

You know that while he was at the R.M.C. he did not draw his pension, or if he took his pension he did not receive the Commandant's pay. By that arrangement during the six years he has been there he has saved this country at least \$36,000. I know that during those six years he has on more than one occasion pressed for a larger living allowance, but this was consistently refused by the Government and Macdonell leaves the R.M.C. in much poorer circumstances than when he assumed the headship six years ago. He has saved his country much but none for himself.

I know the pension regulations with reference to drawing pay and pension at the same time, but it seems to me that Section 11 of the Militia Pensions Act 1901, as amended, makes it possible for special consideration to be given Macdonell. I hope something may be arranged whereby he may be kept in harness and at the same time live his old age in comfortable circumstances.