

TWO COMMISSIONS COST \$63,040

Over Million Dollars for Looking After Enemy Aliens One Year

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Ottawa, April 22.—Volume four of the Auditor-General's report for the fiscal year ending with March of last year, giving details of war expenditure, which was tabled in the Commons to-day, gives some interesting details of Canada's war expenditure of \$306,488,814 during the year.

The search for dishonesty in the spending of these hundreds of millions cost, in two Royal Commissions, a little more than \$63,000. The Meredith-Duff Commission, which investigated the Kyte charges against Wesley Allison and his sponsor, Sir Sam Hughes, had bills totaling \$51,495. The lawyers got \$30,084 for their month's work.

The three eminent counsel who looked after the interests of Sir Sam Hughes, namely, J. E. Ewart, E. Lafleur and Wallace Nesbitt, were paid by the Government \$3,500, \$3,637 and \$3,200, respectively. Mr. I. F. Hellmuth and his assistant, Mr. Moorehouse, who conducted the case for the Government, drew \$5,775, and Mr. E. F. B. Johnston and his assistant, Mr. Grant, who represented Mr. Kyte, received \$5,850. Sir William Meredith got an honorarium of \$5,000, and \$250 for expenses, while Mr. Justice Duff just accepted expenses, amounting to \$150.

Sir Charles Davidson's Commission, inquiring into war purchases generally, cost \$11,545 for the year's investigation.

Enemy Aliens; Separation Pay.

The cost of looking after enemy aliens for the year, including the upkeep of the internment camps, totaled \$1,172,982. The country spent \$22,256,259 during the year in providing through separation allowances for the dependents of the soldiers. The soldiers themselves gave \$26,387,641 in assigned pay to their families left at home.