

*Soldier Settlers*

**Hon. Milton F. Gregg (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleague the Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. Lapointe), who is away on duty, I should like to say a word on this resolution. It is a pleasure at this time to renew acquaintance with my old friend the resolution of the hon. member for Battle River (Mr. Fair). Each year, when I had the honour of being minister of veterans affairs, I had that pleasure.

I express my thanks to the hon. member tonight for bracketing my name with that of the present minister and of the parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Veterans Affairs, in connection with the useful efforts that have been made on this subject. I am not going to make a prolonged speech. Certainly I am not going to make the old speech made in the past, because I have not had a chance to dig it up.

I am interested, however, in seeing that this problem, brought before the house each year by the hon. member for Battle River is, like the old soldier, not dead, but gradually fading away. Indeed it is fading away very rapidly, if we may judge by the figures quoted tonight. I believe it was in 1948 when we did institute a program, and at that time we said it would be a long-term one. However, it is not going to be so long because, as the parliamentary assistant said this evening, before very long, the whole matter will be wiped out in orderly fashion. And perhaps it will be cleared up with priority given to those—and I say this after due thought—who deserved it most in the first instance.

Having said that, it is with a good deal of regret that I must tell my hon. friend again this year that the government is not prepared to concur in his resolution. Consequently I shall find it my duty to vote against it. However, I join with him in expressing appreciation to the minister and his parliamentary assistant, as well as to the director of the Veterans Land Act, for the sympathetic understanding they are giving to veteran problems, and particularly the problems of the old-timers affected by this resolution.

The house divided on the motion (Mr. Fair) which was negatived on the following division:

**YEAS**

Messrs:

Argue	Churchill
Aylesworth	Drew
Beyerstein	Fair
Blackmore	Fleming
Blair	Fraser
Brooks	Fulton
Bryce	Gagnon
Casselman	Graydon
Catherwood	Green

Harkness	Nowlan
Hees	Pearkes
Herridge	Quelch
Hodgson	Shaw
Johnston	Starr
Jones	Stewart (Winnipeg North)
Knight	Thatcher
Knowles	Thomas
Lennard	Tustin
Macdonnell (Greenwood)	White (Hastings- Peterborough)
MacLean (Queens)	Wright
McLure	Wylie—44.
Meeker	
Nickle	

**NAYS**

Messrs:

Anderson	Henry
Applewhaitte	Huffman
Ashbourne	Jeffery
Bater	Kickham
Beaudoin	Kirk (Antigonish- Guysborough)
Benidickson	Kirk (Digby-Yarmouth)
Blue	Lafontaine
Boisvert	Laing
Boivin	Langlois (Gaspé)
Bonnier	Larson
Boucher	Leger
Bourget	Lesage
Bourque	Macdonald (Edmonton East)
Bradette	MacDougall
Bradley	MacNaught
Brown (Essex West)	McCann
Byrne	McCulloch
Cameron	McCusker
Campney	McIlraith
Cardin	McLean (Huron-Perth)
Carroll	McWilliam
Carter	Martin
Cavers	Murray (Cariboo)
Cloutier	Mutch
Cote (Verdun-La Salle)	Parent
Crestohl	Pearson
Decore	Pouliot
Dickey	Proudfoot
Dube	Richard (Ottawa East)
Dupuis	Rooney
Eyre	Ross (Hamilton East)
Ferrie	Rousseau
Fournier (Hull)	St. Laurent
Fulford	Schneider
Garson	Smith (Moose Mountain)
Gauthier (Lake St. John)	Stuart (Charlotte)
George	Studer
Gingras	Tremblay
Gour (Russell)	Ward
Gregg	Weir
Harris	Whiteside
Harrison	Whitman
Hellyer	Wood—88.
Helme	
Henderson	

**Mr. Cruickshank:** I was paired with the hon. member for Cape Breton South (Mr. Gillis).

**Mr. White (Middlesex East):** I was paired with the hon. member for Middlesex West (Mr. McCubbin). Had I voted I would have supported the motion.

**Mr. Ross (Souris):** I was paired with the hon. member for Melville (Mr. Gardiner). Had I voted I would have voted for the motion.

**Mr. Cardiff:** I was paired. Had I voted, I would have voted for the motion.