

6. Lieut. Martell received the following pay and allowances:

February 23 to September 30, 1916,	pay of rank, \$2, 221 days	\$ 442 00
February 23 to September 30, 1916,	field pay, 60c., 221 days	132.60
February 23 to May 31, 1916, subsis-	tence, \$1.50, 99 days	148 50
		\$723 10

7. \$723.10.

8. No.

9. He was struck off the strength of the 85th Overseas Battalion, C.E.F., by the General Officer Commanding Military District No. 6 for having failed to report for duty after completing his course at the Royal School of Infantry. Lieut. Martell later reported to Military District No. 6 at Halifax that his failure to report for duty was due to ill health.

10. Answered by Nos 1 and 2.

SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES.

Mr. BUCHANAN:

1. Are soldiers employed in the Canadian offices in London, England, in receipt of \$1.50 per diem billeting allowance, and do all privates get the pay of Orderly Room Clerks?

2. If so, why are Canadian Expeditionary Force men, who are unfit for further overseas employment in the offices in Ottawa, not placed on the same footing?

3. Has the Government any intention of placing these men in Ottawa on the same basis as those in London? If so, will the extra pay be made retroactive?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: 1. Soldiers employed in the Canadian offices in London, are men returned from the front, unfit for further military service in the field. They are graded for pay as civil clerks and allowed the equivalent of \$1.00 a day for subsistence.

2. Soldiers employed in the Government offices, Ottawa, are mostly men discharged from the Canadian Expeditionary Force, and are paid as civil employees. Those not yet discharged draw a civil rate of pay in addition to their military pay and allowances.

3. The remuneration to those employed in Ottawa is considered to be quite as high as to those employed in the London offices, having regard to the higher cost of living in London; consequently, there is no intention to grant any billeting allowance in addition.

BATTLEFORD POST OFFICE INSPECTOR.

Mr. OLIVER:

1. Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Post Office Inspector for the Battleford District?

2. Is it the intention to give this appointment to a returned soldier?

Mr. GRAHAM: The first part of this question seems to be answered by the supplementary estimates just brought down. Can the minister answer the second, which is a matter of policy?

Mr. REID: If a returned soldier is qualified to fill the position, he will be appointed. Returned soldiers will be given every consideration.

UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR PAPERS.

Mr. SINCLAIR:

For a copy of all telegrams, correspondence, requests and all other papers relating to improvements or repairs connected with the Post Office Building in the town of Guysborough, N.S., since November, 1911.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN:

For a copy of all documents, correspondence, etc., between the Department of Naval Affairs and Messrs. McInnis, Mellish, Fulton and Kenney, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and any other persons, respecting the purchase of the motor launch Alase.

THE DRY DOCKS SUBSIDIES ACT, 1910, AMENDMENT.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE AND THIRD READING.

On motion of Hon. J. D. Reid the House went into committee on Bill No. 134, to amend the Dry Docks Subsidies Act, 1910. Mr. Rainville in the Chair.

On section 2—Dry docks of first class:

Mr. ROGERS: When we were considering this Bill last week I promised to make a statement regarding the correspondence and interviews I had when in London with the British Admiralty, respecting the construction of dry docks at Halifax and Esquimalt. Shortly after our arrival in London I took this matter up with the British Admiralty in the hope of having them consider the project favourably. On March 15, 1917, I addressed the following letter to Sir Edward Carson:

Savoy Hotel, March 15, 1917.

My dear Sir Edward,

I would like very much to have an opportunity of seeing you for a moment respecting some correspondence which our Government have had with the Admiralty respecting the dry dock at Esquimalt, on the Pacific.

If you would have your secretary let me know at the Savoy when it will be possible for me to see you, I would be very pleased.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) R. Rogers.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Carson, K.C., M.P.,
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London.