

Classification of Soldiers to be Dealt With.

- (a) Men of the Permanent Forces and families.
 - (b) Men enlisted for the period of the war.
 - (c) Discharged men—with pension.
Discharged men—without pension.
Discharged men undergoing rehabilitation training.
 - (d) Men of other parts of the Empire.
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Maj.-Gen. Biggar and Colonel Clarke appeared to be very favorably impressed with the feasibility of the scheme, and especially with the work accomplished by the "Last Post" Fund to date, and in due course reported back to Ottawa. We await with interest the decision—still pending—which we trust will be arrived at during the coming session of Parliament.

For the enlightenment of those not conversant with Military rules and regulations, regarding post-discharge pay, etc., we desire to emphasize the fact that under present conditions the minute after **final** discharge from the Army or Navy the Government is absolved of all responsibility for burial in case of death, even though the man be on Pension; this results in cases of abandonment and indignity amongst many who, though not by any means "indigents" at death, are far distant from those who would otherwise care for them, and places them in danger of becoming a "public charge" or "pauper."

Rough Estimate of Cost to the Dominion Over a Period of the Next Fifty Years.

Taking the present allowance of \$65.00 (to be equitably distributed between funeral and burial expenses but exclusive of Cemetery and Staff upkeep) and allowing for say, 300,000 troops, this would make \$19,500,000 or an annual expenditure of \$390,000, though this is a conservative estimate, with a ground area (distributed) of 500 to 600 acres.