

# WAR PENSIONS

AND

## The Care of Disabled Soldiers

An Address Before the Patriotic Association  
on Tuesday, October 10th, 1916.

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St. John's Newfoundland,  
October 11, 1916.

The special meeting of the Patriotic Association called for last night, to receive a report from Hon. P. T. McGrath—who had been in Canada for the past six weeks and had given much of his time while there to an investigation, without cost to the Association, of Canada's measures for dealing with her returned soldiers and for the pensioning of those disabled by the war and their dependents—on Canada's plans in these directions, was largely attended. His Excellency Sir W. E. Davidson, K. C. M. G., Governor of the Colony, and President of the Association occupied the chair, and was supported by His Lordship the Bishop of Newfoundland; Hon. Sir William Horwood, Chief Justice; Rt. Hon. Sir E. P. Morris, Prime Minister; Dr. W. F. Lloyd, Leader Opposition; and Sir Joseph Outerbridge (Deputy Chairman), while present also were the members of the Committee of the Women's Patriotic Association, organized for the reception of returned soldiers, namely, Lady Davidson, Lady Horwood, Lady Outerbridge, Mesdames J. Browning, J. A. Clift, L. Paterson, C. P. Ayre, T. J. Edens and Miss Shea.

After some preliminary business had been transacted, His Excellency called on Mr. McGrath to make his report, which he did as follows:

### Introductory

Your Excellency, Your Lordship,  
Ladies and Gentlemen:—

I am not reading any formal written report to you this evening. I have not had time since my return to draft one, and I have also felt that in view of the number and variety of the issues into which this general question divides itself, and of the frequency of references to published material that I have to make, it would, perhaps, be better if I reserved to myself the freedom which an impromptu address would afford. I therefore ask your indulgence

while I endeavor to tell my story without any more than the mere notes I have made, promising you that I shall try to curtail my remarks as much as possible. I would also explain that the material I have in this suit case is not as formidable as it looks. Of these documents I have but one copy, and to avoid mutilating the publications, as they are intended to be preserved as a record, I have brought them along and will read from them what is necessary.

Before dealing with the subject directly, may I emphasize that one of