

Mr. A. J. Wickens, President, Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada, called:

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Minister, and members of the committee, first on behalf of my fellow delegates and myself I wish to thank you for your kind words of welcome and I wish to say that it is always the same; when we have the honour to attend before a committee of the House of Commons on veterans affairs we are invariably welcomed in the same warm-hearted way.

On behalf of Colonel Baker I must explain that he has another appointment today dealing with public welfare work in the city of Toronto which he was unable to have postponed, and on behalf of His Honour Judge McDonagh of Toronto who also is committed to public welfare work on an appointment which he was unable to adjourn.

The usual procedure has been, as you gentlemen will know, for Eddie Baker to present the brief prepared by his chairman. With your leave, Mr. Chairman, I will introduce the members of the delegation: first of all, from the Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blinded, Bill Mayne, Dave Ferguson, Fred Woodcock, Bill Dies; from the Canadian Corps Association, Bert Lanning; from the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada, myself and Mr. J. H. Nevins, who is the secretary of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada and also the secretary of the National Council of Veteran Associations; War Pensioners of Canada, A. T. Pollock; War Amputations of Canada, A. J. Parsons, K. E. Butler, A. Bell, A. Piper; and from the Canadian Paraplegic Association our comrade in the wheelchair, Comrade J. A. L. Bobichaud.

We have decided, with your leave Mr. Chairman, to ask the secretary of the national council, on behalf of the delegates, to read our brief following which I would like to say a few words and then to call on the representatives of the various associations.

Mr. J. H. NEVINS: Mr. Minister and Mr. Chairman, and gentlemen,

This submission is made on behalf of the National Council of Veteran Associations representing the following organizations:—

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Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada .....	1840
Canadian Corps Association .....	1934
Canadian Paraplegic Association .....	1945
Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blinded .....	1917
The War Amputations of Canada .....	1920
The War Pensioners of Canada .....	1922

We are grateful for the privilege which has been accorded us to present recommendations and comment in respect to the revision of the War Veterans Allowance Act of 1952 and the Veterans Benefit Act of 1954. While regretting the limitations of the order of reference, we trust that you will permit us at this time to present for purposes of record and attention at the earliest possible date, proposals affecting the Canadian Pensions Act and treatment regulations.

Reference Bill 164:—An Act to amend the War Veterans Allowance Act, 1952.

*Recommendation No. 1:*

That the existing war veterans allowance rate for the single man be increased to at least \$60 per month and the married man's rate be increased to \$120 per month.