

The CHAIRMAN: Do I gather from what has been said that hon. members are agreeable to all the clauses?

Mr. TUCKER: With the exception of section 9. It is desired to ensure that the dependents of deceased veterans shall have the same rights as if the veterans were alive. It is therefore intended that a motion be made that subsection 1 of section 9 be amended by inserting the words "or former dependents" after the word "children" in line 21 on page 5 of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall sections 1 to 8 carry?

Mr HARKNESS: There is one question I wish to ask with reference to section 3. Does this list of amounts credited to the fund include all the amounts which the committee considered should be included? I ask that because, going over it, I could not remember whether all the various funds which we thought should be credited to the account had been included in this list. As far as subsection 3 of section 3 is concerned, the amount for kitchen by-products is only for kitchen by-products which were secured overseas, and the amount for kitchen by-products in this country apparently is not there. I may be incorrect in that regard, but that is according to my recollection. Could the minister say whether everything we thought should be included has been included in the list?

Mr. MUTCH: Perhaps I might be allowed to say a word. In the final report of the committee there was not included a recommendation with respect to kitchen by-products in Canada. After a discussion we had with the associate deputy minister, and the explanation that was made, the matter was not pressed. We did press for the inclusion of the whole of the sum overseas which had been designated with the regimental names, and for which claims had been entered at the time payment was made. I can say to the hon. member that the bill introduced today, with the exception of the amendment that was made a few moments ago, is in point of fact exactly the same bill that the committee finally recommended. The by-products from the camps in Canada are not included in the bill, for reasons given in the committee.

Mr. HERRIDGE: I think the committee which dealt with this question has done an excellent job. I have read the minutes and followed the proceedings of the committee, and I think they approached the question in a very fair and practical manner. I support

the commendatory remarks made by hon. members who have spoken previously. Two features of the bill appeal to me particularly. One is the provision for a decentralized administration; the provincial committees and subcommittees will be close to the problem, and needs. I think that will make for successful administration of this act and of the fund. I am pleased also to see some provision for the education of veterans' children. In British Columbia for a good many years we have had an act which provides grants for the assistance of veterans' children, and it has done a great deal of good in these cases. I am particularly delighted with the provision of the bill.

Sections 1 to 8 inclusive agreed to.

Section 9 as amended agreed to.

Sections 10 to 13 inclusive agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PENSION OR SUPERANNUATION BENEFITS TO SENIOR APPOINTEES SERVING OUTSIDE CANADA

Right Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Secretary of State for External Affairs) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to present a measure to provide pensions or other superannuation benefits for senior appointees of the Department of External Affairs serving outside Canada and the wives, widows and dependents thereof.

Mr. GRAYDON: Would the Secretary of State for External Affairs mind giving us some explanation as to the purposes and objects of the proposed measure?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: I would not like to precipitate a debate at this stage, I think it would be more practical to have the debate upon the bill, when hon. members will have it in their possession and can see just what we propose to do. The purpose of the legislation is to deal with the position of a small number of persons who have been brought in from outside the public service to head missions abroad. Our public service has developed so rapidly that it has not been possible to provide as heads of missions everywhere persons who were in the service and who were entitled to the benefits of the Superannuation Act. A few such persons have been appointed under conditions similar to those which prevail in the selection and appointment of judges, and the purpose of this bill is to provide pensions which in a general way would be somewhat similar to