

Chairman or member of grievance committee, Dominion Power and Transmission Company and Hydro-Electric Commission, 1919-29.

Financial secretary, International Union of Operating Engineers (one year).

Delegate and member of committees of International Conventions Union of Operating Engineers, 1924-30.

Secretary, Hamilton Cooperative Creameries and prime mover in its organization.

Delegate to the British Trade Union Congress, representing Trades and Labour Congress of Canada, Brighton, England, 1933.

Delegate to International Federation of Trade Unions, representing Trades and Labour Congress of Canada, Brussels, Belgium (served on a number of commissions appointed by this body).

Visited Russia on the invitation of and as a member of a trade union delegation, 1935.

Visited Poland, Germany, France and Holland in 1935, studying the labour movements and the general conditions in these countries.

Alderman, city of Hamilton for three years.

Member of the Hamilton Board of Education one year. Resigned owing to duties in Ottawa as director of labour transference.

Member of Board of Governors, Hamilton General Hospitals, 1928-37. Resigned owing to duties in Ottawa.

Member of the House of Commons, 1930-35.

Perhaps this is where he made a mistake. He did not line himself up with anyone. He wanted to be an independent labour man and that he was, and that he remained. He was president and secretary of the central branch, Independent Labour Party of Hamilton. He was secretary of the Independent Labour Party of Ontario for a number of years, and at the request of the late Hon. Norman Rogers, a former Minister of Labour, he served on a special committee to investigate relief camps from November 28, 1935, to March 20, 1936. He was director of labour transference from 1936 to 1939, when the camps were demobilized, transferring men to railways, farm work and other employment, and he also negotiated agreements with all the provincial governments.

In this connection I met him, and I formed my opinion as a man with, I believe, fair judgment and with a bias toward the man who toils. The minister negotiated agreements with the provincial governments with respect to the farm placement scheme and the establishment of forestry camps and work in British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba, to meet the problems of the single transient unemployed. He directed during 1938 the

rehabilitation of men in the older age brackets and negotiated agreements with various provinces to assist in the general organization plan.

I wonder where in heaven's name can you find a man who has a better background to lead labour in the House of Commons and in the government of Canada than the man who, we are told, is not fit to occupy the position. I like to stand up for the man whom certain people like to strike when he is down. I say to the minister again: Carry on. Do your duty and let the other fellow do the worrying. Trust in the Master Workman, and you will blaze, in this house and in the country at large, a trail that will be second to none in Canada.

I should like now to say a word about the soldiers. I congratulate the government upon the increased pay not only to soldiers but to their dependents, and with your permission, Mr. Speaker, I should like to place on *Hansard* a table showing that the highest paid soldiers in the world are Canadians. For the man with wife only, the amounts are as follows:

Country	Amount
Canada	\$59 40
United States.....	50 00
Australia	42 78
New Zealand.....	34 92
South Africa.....	42 09
United Kingdom.....	24 06

As will be seen from this table, Canada stands at the top, and I think the government should be given credit for this. As I said last year, why take a man out of his work, make him a soldier and pay him less money than he was getting. Before the government has finished, I hope it will pay the soldiers better than ever before because they are the ones who are taking the risks.

I congratulate the Prime Minister upon the fact that when the corvette *Port Arthur* put a submarine out of business he gave honour to whom honour was due. I would ask the Department of National Defence, however, when they are sending their silver crosses to mothers, not to forget, where there is no longer a mother, to send the cross to father, sister, aunt or other dependent. It is not very much to ask, but it would mean a great deal to a woman to look at the cross and say, "That stands for my brother."

The men in uniform were rightly honoured when two of them were chosen to move and second respectively the motion for an address in reply to the speech from the throne. I was greatly interested when the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Booth) addressed the house the other day. I do not think I