

if it turns out that the classification should relate back to April by virtue of any statement of the Government, the service will not suffer because it can not become effective until the first of April next, and in the meantime legislation may be passed to make it effective. I wanted the opportunity of making this statement and to assure the service that it will not be prejudiced by reason of the lack of the clause which my hon. friend indicates.

My hon. friend from Fort William (Mr. Manion) suggests that the Commission be extended. He has been very consistent about this and has never neglected an opportunity of pressing this view upon the Government. When the Act of 1918 was in progress through the House many hon. gentlemen expressed the view that there should be a soldier upon the Civil Service Commission. There was then, rightly or wrongly, an impression among the returned men that the Order in Council giving the soldier preferential treatment was not being justly carried out; or, they at least claimed that it was not. Whatever objections could have been made in 1918 as to the action of the Civil Service Commission in this regard have since passed away. I do not think that the returned man can fairly complain that to-day the clause of the Civil Service Act of 1918 requiring preferential treatment to him is not being carried out. If there was any reasonable, well founded complaint in this regard, the demand for the appointment of a returned soldier upon the Commission might have some merits. There are requests from other classes for representation on the Commission which would involve an increase in the number. I understand the labour unions claim that they should be represented upon it; the Civil Service also made a similar claim as well as the women of the Civil Service. After all, this is a business question and it resolves itself into this: Is it necessary to increase the number of the commission to administer the provisions of the Civil Service Act? Personally, I do not think it is. However, if it should be the judgment or wish of Parliament to increase the number of the commission, I would gracefully bow to its opinion. While I suppose my hon. friend has no amendment drafted at the moment, I would suggest to him that he allow the Bill to proceed and on the third reading, if he has a clause drafted and it meets with the support of the House, no further opposition to it will be made by me. There is, of course, the further objection

that a money vote would involve a resolution. I did not think of that.

Mr. COWAN: Was the bonus which was adopted in lieu of the classification paid to all the parties who will be affected by the classification?

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: No, not at all.

Mr. COWAN: Then some are going to suffer as a result of that. What are you going to do for these parties?

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: The only members of the service who are not in receipt of a bonus are those enjoying an income of over \$3,000.

Mr. COWAN: It applies to everybody except that class?

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: Yes.

Mr. FRIPP: Those receiving salaries in excess of \$1,800 do not get it.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: Those receiving salaries in excess of \$1,800 who are unmarried and without dependents.

Mr. MANION: The minister mentioned the possibility of my moving an amendment to this Bill on the third reading. I may not be in the House when the third reading takes place—these things go through very quickly some times—and I would like to find out if it would be in order to move an amendment now. As the minister mentioned, it would be a money vote. I would like to have the view of the Chairman if it would be in order at the present moment to move an amendment recommending that a returned soldier be appointed on this commission. If I am in order I would like to move it now, because I may not be here on the third reading.

The CHAIRMAN: I regret to say that the hon. member would not be in order in moving an amendment which would increase the expense in regard to this Bill. That amendment would have to be preceded by a resolution, it would first have to be adopted by the committee of the whole House and it could only be proposed by a member of the Government, and if recommended by His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. MANION: Under these circumstances of course I cannot move any amendment.

Mr. STEELE: As an amendment which calls for an increase of expenditure under this Bill is precluded I thought that possibly an amendment which would reduce