

The average of \$400 per pension per month is based on past business; 1,000 pensions for April, 1917, working out at \$450 per annum, and at the same number for May, 1917, working out at \$380 per annum.

3. Gratuities (for disability—Class 6)—	
Gratuities paid April, May and June, 1917 . . . . .	\$ 29,400
Estimates from July 1, 1917, to March 31, 1918, average \$300 per month for 9 months, at \$50 per gratuity . . . . .	135,000
	\$ 164,400
	\$ 7,139,507
4. Estimated expenses of administering pensions—	
Salaries, rentals, etc. . . . .	\$ 470,000

The total has been put, in round figures, at \$8,000,000. The amount of \$2,000,000 is further required, in addition to the amount provided in the main estimates, in order to meet expenses up to March 31 next.

Mr. SINCLAIR: What is the maximum amount allowed to a totally disabled soldier?

Mr. HAZEN: According to the report made to the House last year, and made effective by Order in Council under the War Measures Act, in the event of total disability a private gets \$480.

Mr. SINCLAIR: There is no change?

Mr. HAZEN: There has been no change up to the present, but the Prime Minister has stated to the House that he intends under the War Measures Act to increase that amount, having regard to the advance in the cost of living and to other considerations.

Mr. SINCLAIR: Can the minister say how much the increase will be?

Mr. HAZEN: No, it has not been fixed. In fact, it has not yet been definitely considered.

Mr. OLIVER: My information is that there is grave reason for complaint in respect of the action of the pension commissioners in dealing with claims involving less than total disability. Perhaps it would be better, under all the circumstances, if we did not pass the item now, because it is a matter of very great importance and might very well be the subject of some slight discussion in the House.

Mr. HAZEN: If the hon. gentleman wants the item to stand over until next day that will be all right.

Civil Government—departments various—To pay to each of the officers, clerks and employees in the Second Division, who obtained the ordinary annual increase during the present

[Mr. Hazen.]

year on or subsequent to the first day of April, 1917, and previous to the coming into force of the Civil Service Amendment Act of 1917 an additional amount of \$50, \$29,825; to provide for any increase of salary under the Civil Service Amendment Act of 1917, not otherwise provided for therein, \$32,500—\$63,325.

Mr. HAZEN: That is to carry out the legislation which was passed this year, which, hon. members will remember, gave the \$100 increase instead of the \$50 increase. The original estimates were based on the statutory increase of \$50. This is to make up the difference.

Progress reported.

#### REPORT PRESENTED.

Regulations re pay and allowances to officers and men after discharge from the Canadian Naval Service.—Hon. Mr. Hazen.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Hazen the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Monday, September 17, 1917.

The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

#### FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1917-18.

A message from His Excellency the Governor General presenting further supplementary estimates for the year ending March 31, 1918, was presented by the Hon. J. D. Reid (Minister of Customs) read by Mr. Speaker to the House, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

#### MILITARY SERVICE ACT, 1917.

##### ORDERS IN COUNCIL APPOINTING REGISTRARS FOR THE DIFFERENT PROVINCES.

Rt. Hon. Sir ROBERT BORDEN (Prime Minister) laid on the table of the House Orders in Council appointing registrars under the provisions, and for the purposes, of the Military Service Act, 1917, for the provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Quebec, New Brunswick, British Columbia, Prince Edward Island and Alberta.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: May I suggest that they be printed forthwith?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: They only give the names. I shall read them:

Ontario—Glyn Osler, Esq., Barrister at Law, Toronto.

Manitoba—E. R. Chapman, Esq., Director of National Service for the province of Manitoba, Winnipeg.

Saskatchewan—A. L. Haining, Esq., Director of National Service for the province of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.