

Mr. CHATTERTON: Is that payment related to the length of service?

Mr. ANDERSON: No, it has nothing to do with length of service.

Mr. FANE: Were you implying that veterans who received the Military Cross got \$100 in each case?

Mr. J. E. WALSH (*Director, Finance, Purchasing and Stores*): Only if they received the Military Cross while they were non-commissioned officers.

Mr. FANE: Non-commissioned?

Mr. ANDERSON: Yes.

Mr. FANE: That is what I understood.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall item 25 carry?

Item agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: We will revert now to item 15. This is the item in which Doctor Crawford is interested.

15. Other benefits including treatment and related allowances, burials and memorials, the training of certain pensioners under regulations approved by the governor in council and repayments under subsection (3) of section 12 of the Veterans' Rehabilitation Act in such amounts as the Minister of Veterans Affairs determines, not exceeding the whole of amounts equivalent to the compensating adjustments or payments made under that act, where the persons who made the compensating adjustments or payments received no benefits under the Veterans' Land Act, or where, having had financial assistance under the Veterans' Land Act, are deemed by the minister on termination of their Veterans' Land Act contracts or agreements to have derived thereunder either no benefits or benefits that are less than the amounts of the compensating adjustments or payments, 5,340,100

Mr. MACE: Mr. Chairman, I forgot to introduce Mr. R. W. Pawley, director of the Veterans' Land Act. He is with us today.

Mr. O'KEEFE: May I put a question in respect of item 15? Are there any civilians employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs?

Mr. CRAWFORD: Oh, yes.

Mr. O'KEEFE: In what capacity?

Mr. CRAWFORD: In all capacities. Some of my medical officers—and this is an increasing number—never have served. A lot of my nurses never have served. This also applies to laboratory technicians; many of them have never served in the armed forces. This is a fact of life and I think we have to realize that. Veterans preference goes only so far in respect of people who do not have jobs now and those who have not the proper kind of training are not worth employing as a rule.

Mr. O'KEEFE: Can you tell me if there are any veterans so employed in Newfoundland?

Mr. CRAWFORD: I am in a rather different position in respect of Newfoundland because I do not have a departmental institution in Newfoundland. The veterans' pavilion in connection with St. John's General hospital is staffed by the staff of St. John's General.