

*By Mr. Copp:*

Q. You have given us, as nearly as you can, what it would take from the figures you have before you?—A. I believe if every man who, apparently, is entitled to draw a gratuity is paid that, the figures I have given will be pretty close.

Q. Would you be safe in saying that it would not be less than \$150,000,000 and would not exceed \$155,000,000?—A. My actual estimate, based on the averages I took, was in the neighbourhood of \$147,000,000, but in comparing the estimates from other figures, I believe that the basis of my estimate is low, for the simple reason that I estimated on the basis of \$425 an account; I took 1,100 accounts and added them up, and they averaged \$451 an account. I have estimated, allowing a margin, that it will come to \$153,000,000.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. I think probably we should have these other figures verified. You give the actual expenditures to the 31st of March, 1919, for what?—A. For post-discharge pay and war service gratuity, including England and Canada, according to actual returns supplied, actual figures, \$20,533,228.17.

Q. That is up to March 31, 1919?—A. Yes.

Q. And your expenditures from that date to the 31st August this year was what amount?—A. \$83,153,329.81, but I might mention that, of that \$3,000,000,<sup>1</sup> \$9,642,038.16, plus \$125,000 represented payments of war service gratuity to soldiers who were discharged prior to the 11th November, 1918, and officers who were struck off the strength prior to the 1st December, 1918.

Q. But it was paid during this year?—A. Yes.

Q. And your estimate of the amount required for the balance of this year?—A. According to the best of my ability, sir, it is \$50,000,000 in round figures. I would like also to state, in connection with my previous evidence; in the first estimate prepared we did not include the amount of post-discharge pay, but which is now included, amounting to between nine and ten millions.

Q. In the case of discharged men who were taken on strength of the S.C.R. for vocational training or for treatment in hospitals or for treatment in sanatoria, do you in all these cases withhold this gratuity?—A. No, sir. When a soldier is on the strength of the S.C.R., with full pay and allowances, for treatment, we pay no gratuity.

Q. What do you mean by "for treatment?"—A. Undergoing treatment.

Q. You mean medical treatment?—A. Yes.

Q. You withhold the gratuity?—A. Yes, while he is there.

Q. And you pay that gratuity?—A. If he is on the strength and gets vocational training it is paid.

Q. And in the case of those undergoing treatment when do you pay?—A. When they are struck off the strength of the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment.

Witness discharged.

The Committee adjourned.

<sup>1</sup> \$6,247,482.11. See also Mr. T. O. Cox's letter of corrections.

[Mr. T. O. Cox.]