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Department of Finance. At that time uniform rates of pay were fixed which we considered to be the equivalent paid by industry for similar jobs.

It must be remembered that the service personnel receive hospitalization, medical services, pensions, clothing and so on. All those benefits were taken into account. Subsequently there were two increases in rates of pay. The last increase was made as of December 1, 1950, and these were designed to make the increase across the board to all service personnel equivalent to the increase in the cost of living index since 1946.

A check was then made to see how they compared with the rates paid by the same eight leading industries, and they were found to be on the same basis. As far as possible the rates of pay are equivalent. No doubt in certain categories, particularly in jobs in RCEME, where the men would be working on motor vehicles or in the dockyards civilian personnel will be working alongside service personnel. Perhaps because of seniority or trades rating they may be receiving different rates of pay, but as far as possible we avoid that situation.

Mr. Hees: What is the name and the salary of the temporary director of public relations which the minister mentioned?

Mr. Claxton: The name is William Dumsday. He is not a temporary director, he

is the director of public relations. His salary is \$6,000, but he is still a temporary civil servant. He was a wing commander during the war and did the same kind of work with the air force.

Item stands.

Progress reported.

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Mr. Harris (Grey-Bruce): On Monday we will resume the debate on the motion of the Secretary of State for External Affairs with respect to his estimates. Then we will take up the resolution standing in the name of the Minister of Finance dealing with veterans professional loans. Then the two resolutions standing in the name of the Minister of Veterans Affairs with respect to pensions and certain rights and privileges to be granted to members of the special force. When those have been concluded we might consider the resolutions standing in the name of the Prime Minister with respect to certain matters here in Ottawa. If there is still time we will take up the resolution standing in the name of the Minister of Labour having to do with an amendment to the Government Employees Compensation Act, 1947.

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

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