

returned men which was required was not obtained. The only complaint has been as to which particular ex-soldier was appointed.

Mr. GREEN: They had to go through the Liberal machine.

Mr. POWER: I do not know that that is quite the case. I do not understand from the Minister of National Defence that such is the case. My hon. friend wrote me about that time, and I obtained a reply from the Minister of National Defence which satisfied me, at any rate.

Mr. STEWART: It would not be hard to do that.

Mr. POWER: The department employing the men, or the contractor, or whoever is the employer, surely should have some right to say which particular man shall be appointed and which shall not. I have never yet heard in this chamber anyone complaining because a Liberal returned soldier was appointed. The great complaint up to the present has been that not a sufficient number was appointed. Once we get this full quota I think returned soldiers should be pretty well satisfied; if they get forty-eight out of forty-eight, I do not think they can complain at all.

An hon. MEMBER: That is quite exceptional.

Mr. POWER: That is what my hon. friend is complaining of.

Mr. GREEN: No. The Minister of National Defence has laid down a rule that he will only hire returned men or militia men on his works projects, but in addition to being returned men they have to be Liberals. That is the position in connection with these post office jobs.

Mr. POWER: I do not believe my hon. friend is serious in that.

Mr. BROOKS: In order that the Minister of National Defence shall not get too much credit, I want to say that down in Nova Scotia, when they were building the Venture for the Canadian government, out of one hundred men employed there were only two returned men. I had letters from a number of returned men who could not get jobs because they were not on the right side of politics.

Mr. POWER: That was done by the contractor, I suppose.

Mr. GREEN: Can the minister say who is the representative in Vancouver through whom these men had to pass last Christmas?

Mr. POWER: I have not the faintest idea.

Mr. GREEN: I suppose the Minister of National Defence can explain that.

Item agreed to.

For the continuation or carrying out of projects or schemes commenced or recommended by the veterans' assistance commission, etc.—further amount required, \$50,000.

Mr. POWER: It is the same thing. It is an additional \$50,000 to the vote we have just passed.

Mr. GREEN: How is it to be allocated?

Mr. POWER: I have that somewhere. These, as I said, are only tentative: Workshops Limited, Montreal, \$25,000; Canadian corps of commissionaires, \$10,000; Toronto veterans' committee, \$5,000; Toronto amputations placement service, \$2,500. Windsor land settlement scheme may require a further amount of about \$10,000. At London there is a placement scheme for veterans; the cost will run to about \$1,000. From Winnipeg there is a demand for another \$1,000. At Regina, for the veterans' workshops there is a demand for \$10,000. For the Moose Jaw workshop the demand is \$3,000. At Vancouver there is a demand for \$1,500, plus a repayment fund of \$5,000. This amounts to about \$73,000. We are trying to keep some in reserve. I do not say that all this money will be spent—that is why I hesitated to give all the details—upon these particular projects. I am just stating what has been asked for, and we shall have to allot it in the best way we possibly can to reach our objective.

Mr. BROOKS: I did not hear the minister mention any projects in the maritime provinces.

Mr. POWER: There have not been any suggested, unfortunately.

Mr. BROOKS: Well, of course!

Mr. POWER: There is none from Quebec city, either.

Item agreed to.

Direct payments to veterans and dependents—Probationary training allowances, \$120,000.

Mr. GREEN: Last year there was a vote of \$250,000. How much of that was spent, and how was it spent?

Mr. POWER: The estimate of this year is based to some extent on the amount spent last year. We did not spend by any means as much as we anticipated; the amount was \$67,209.01. Perhaps my hon. friend will remember that we started a little late. We began