

Mr. LALONDE: No. If the man is admitted for his pensionable disability, I believe we pay to the government directly. I am not sure of the exact procedure. Doctor Crawford would know about it.

Mr. CARTER: Have these veterans given up their Canadian citizenship? Are they British citizens now?

Mr. LALONDE: Some of them.

Mr. CARTER: They would be entitled to all the hospitalization benefits of the ordinary British citizen?

Mr. LALONDE: That is right; but I believe we have an arrangement covering pensioners only. Otherwise, they come under the hospitalization plan in the United Kingdom and we do not handle them unless they need treatment for their pensionable disability.

Mr. ROGERS: There would not be too many with pensionable disabilities over there?

Mr. MUTCH: As of January 21, 1959, there were 2,512. The year before there were 2,641, a drop of just over 100. The great majority of those are the ones who drop off from World War I. The World War II cases are inclined to grow. It is pretty constant in the last two years at 2,500; that is pensioners alone.

Mr. WEBSTER: What is the status of the Canadian pensioner who would leave the country, for instance, to go to the United States, and takes out United States nationality. Does he lose his Canadian pension rights?

Mr. MUTCH: No. The pensioner himself retains his pension rights for disability incurred during service wherever he goes. It follows him. We have arrangements in the United States, very extensive ones, with the facilities there where he is admitted when he needs to be admitted; they correspond with the treatment branch here and we authorize whatever is required for his pensionable disability.

Mr. CARTER: Would the same be true for a widow in Canada, should he die in the United States? If his widow is entitled to a pension, would she receive it in the United States?

Mr. MUTCH: In respect of the group to which you are referring, the answer is yes. It would not apply in the case of Newfoundlanders whose pensions were British and acquired prior to Newfoundland becoming a province of Canada.

Mr. LALONDE: The last item in the folder is the statement on appropriations and expenditures. The first column shows the amounts which are in the estimates book for 1959-1960. The next column shows the amounts which parliament appropriated last year. The next column shows not the actual expenditures, because the year is not over yet, but it shows our forecast of total expenditures for 1958-1959. There may be some errors in the amounts which we forecast, but we think those figures are pretty indicative of what our expenditures will be for this year.

Mr. MUTCH: May I interject. I should have added, when I answered Mr. Carter's last question, that the fact of a widow not being pensioned when she leaves Canada applies also to the widows of those Canadian-born veterans with no Canadian service, e.g. whose service was solely with the British. It is not restricted to Newfoundlanders, but to all in these circumstances most of them, however, are Newfoundland cases.

Mr. CARTER: I hope you can change that some time.

Mr. MUTCH: If you do we would be very happy to administer it.

Mr. HERRIDGE: Under the appropriate item.