

*In attendance:* Commissioners of the Pensions Board of Canada, Officers of the Dominion Executive Council, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., and Representatives of various ex-Soldiers' Organizations.

The Chairman informed the Committee that he had received a number of communications, copies of which have also been received from the Department of Pensions and National Health, which were ordered to be printed. See Appendix No. 2 contained herein.

The Chairman also informed the Committee that he had received:—

(1) A case submitted by Mr. A. W. Neill, M.P., dealing with pensions for long service in the Canadian Militia.

(2) Copy of Resolution by the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, regarding immediate revision of the pension administration, transmitted by the Prime Minister's Private Secretary, Mr. Baldwin.

(3) Letter from Hon. J. H. King, Minister, relating to a discussion of section 10, subsection 3, of Bill No. 19, an Act respecting War Veterans' Allowances.

(4) Letter and Resolution from the President of the National Council of Women of Canada, Mrs. J. A. Wilson, dealing with sections 13 and 32 of The Pension Act.

(5) Copy of Resolution from the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, dealing with the conditions of many soldier settlers and suggesting a remedy therefor.

The Chairman directed the attention of the Committee to the importance of appointing, and did appoint the following sub-committees:—

(1) Procedure and Agenda,—Messrs. Black (*Yukon*), McPherson, Speakman, and the Chairman.

(2) Soldiers' Land Settlement,—Mr. McLean (*Melfort*), and Mr. Speakman.

(3) Communications and Resolutions received,—Messrs. Adshead, Ilsley, and McGibbon.

The Chairman proposed the name of Mr. McPherson to be Vice-Chairman of the Committee. This was unanimously approved.

The Committee then proceeded to consider the advisability of authorizing the Canadian Legion to employ counsel in connection with matters submitted by the Legion and to assist in the preparation of its case.

Mr. Manion moved that such authority regarding the employment of counsel for the Legion be obtained. Motion carried.

Suggested amendments to The Pension Act was the next order of Business. Messrs. J. R. Bowler for the Canadian Legion, Colonel Thompson and Dr. Kee for the Board of Pension Commissioners were heard. See Minutes of Evidence.

At one o'clock the Committee adjourned until Tuesday, April 1, at 11 a.m.