

single men, and these men must be made to feel that the regulations are being applied justly to the whole force.

From my discussions with the commissioner, I know it is his desire to leave in the regulations no more than is essential for the performance of the work, and to apply them in such a manner that no individual will feel that discrimination is being exercised in favour of any other individual of his class or category. There has been some relaxing of the marriage regulations, and that relaxation is being carried to the greatest possible extent compatible with the services that the force is required to render. They are being applied as uniformly throughout the force as it is possible to do.

Mr. McLURE: I understand that the compensation paid to members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for injuries received in the performance of their duties is set by the mounted police act, and the compensation is quite small indeed. I have in mind the case of a man in my province who joined the force some forty-six or more years ago. After having been in the service for some time, he lost his arm at the shoulder while on duty. For a few years afterward he received the small pension he was entitled to under the act. This man has been trying to farm all his life and has made a fairly good attempt at it. Last year we applied to the commissioner on behalf of this man and through the kindness of the commissioner a full pension was granted, but this amounts to only \$365 a year. The man is now about sixty-five years of age. The minister has indicated that there is to be a revision of the act, and I hope he will keep in mind those men who have suffered serious injuries while on duty and see that they get pensions in accordance with those paid to other persons.

Item agreed to.

354. Pensions to families of members of the Mounted Police who have lost their lives while on duty—

Mrs. Mary Emma Bossange, \$456.25.
 Mrs. Margaret Johnson Brooke, \$821.25.
 Mrs. Margert Cox, \$410.63.
 Mrs. Victoria Desjardins, \$411.
 Mrs. Georgina Harrison, \$676.50.
 Mrs. Letitia Kennedy, \$423.50.
 Mrs. Nora Jean Massan, \$300.
 Mrs. Margaret Nicholson, \$547.50.
 Mrs. Catherine Mildred Ralls, \$675.25.
 Mrs. Vera M. Ryder, \$907.50.
 Mrs. Doris Freda Sampson, \$816.
 Mrs. Amy Lillian Searle, \$406.98.
 Mrs. Madelaine Mary Shoebottom, \$810.
 Mrs. Eunice Wainwright, \$602.50.

Mr. McKAY: I notice that one of the items in this vote covering pensions to widows of men killed while in the service of the mounted police is for only \$300. A pension of \$25 a month to a widow is quite small.

[Mr. St. Laurent.]

Mr. ST. LAURENT: These are recurring votes that are made from year to year. The pension granted is one-half the pension the husband would have received had he retired at that time. Some are quite small; but, as the hon. member knows, there has been no increase in the superannuation rates to civil servants or their dependents, and we do not feel that we could ask for an increase for dependents of R.C.M.P. men unless an increase were made in all superannuation payments.

Item agreed to.

Demobilization and reconversion—

613. To provide for increased activities of the force, \$2,599,728.

Mr. FRASER: What is the strength of the force at the present time, and what was it in 1939?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: The whole of this amount will not by any means be expended this year. When the estimates were prepared we had hoped for an establishment of 690 additional constables, but we have not yet been able to get more than 100 to 120. We want to build up the force to the authorized establishment, but we want to build it up out of the proper material. Four months of the year have gone and we have succeeded in getting fewer than 120 additional men.

Mr. FRASER: How many men are there at the present time?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: There are 2,464.

Mr. FRASER: What was the strength in 1939?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: The authorized establishment was 2,500.

Mr. COCKERAM: How many men were taken on by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police during the course of the war, and how many have failed to reengage now that their term of service is up?

An hon. MEMBER: All those who have died.

Mr. COCKERAM: More than that, if you look into it.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: I am sorry I have not the figures here, but the commissioner informs me that only a small percentage have not reengaged at the expiry of their period of engagement.

Mr. COCKERAM: What I was getting at was this, that a number of men enlisted in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police during the war who would have been called up for military service, and I want to know how many of these men, now that the war is over, are out of the R.C.M.P.?