

Section 16. The words "not attributable to or was" in the 16th line, and "or was the result of misconduct" in the 17th line, should not be deleted for the reason that a decision of the B.P.C. to the effect that the disease is the result of misconduct is equal to a decision that the disability is the result of an injury or disease "not attributable to military service" and in such a case there should lie an appeal to the Federal Appeal Board.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: As Chairman of the Committee that reported on this Bill I would ask that this message be allowed to stand over until the next sitting so that in the meantime we may consider the effect of these changes.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I move that the message be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

NEW CANADIAN FLAG INQUIRY

Hon. Mr. REID: I was not here at the first part of the Session, owing to illness, but I have lately read in the press an item with reference to a new Canadian flag, and I would like to ask the honourable leader of the Government three questions: First, is it the intention of the Government to have a new and separate flag for Canada? Second, if so, are we to understand that the use of the Union Jack as our national flag is to be abandoned and a new Canadian flag substituted? Third, has any Order in Council been passed in connection with this matter, and, if so, will it be laid on the Table to-day?

I ask these questions because in the Province of Ontario there is a law which makes it compulsory to fly the Union Jack on every school house. I understand that the Province of Quebec and other provinces have a similar law. If this item be correct in stating that an Order in Council has been passed authorizing a new flag for Canada, we would have two flags. I would like to know just what has occurred.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Is my honourable friend giving notice of the question, or is he putting it to me directly now?

Hon. Mr. REID: I am putting the question directly to the honourable leader, because I naturally suppose that he would know exactly whether such an Order in Council had been passed. If the honourable gentleman cannot answer the question now, will he answer it at 3 o'clock, when we meet again?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I may inform my honourable friend that for many years a flag has been used in our navy, and also on land, which contained in the field of the flag,

besides the Union Jack, the escutcheon of Canada. My honourable friend is as familiar with the situation as I am, and I am very much surprised that he speaks of the substitution of a flag for the Union Jack. Of course, such a statement might move certain sections of ignorant people in the country, but it should not move my honourable friend, who knows that there has been such a thing as a distinct Canadian flag having the Union Jack plus the Canadian escutcheon in the field. There are many people in the country who think that escutcheon is somewhat difficult to distinguish at a distance. The Montreal Witness has lately advocated substituting the maple leaf for that escutcheon. A very loyal British Association in British Columbia has offered a prize of \$500 to anyone submitting the best device in place of that escutcheon in the field of the Union Jack, which is the Canadian flag at present in use throughout the land. The matter has been brought before Council by a letter from the Right Hon. Mr. Fielding suggesting that something be done to make it possible to distinguish more clearly by the flag on a Canadian ship that it is Canadian.

My honourable friend knows that Australia, whose people are loyal, has a distinctive flag, though I cannot describe it. I think New Zealand also has its flag. In Canada, where we are trying to blend and unite the people, we find the individual who wraps himself in the Union Jack and says, "See how much more loyal I am than my neighbour." We have heard this cry since 1867. But I think that the people of Canada generally are broad-minded. I am speaking not of the ignorant, but of those who make public opinion. They understand that there is in Canada no line of cleavage in loyalty to the Union Jack.

The honourable the Prime Minister has stated that in any study of the flag he would resent any suggestion that the Union Jack should not be the principal feature in whatever design is submitted to the Parliament of Canada. That should be satisfactory to my honourable friend.

Hon. Mr. REID: I did not intend to enter into any heated argument over this matter, or in any way refer to the loyalty of anyone in this country; but I do say that if an Order in Council has been passed Parliament is entitled to see it. I simply make the inquiry and request that a copy of the Order in Council be laid on the Table.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I have all the documents for my honourable friend; but, as he was qualifying his question, which will