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Dear Dr. Martin:-

There have lately been brought to the notice of Sir Arthur Currie a large number of cases in which claims for compensation for veterans or their dependents are based on injuries or ailments which have only become apparent since the war.

A number of these are cases of insanity. In these cases such information as we have been able to gather rather leads the layman to think that the pension commission and their advisors might be benefited by the great advance in modern medical knowledge. It would of course be very difficult and indeed almost impossible to contest original diagnoses, but we have had cases in which it seems as if some very slight mental affliction due to the war has grown progressively worse, just as any other affliction might, and become a much more severe type.

I enclose some correspondence regarding a man named Forrest W. King. In his case there appears to have been at any rate some question as to his mental capacity during the war and he is now totally insane, yet the Department claim, - probably quite rightly according to their principles - that his present illness is not due to war service.

This subject is receiving a good deal of attention in England, as you will note from the article on "Wounded Soldiers" in the enclosed magazine.