

The Address—Mr. Noseworthy

my privilege to sit on a committee of the house that considered the courses of education that should be made available to veterans returning from world war II. I want to repeat a little story that I heard in my own riding. The Conservative candidate had a loud speaker in the riding and the man who was operating it was saying: "What did the Liberal government ever do for you?" After hearing that, a very staunch Conservative came into my committee room and said: "That started me thinking. When I went into world war I my education was half finished; I was about half through high school. I never had an opportunity to complete that education. My boy was in world war II. He too had not quite finished high school when he enlisted. He has since returned and has graduated from the university of Toronto, thanks to the assistance of D.V.A."

I am confident that many of the votes which the Liberal party received in the past election were received from families whose young people had been assisted in completing their education by virtue of the provisions of D.V.A. after their return from the services. I should like to call the attention of the minister to one or two improvements which might be made in the regulations. Here is what I discovered only a few days ago. A student finished his course of study within his credit year. He wrote about half his examinations within his credit year. Two or three of his examinations were written after his credit year had

expired. Because of that fact I find that D.V.A. will not take into account his standing in that year although he made second-class honours. They will not grant him another year but insist on going back to the previous year on the ground that, because that boy wrote two examinations after his credit year had been completed, the regulations would not permit them to consider that year.

I am sure the men who framed the regulations never intended that they should operate so drastically as to exclude a deserving young veteran from another year of university training on a mere technicality. I took the trouble to find out how many other veterans at the university of Toronto were affected by that ruling. I found there were about ten or twelve in that university alone. I suggest to the minister that some steps be taken to override that technicality, on behalf of these young men who are entitled, by reason of their academic standing in their last year, to full credit for that academic standing, even though their credit year may have expired before they finished their examinations.

On motion of Mr. Noseworthy the debate was adjourned.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Tomorrow we will continue this debate.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.
