

The WITNESS: The whole question is so large you can talk for hours and not arrive at definite conclusions.

Hon. Mr. OLIVER: We are here for the purpose of providing a pension scale which will meet the requirements as they are at present, without the institutions where those special classes would be taken care of, because we have not any at the present time, and we are not authorized to deal with that question.

Mr. NESBITT: We ought to be.

The WITNESS: In cases of special hardship the board can make some special arrangements about that personally. I hope the rate may reach \$12.50 a week. I would not care to live on that if there was nothing the matter with me at all.

By Mr. Macdonald:

Q. You consider \$12.50 a fair allowance for a private. How do you grade that up?—A. That does not interest me a bit. You can have the curve go upward fast or slow.

Q. You have no particular views to suggest with regard to the increase of that amount?—A. Take up the \$54 a month, and keep the colonel as he is, and that would be the grade or curve. That would be a very much flatter grade.

Mr. NESBITT: The allowance for a colonel is \$1,200 a year.

By Mr. Macdonald:

Q. For total disability?—A. The colonel has \$1,440. The private gets \$264.

The CHAIRMAN: Your rate would give the private more than a lieutenant gets under our present scale. The lieutenant gets \$482, and a captain \$720. That would be giving a private \$630, which would not be very much less than the rate for a captain. You would have to raise all the rest in proportion.

By Mr. Macdonald:

Q. You would leave the colonel's allowance at \$1,200?—A. Or \$1,440, and raise the private to \$630, and they all go up in proportion.

By Hon. Mr. Oliver:

Q. In your report in this pamphlet, you have given a proposed scale?—A. I did; but I have altered my opinion, sir.

The CHAIRMAN: Have you anything else to add, Mr. Darling?

The WITNESS: No.

Witness retired.

The CHAIRMAN: We will be very glad to hear anything that Dr. Clarke has to say to us.

Dr. CHARLES K. CLARKE, superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—Mr. Darling asked me to speak to you as a specialist in regard to some things to which I have paid special attention and which have a bearing upon the question you are now considering. I am superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital and have made a specialty of the study of mental and nervous diseases and I have spent most of my life in that work. We are face to face at the present time in our province and the remark applies more or less to all the provinces, with the fact that there does not seem to be any refuge for the soldier who comes home suffering from new conditions. There are a great many nervous conditions now in the world with which we were not familiar owing to the use of high explosives, and many conditions

[Dr. Charles K. Clarke.]