

against the best interests of the Department in their efforts to collect. To sum it up, I feel it demonstrates the lack of effective administrative action.

Mr. LEFEBVRE: Do you know if, when a sentence such as this is imposed, recommendations are made that restitution be made also as part of the sentence for the crime?

Mr. HENDERSON: I do not think I quite understood your question.

Mr. LEFEBVRE: When the judgment is given and a fine of \$200 was imposed on this gentlemen, was a recommendation made by the judge or the officer in charge of the inquiry that he give back the money.

Mr. HENDERSON: No, sir; my understanding is definitely not. Mr. Douglas, could I ask if you would check me on this.

Mr. LEFEBVRE: Is this usually the case?

Mr. HENDERSON: I would hope not.

Mr. BIGG: Was this deficiency known at the time. Perhaps it was not until the yearly checkup of the station's books that the full size of his misconduct came to light. They may not have known—

Mr. HENDERSON: It was known at the time but no effort was made—

Mr. LEBLANC: He was working then, was he, when action was taken. If the action was just mentioned misconduct and nothing was said about the refund of the money, well the judge could not say that the money should be refunded.

Mr. HENDERSON: That is right. It was found that he had taken the money.

Mr. LEBLANC: It depends on the way the action was taken, of course.

Mr. CAMERON (*High Park*): Who is entitled to the money?

Mr. HENDERSON: The Crown, the Department of National Defence.

Mr. CAMERON (*High Park*): They over-paid?

Mr. HENDERSON: Yes. The Department of National Defence, I think now, having received the compromised settlement, are in the process of determining how much should be refunded to the plan.

Mr. LEFEBVRE: I was under the impression that no charges at all were to be made to the dependents, whether to the Crown or to an individual?

Mr. HENDERSON: That involves the working of this particular plan and perhaps Mr. Douglas could answer a question on that, could you? Can you add anything further to that, Mr. Douglas?

Mr. DOUGLAS: The dependents, in this particular location, were entitled to free medical attention but they were insured under the group medical plan and claims were made. The cheques were made payable to the officer concerned who cashed them. However, the money should rightly have belonged to the Crown rather than the medical officer but he retained the funds.

Mr. LEFEBVRE: Would this be a group plan with an independent company, you mean?

Mr. DOUGLAS: Yes, it was the government group medical plan.