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as proportionately large an increase in the benefits he received under the Act. It was pointed out, on the other hand, that approximately 40 percent of all W.V.A. recipients were single veterans without dependents and that many of the most difficult cases were found in this group.

(d) Because of the relationship that had been established in the past between W.V.A. benefits and other social security measures, it was suggested that if it were now agreed to increase the basic rates under the War Veterans Allowance Act, it would be almost impossible to resist demands for somewhat similar increases in the rates of benefits paid under the Old Age Assistance Act and the Blind Persons Act.

5. The Cabinet agreed that a bill be prepared to amend the War Veterans Allowance Act to provide an increase in basic rates from \$50 to \$60 a month for a veteran without dependents and from \$90 to \$108 for a veteran with dependents, and also to provide for an increase in the allowable income ceilings from \$720 to \$840 per annum for single veterans and from \$1200 to \$1440 or \$1500 for married veterans; it being understood that a final decision as to the allowable income ceiling for married veterans would be reached when the bill was in printed form.

Legislation; Great Lakes Fisheries Convention Act

6. The Minister of Fisheries submitted a resolution and bill entitled "The Great Lakes Fisheries Convention Act." The purpose of the measure was to implement in Canada the Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries between Canada and the United States which had been signed at Washington on September 10th, 1954.

7. The Cabinet approved for introduction a resolution and bill entitled the Great Lakes Fisheries Convention Act as submitted by the Minister of Fisheries.

Legislation; New Westminster Harbour Commissioners Loan Act, 1954

8. The Minister of Transport submitted a resolution and bill entitled the "New Westminster Harbour Commissioners Loan Act, 1954."

The purpose of the measure was to authorize the Minister of Finance to make loans totalling \$200,000 to the New Westminster Harbour Commissioners for the purpose of constructing a causeway and bridge to provide access to Annacis Island within the limits of the New Westminster Harbour.

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