

APPENDIX No. 3

see summer dress \$25. She is rather expensive with her corsets. She can buy them for a great deal less than \$6 a pair, and she need not of necessity pay 25 cents for her handkerchiefs. She can get very good ones for 10. Looking over that list roughly, I should say that that was an extremely liberal allowance.

By Mr. Ross:

Q. Extravagant?—A. Yes. I do not mean to say that some ladies are not paying \$150 for their suits, but I am speaking of the average woman drawing a pension.

By Mr. Nesbitt:

Q. The pensions are allotted on the basis of the ordinary labouring man in the labour market.—A. Then that is a very extravagant allowance to my mind. I have clothed myself and two grown up daughters for a great many years, and I should know something about it, and I say that is a very liberal amount, and I should think you would find that the majority of women drawing pensions do not spend anything like that for clothes.

By Mr. Nesbitt:

Q. That is an allowance for a year?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Cronyn:

Q. That is \$226 a year for a woman's clothes alone?—A. That is what it states here. I would call that an extravagant amount.

Witness discharged.

PTE. FRANK W. MALLETT *re* BRITISH PENSION.

BICKERDIKE, ALTA., April 1, 1919.

Hon. N. W. ROWELL,
Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—Yours of the 22nd of March to hand for which I thank you.

When I wrote you *re* pension on the 17th I forgot to mention the fact that I am not incurring any expense whatever upon the Government, such as vocational training or hospital treatment, both of which I am at liberty to do.

When re-examined by the medical men of the Pensions Board on February 10, at Edmonton, they told me that if I wished I could be placed in a soldiers' home for totally disabled down near the sea coast, but as I have a comfortable little home for my wife and I here told them I preferred to remain here and I am at present taking medicine at my own expense rather than go to hospital and leave my wife alone.

But I surely cannot live on the British rate of pension. Thanking you for your further consideration, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

FRANK M. MALLETT.

REPLY.

OTTAWA, April 9, 1919.

Personal.

DEAR MR. MALLETT,—I have received your further letter of April 1, supplementing your letter of March 17, for which I thank you.

Yours faithfully,

N. W. ROWELL.

The Committee adjourned till Thursday, 10th instant, at 10 o'clock.

[Mr. W. R. Elliott.]