

provide for themselves, or even to assist in their maintenance, and for these the Penetanguishene Establishment is perhaps necessary, because it is only by means of a collection of the individuals supported by the Government that proper supervision can be exercised, and abuse of the assistance given prevented. But as respects all those pensioners who occupy their lands, or use any means of procuring a livelihood by their own exertions, the Council are of opinion that a certain pecuniary allowance would be the most simple and beneficial mode of aiding them.

For the sake of the families of the pensioners, the Council do not think that the Penetanguishene establishment ought to be extended; scattered through the country, the children would mix with the population, and grow up with habits of industry, which it is feared much they are now excluded from acquiring; and the habits of idle, old soldiers are not those which their children can adopt with any benefit to their future prospects.

The system of making a certain pecuniary allowance to the pensioners scattered throughout the province would no doubt be open to abuse; but it would, in many cases, produce beneficial results, not to be derived from any other mode of relief; it would enable such of the pensioners as are prudently or industriously disposed to gain a state of comfort which they cannot attain from their own exertions; it would enable them to procure assistance in the cultivation of their farms, or aid them in the means of support which they may adopt in the towns and villages.

His Excellency is aware that the advances from the crown revenues of the province in aid of the commuted pensioners were made under the pressure of urgent necessity; for the present the course recommended by the board would probably be the most feasible; so as to transfer the expenditure at once to the military chest. But as a permanent measure, the Council are of opinion, for the reasons above expressed, that the system of visiting settlers and proportioning the aid to be afforded to the necessities of the individual claimants, will not be found to answer.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) R. B. SULLIVAN, P. C.

NOTICE TO COMMUTED PENSIONERS.

Emigrant Office, Toronto, 15th July, 1839.

Commutated pensioners who, previously to obtaining their pensions, have served for seven years and upwards, are informed, that in order to relieve the pressing wants of all persons of that class who, from age, wounds, or infirmities, are incapable of labour, with as little delay and inconvenience to the parties as possible, the following temporary arrangements have been made:—

All persons labouring under the above disabilities, and whose names are on the list transmitted from the Home Government, and all others who can satisfactorily prove that they have commuted their pensions, and that they are in the condition as above described, will, on application to the gentlemen whose names are placed underneath their respective districts, receive assistance, in advance, for twenty-eight days from the date of application, at the following rates, viz:—

Two-thirds of an ordinary soldier's ration for the men, without wine or spirits;—one half of a ration for their wives; one-third of a ration for children above seven and under 14 years of age; and one-quarter of a ration for children under that age.

In order to give as little trouble as possible to those gentlemen who do not belong to the commissariat department, the following calculations have been made for their guidance:—

28 days' allowance to each man amounts to 18 lbs. 11 oz. of meat, and 14 lbs. flour.
 28 " " woman, 14 lbs. meat, and 10½ lbs. flour.
 28 " " child between 7 and 14 years of age, 9 lbs. 5 oz. meat, and 7 lbs. flour.
 28 " " child under 7 years of age, 7 lbs. meat, and 5½ lbs. flour.

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