

APPENDIX No. 6

Mr. Arthurs moved in amendment thereto,—

“That all the words after the word ‘that’ in the main motion be struck out and the following substituted therefor,—

“evidence has been produced before this Committee that there is general dissatisfaction among returned men and pensioners with certain decisions made by the Board of Pension Commissioners, and to the effect that sympathetic consideration has not been given to the applicants for relief.”

Mr. Speakman moved,—

“That the proposed amendment be amended by substituting the following words in lieu of all the words contained in the said proposed amendment,—

“In view of the widespread dissatisfaction amongst returned men and others, and the representations made in regard to the attitude shown by the present Board of Pension Commissioners, your Committee has taken evidence, and, having considered the matter very carefully, has come to the following conclusions.”

“That the interests of the returned men will be better safeguarded, and the intent of Parliament will be better carried into effect, by a more sympathetic interpretation of the Pensions Act and its various schedules, and that this can be best carried out by the reorganization of the Board of Pension Commissioners and the medical service attached thereto.”

“And we therefore recommend to Parliament that the Government be asked to take the necessary steps to carry this resolution into effect.”

The question being put on the amendment to the amendment it was agreed to. (On division.)

The question being put on the amendment as amended, it was agreed to.

The question being put on the motion as so amended, it was agreed to.

Ordered:—“That the said Resolution as amended be adopted as the Fifth Report of the Committee, and be presented to the House as such.

The Committee adjourned at 1.30 o'clock, p.m.

J. P. DOYLE,
Acting Clerk of the Committee.