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since his "disabling condition," probably then present in him, may have imposed a restriction of occupation).

3. Lieutenant Colonel Bradbury had an obvious "disabling condition" which produced "disability" of some extent in him at the time of his enlistment. His "disability" became greatly increased during service. Since part of that "disability" antedated enlistment, an estimation of the extent of the aggravation was made and a pension for "disability" of 50 per cent was awarded to him.

(It should be observed that this case is still under consideration).

As was made clear during the evidence, the difficulty of making absolutely accurate statements of the extent of aggravation of a "disability" by service are often insuperable for even the best medical opinion (e. g. in tuberculosis, cardiac lesions and in syphilitic affections). These difficulties are increased for those who entered service early in the war by the insufficiency of medical examination at enlistment. This insufficiency has been greatly ameliorated. It is for this reason that the Board of Pension Commissioners have recommended that the attached clause be incorporated in new pension legislation.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

J. L. TODD.

#### ABSTRACT.

"33. An applicant shall not be awarded a pension in respect of that proportion of his disability which existed in him at the time he became a member of the forces when his disability

(a) was wilfully concealed by him; or

(b) was apparent or became apparent before the expiration of three months from the time he became a member of the forces."

(Otherwise, pensions are payable for disabilities becoming apparent during service.)

#### REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE.

OTTAWA, Ontario, May 20, 1918.

Hon. N. W. ROWELL,  
Chairman Pensions' Committee,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa.

DEAR MR. ROWELL,—Mr. Archibald has gone through some five hundred files, and out of this number has found eleven files in which it is apparent that the officer or soldier, has been promoted since his disability was incurred, and previous to his pension being awarded.

We have gone through these eleven files with Mr. Archibald and have discovered, as far as the records show, the cause of the promotion in each case and have taken a note of these facts from each file.

In our opinion there is no evidence of any of these soldiers or officers having been promoted for the purpose of awarding them pension at a higher scale. Generally,