

The deputy chairman has seen service in two world wars and served in theatres of war on both occasions. He has been active in veterans' work for many years and has been chairman of this committee on several occasions.

The first commissioner I want to mention served in aircrew in world war II, was shot down over Europe after a considerable number of sorties over the continent, evaded capture and returned to England via the underground. He has been a member of the pension commission for 19 years. He is a layman.

Mr. McINTOSH: Would you give the names.

Mr. ANDERSON: I deliberately avoided doing that because I did not want to bring in personalities.

Mr. McINTOSH: It does not mean anything without the names. I do not think the fact that anyone was shot down over Germany or anywhere else has anything to do with his qualifications.

Mr. MACRAE: I suggest we leave out the names.

The CHAIRMAN: All those in favour of giving the names please indicate. Those opposed?

Suggestion negatived.

Mr. ANDERSON: Next, a man who saw service on the high seas as a naval officer during world war II. He too has been with the commission for almost 19 years and has been reappointed on numerous occasions.

Then we have a doctor who took medical training after the war and who has probably done as much to relieve suffering and distress among human beings as any man alive. He served in the trenches in world war I and in the medical service in world war II. He has been with the Department of Veterans Affairs or the commission ever since. Two of our members are veterans of Dieppe. Badly disabled and confined to German prison camps, they have suffered the ill effects of war for many years. One is a doctor, the other a lawyer, and both know a great deal about the problems of the disabled, and have every sympathy for their fellow veterans and the dependants of those who lost their lives as a result of war.

Next we have a man who was twice decorated in world war I, and served again in a theatre of war during world war II. He has devoted his life to the welfare of his fellow veterans, and has been active for many years with the department, the pension commission and the legion. He, too, is a layman.

Then, two more lawyers, one of whom served in both wars and in theatres of war on both occasions. The other served in a theatre of war during world war II. Both have been active in veterans' work for 20 years or more.

Another naval veteran served on the high seas during world war II, and is a graduate in social service. He has devoted almost all his adult life to welfare work, particularly among veterans and their dependants.

Two more doctors saw service in war theatres during world war II; one as a medical officer, the other as another rank. One remained in the permanent force as a medical officer and devoted much of his time to the health and welfare of the troops, during both war and peace. The other was in private practice for many years following world war II, and is well aware of the many problems of war veterans and their dependants.

The last two are also laymen, and both have been active in teaching and welfare work for many years. One served in theatres of war in both wars, and the other was a combat officer in world war II.

These, then, are the men who make up the Canadian pension commission, and I can assure you they all have very much at heart the good interests of veterans and their dependants.

Mr. PETERS: Is that the total composition of the board?