

places in British Columbia there are opportunities for widows to take some light work, assisting in domestic work and so on, and in that way supplement their allowance?

Mrs. DARVILLE: That is correct.

Mr. JUTRAS: Mrs. Darville, I think you mentioned that the 100 per cent British pension is at the moment equivalent to \$26.15. That is for a 100 per cent pension?

Mrs. DARVILLE: Yes, from Britain.

Mr. JUTRAS: Yes. Of course, that applies to the group who do not elect domicile in Canada.

Mrs. DARVILLE: They have been here since 1919.

Mr. JUTRAS: Is that not supplemented at the present time?

Mrs. DARVILLE: That is what I am asking for—to have it supplemented.

Mr. JUTRAS: Well, of course, here we are dealing only with the first great war.

The CHAIRMAN: That is right. I think your difficulty arises, Mr. Jutras, out of confusion with the case of the Imperial who was domiciled in Canada and returned to serve with the British or allied or associated powers, and then subsequently came back to Canada, receiving an entitlement from the power with which he served—in that case we do supplement to the Canadian standard. Mrs. Darville was dealing with the British veterans who had completed his service, had been pensioned by his own ministry, and subsequently came to Canada—not having been in Canada before. Now, his widow is the one on whose behalf she speaks.

Mr. JUTRAS: That is right.

The CHAIRMAN: That pension is not supplemented. We did not supplement our pension to Canadians receiving the pension in the United States when our dollar was worth only 90 cents.

Mr. JUTRAS: But we do supplement the pension of those who were with Canada and then went over—

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, that is right.

Mr. JUTRAS: How many would be in that group?

The CHAIRMAN: A fairly substantial number. It includes most of the immigrants after 1920. We are paying war veterans allowance to over 2,300 of them so that gives you an idea.

Mrs. DARVILLE: I was only speaking actually of widows who lost husbands on the battlefield and came to Canada after the war.

Mr. JUTRAS: But you have no figures.

Mrs. DARVILLE: No.

The CHAIRMAN: By far the largest group for present consideration and for the future are widows of the very large number of men who came out here under the Commonwealth Air Training Scheme and were subsequently lost in action. Many of those widows are Canadian born. They never left this country and are still living here and they are getting their pensions from the Imperial government. We are unable to supplement that pension. There are a few from World War I and many more from World War II.

Mr. GREEN: They are not supplemented at the present time?

The CHAIRMAN: Not if they had no service here.

Mr. GREEN: If the husband was not domiciled—

The CHAIRMAN: Or did not serve with the Canadians. It is a small problem in connection with World War I but it may become substantial with respect to World War II.