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and asking them to give him every consideration and to report to us on the man's progress. Of course, this is entirely outside of pension work.

Q. Is there a Soldiers' Aid Commission in Quebec looking after securing employment for returned men?—A. Yes, there is the branch connected with the D.A.C.R., and also the Quebec Returned Soldiers' Association, as they call it, with an office in the Dandurand Building.

Q. It is well organized?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Lapointe:*

Q. Are there many soldiers not yet pensioned in Montreal?—A. Well, of course, as they are discharged their medical documents are sent to Ottawa, and the pension goes through if they are eligible for it.

*By Mr. McCurdy:*

Q. What time does it take to get a pension from the time the application is made.—A. I think Mr. Archibald could answer that better than I can.

*By Mr. Lapointe:*

Q. In your visiting here and there, did you hear there was some trouble or complaint about that?—A. Under the present system, a man is notified as to what his pension will be, and then if he is dissatisfied, he appears before our medical examiner, and of course that takes a longer time than it would if the man were satisfied with the pension which was to be given to him.

*By Mr. McCurdy:*

Q. Is there any unreasonable delay in the granting of pensions?—A. The question does not arise, because the post-discharge pay carries them over.

Q. Can you tell me the average time between the time of discharge and the award being given?—A. I would say six weeks to two months.

*By the Vice-Chairman:*

Q. Have you in your experience had any complaint from soldiers that their pension awards did not go through promptly?—A. Not in the last nine months, but prior to that there were complaints.

*By Mr. Cronyn:*

Q. Have you an opinion as to the adequacy of the pension to a totally disabled man who has a wife and three children—a family of five?—A. In my opinion it is quite adequate, because of the many total disability pensioners I doubt if there is ten per cent of them who cannot take up some work, even though they are totally disabled pensioners. Take a man suffering from tuberculosis, one hundred per cent disabled, receiving a total disability pension, that man can do outside work. He will very often run a mail livery in the mountains, and in addition to that he is getting his pension.

*By Mr. Sutherland:*

Q. Is the man who is totally disabled and not able to earn anything outside of the pension able to get along? How does he get along? Do you find much difficulty with that class?—A. No, because in the majority of cases they have the Helplessness Allowance.

*By Mr. Cronyn:*

Q. I would like to make the matter more definite. Is \$1,056 in Quebec sufficient to maintain the average family of five, man, wife and three children, assume he does no work whatever?—A. Yes, it is.

Q. In your opinion it is?—A. Yes.

Q. Can a man and wife and three children live in Montreal for \$1,056?—A. Yes.

Q. Reasonably well?—A. Yes.