Government—Office of the Conservation Commission—salaries, \$37,650.

Mr. GRAHAM: I think a motion was introduced in the House this session by the hon. member for South Perth (Mr. Steele) urging the advisability of establishing a department of public health.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: That has no connection with the commission.

Mr. GRAHAM: The conservation commission has a health department, and one of their officials has been overseas for some time inquiring into health matters. What is the commission doing in this regard, and has the Government given any consideration to my hon. friend's resolution that a department of public health be established?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I do not know that any special consideration has been given to his resolution. At all events, no decision was arrived at. As regards the health department of the conservation commission, their work, I think, must be very limited, but I will get the information for my hon. friend.

Mr. GRAHAM: I think they have done considerable inquiry work.

Arts and Agriculture—Towards the encouragement of cold storage warehouses for the better preservation and handling of perishable food products, \$50,000.

Mr. GRAHAM: Is this for the encouragement of cold storage proprietors?

Mr. BURRELL: There are about ten or a dozen subsidies still due, and this amount is to cover these outstanding payments. We have been granting practically no subsidies since the war began.

Mr. MACDONALD: Under what authority was Mr. O'Connor appointed to make an investigation into the cost of bacon and so forth, and what has been done in regard to a further inquiry? Why was not the matter referred to a committee of the House of Commons?