

Then, as you know, in connection with these War Veterans Allowances there are maximum amounts of income that are permitted beyond which the War Veterans Allowance ceases or is decreased. These maxima are increased. For example, in the case of a single person the annual income permitted is increased from \$1296 to \$1596, and for a married person from \$2088 to \$2664.

Then we come down to the way in which this amount is expected to be spent, and as we go down the list there we see the North West Field Force, the South African War, World War I, World War II and Special Force (Korea), dual service (World Wars I and II) and Civilian War Allowances.

I take it that the answer to your question, Senator Crerar, is that this is the Northwest Rebellion.

Senator CRERAR: If I understand it correctly, these are pensions—

The CHAIRMAN: No, not pensions.

Senator CRERAR: Allowances.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, allowances. They are war veterans' allowances—what we used to call the burnt out pension.

Senator POWER: It is for so-called worn out veterans who have no pensionable disability.

The CHAIRMAN: And who have a limited income.

Senator CRERAR: Then that must have been handed down to the descendants of those who served in the Northwest Rebellion.

The CHAIRMAN: No, I think there are still some left.

Senator CRERAR: They would be over 100 years old.

Senator POWER: I think there are widows of those who had been in receipt of the war veterans allowance. It was given first of all to the veteran himself. During the past five or six years this allowance has been extended to widows.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, that is the explanation. It is not paid to descendants yet.

Senator POWER: No, I do not think so.

The CHAIRMAN: The schedule sets out all the new rates, and the application. Then we come to pensions.

Senator POWER: Before you go on to that do I take it that this supplementary estimate will be substituted for an amendment to the act? You see, the War Veterans Allowance Act, as I remember it, contains schedules in which the amounts payable are set forth. That is in the act. Normally, the way of changing that would be by amending the act. I am wondering whether they are amending it by way of the estimates rather than amending the act itself. You see, this says it is to authorize the Government to amend the War Veterans Allowance regulations. I thought the regulations were statutory, but I may be wrong.

The CHAIRMAN: My understanding is that once this is embodied in the supply bill that will come before us it becomes statutory authority for these changes, and they will be immediately implemented. I do not know whether, as a matter of proper procedure, the War Veterans Allowance Act will also have to be revised.

Senator POWER: It would seem to authorize the Government to amend the War Veterans Allowance Act. I suppose you are right.

The CHAIRMAN: This is an act that has the effect of a special Act of Parliament dealing with this subject, and these increases are all retroactive to September 1.

Then we come to the pensions, and there the vote is for the sum of \$10,100,000. I should mention that there is a vote of \$170,000 for an increase