

pensionable condition, an assessment be made for the consequential disability wherever this is possible, and any such assessment be added to the existing assessment and be reflected in increased pension payment, regardless of whether part of that payment was approved as an automatic increase with age.

Recommendation 90

The Woods Committee recommendation proposed the repeal of sections 20, 21 and 22 from the Act, which would have the effect of permitting a pensioner or widow to retain the full amount of any award of legal damages or Workmen's Compensation and continue to receive pension payments without deduction.

This recommendation has been modified to the effect that the sections be retained in the Act, but, that, in capitalizing the amount of damages recovered, one half will be ignored, and to this extent will not affect the pension in payment.

Recommendation 91

See Part II.

Recommendation 92

That a basic minimum 50% pension be provided for former Hong Kong Force members and other members of the Canadian Forces or the forces of the United Kingdom, the British Commonwealth and Allied Nations who were domiciled in Canada at the time of their enlistment, who were prisoners of war of the Japanese, who apply and have assessable degrees of disability.

Recommendation 93

That Hong Kong veterans and the other veterans referred to in Recommendation 92 whose death occurred prior to the legislative implementation of Recommendation 92, will be presumed to have died from causes attributable to their war service.

Recommendation 94

That the operation of the Medical Advisory Branch be expedited as follows:

- (a) The Medical Advisers be freed of responsibility in regard to supervision and clerical work, to permit them to concentrate on the development of their function of providing medical opinions for the Commission.
- (b) A specially trained clerical section be established in the Medical Advisory Branch under a qualified supervisor, reporting to the Chief Medical Adviser; this section to operate under the following principles:
 - (i) Specialized groups within the section would be trained to deal with various medical areas.
 - (ii) The staff of this section would be responsible for screening all files prior to submission to a Medical Adviser, and to flag pertinent documents.
 - (iii) The staff would prepare précis of the non-medical aspects from a review of the documentation, including such matters as the previous rulings of the Commission and the service history.