

of the month they have hardly enough money to pay the expenses incurred by their families and to bring up their children as other citizens do. I am quite convinced that \$25 a week is not enough. I make the suggestion in good faith hoping that the department and this committee will give it proper consideration. I trust that hon. members will express their views on the question and support the stand I have taken if they see fit to do so.

Mr. SHAW: Will the minister explain the procedure followed and the nature and extent of the compensation paid to discharged convicts who have become permanently disabled while in the penitentiary?

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): There is no fixed mode of procedure. The compensation is arranged as fairly as possible, but there is no regular way of doing it.

Mr. SHAW: Is the compensation deemed sufficient to enable the man to provide a living for himself?

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): It depends, of course, on the nature of the injury and the extent to which it renders the man incapable of earning his living after. We try to be as fair as possible.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: Who decides that?

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): The department does.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: It comes from the department?

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): Yes.

Mr. POULIOT: I wish to ask the Minister of Justice a question, and in reply he can furnish me with personal information in writing afterwards. I should like to know the total amount that has been paid to Mr. Justice Newton Rowell from the time he resigned as a member of parliament to the time he was appointed to the bench, in the form of fees, advances—

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): Suppose my hon. friend write me about the matter.

Mr. POULIOT: —and travelling expenses as well as living allowance—everything paid him. I said to Mr. Bennett one day while he was Prime Minister, that this gentleman was well looked after, and Mr. Bennett replied, "You bet". I want to know, therefore, how much he has cost the country.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): I am sure the minister cannot turn a deaf ear to the hon. member for Chambly-Rouville (Mr. Dupuis), but he can explain that, in addition to the salaries mentioned, these gentlemen get a good

[Mr. Dupuis.]

many perquisites in the shape of free rent, fuel, light, meals, uniform and other things too numerous to mention.

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): I have no trouble in finding men to replace them when there are vacancies.

Mr. DUPUIS: For the information of the leader of the opposition, I may say that the perquisites they receive are not as substantial as he suggests. If I mistake not, they must bring their lunch. Moreover, they do not all get free rent and I am sure most of them have to pay high rentals. There is only the matter of uniforms. Apart from that, I do not believe they receive much.

Mr. CASSELMAN (Grenville-Dundas): I realize that the minister has not his deputy beside him and will therefore find it difficult to give definite information, but I should like to be given some information with regard to the item I referred to a minute ago, namely, the compensation that has been paid to discharged convicts permanently disabled while in penitentiaries, and the circumstances.

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): Does the superintendent know the name of the man to whom my hon. friend refers?

Mr. CASSELMAN (Grenville-Dundas): I am not interested merely in one man. I should like to know whether there is a course of action in the department under which, when people suffer permanent injuries in these institutions, compensation is paid them. It is a question of policy.

I should like the minister to answer one more question. Let us say that a settlement has been made with an individual in the last four or five years. Is the minister going to take the stand that because the department has a release from this person, who may have undergone many mental tests to disclose what his capacity was, the possession of his signature is an end of the matter?

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): No; it depends on all the circumstances. I can promise my hon. friend that I will consider the matter as carefully as possible, and if the man has been treated unfairly I will see that an adjustment is made.

Mr. CASSELMAN (Grenville-Dundas): That is quite satisfactory.

Item agreed to.

98. Pensions and other benefits—William Tatton, \$564.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): This is an old friend?