

Treasury board after having passed the deputy minister. When the deputy minister prepared his estimates earlier in the session, there were certain reclassifications, promotions and salary increases that were not provided for, and this is simply to clean up matters in the different departments.

Item agreed to.

Penitentiaries—British Columbia—to recoup Workmen's Compensation Board, province of British Columbia, payment made on behalf of late guard R. E. Farrell, killed on duty; and to provide for continuance of pension granted widow by board at the rate of \$50 a month, \$2,069.30.

Mr. SPENCER: May we have particulars?

Mr. ROSS (Kingston): Has the minister received a similar application in the case of guard Jenkins, who was killed on duty at the Kingston penitentiary? If so, what action has been taken?

Mr. LAPOINTE: I remember having received an application for the widow of a guard who was killed while on duty at the Kingston penitentiary. I will take the matter into consideration and let my friend have the information.

Mr. ROSS (Kingston): May it be reconsidered under some other vote?

Mr. LAPOINTE: It can be considered on the estimates of this year.

Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac): May we take this item as an indication of the general line of policy which the government intends to follow in similar cases? For myself, I would be prepared to give my support to such a policy.

Mr. LAPOINTE: As my friend will see, we are merely paying what has been granted by the Workmen's Compensation Board of British Columbia; we are complying with the judgment of a court.

Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac): But that does not cover the \$50 a month to the widow.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Yes, that pension was granted by the compensation board.

Mr. McGIBBON: Would not the government be equally compelled by the practice of the Workmen's Compensation Board in Ontario to carry out the same policy?

Mr. LAPOINTE: I think they would, but I will give my friend more information about this when we come to the main estimates, and probably before that date, because my friend from Frontenac speaks to me often on this question.

[Mr. Robb.]

Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac): I would think the government, if not compelled, would be impelled to do so on the principle of equality of status.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Those are two good words from my hon. friend.

Mr. HANSON: Are all the penitentiary employees under the Workmen's Compensation Act in the various provinces?

Mr. LAPOINTE: No.

Mr. HANSON: What about New Brunswick?

An hon. MEMBER: They have no penitentiary there.

Mr. McGIBBON: Is the government not prepared to deal with this question now?

Mr. LAPOINTE: Had I known this matter would be discussed to-day I would have brought with me all the information relating to it. I regret that I cannot answer my friend to-day.

Mr. ROSS (Kingston): The minister might then be prepared to explain why this particular case is under the Workmen's Compensation Act of British Columbia and similar cases in the other provinces are not also subject to the various provincial acts dealing with workmen's compensation.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I will give the information to my friend later on.

Item agreed to.

Legislation—House of Commons—	
expenses of committees—further	
amount required . . . . .	\$89,925 02
To increase the salary of the secretary to leader of the opposition from \$2,500 to \$3,000 per annum from April 1, 1926 . . . . .	500
To provide for the full sessional indemnity to members of the House of Commons—days lost through absence caused by illness, official public business, or on account of death during the present session,—Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in chapter 10 of the revised statutes, an Act respecting the Senate and House of Commons, or any amendments thereto—payment to be made as the Treasury board may direct . . . . .	10,000

Mr. CANTLEY: Is it the intention of the government to include the sessional indemnity of the late Hon. J. C. Douglas who, it will be remembered, died during the present session?