

Mr. BURNS: I think that one element that was considered in this when it was being approved was that the man would have to qualify as a Canadian citizen by 20 years' residence in the country on the same principle as is followed by the Old Age Assistance Act and the Old Age Security Act.

Mr. GREEN: You did not do that with the man who went overseas in the first war and served with the Imperials; the preceding clause of this very subsection deals with him in line 4 on page 12, and he only had to be "domiciled in Canada at the time he joined such force for the purpose of such war;" there was no length of residence required whatever; it was merely to be domiciled.

Mr. BURNS: It was thought of as an alternative to domicile before going over to the war. The principle is followed in various other pieces of our legislation, and the committee thought that to prove his Canadian citizenship he should have had a period of residence stipulated.

Mr. GREEN: The Imperial who went to the first war in Canada did not have to live here 20 years before. Most of them came out just a few years before the war.

Mr. BURNS: But they were domiciled, which indicated their intention of continuing to reside in Canada before they went to the war.

Mr. JUTRAS: They were domiciled in Canada before going over.

Mr. BURNS: Yes. And if it is intended that the widow of a man who had not lived here for 20 years shall be qualified, from the point of view of administration, what are we going to set as the limit? Is it going to be 19 years or 18 years?

Mr. GREEN: I would say the 1st of January, 1931.

Mr. BURNS: But suppose someone came out here subsequent to that? There would be as many cases of veterans coming after that date as of widows of veterans with residence just short of 20 years.

Mr. GREEN: Oh, no, no.

The CHAIRMAN: You may be right at the moment, Mr. Green.

Mr. GREEN: We all realize that there were none coming out in the 30's at all, or practically none; and none came out until after the second war so that it does not enter into it. They were all here by 1931.

Mr. GILLIS: Should not the qualification be "that if the widow resided in Canada?"

Mr. GREEN: That would not be as good. That would not cover it as my amendment would.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Cruickshank has, with the consent of the committee, amended his resolution so that it now reads:

I move that a recommendation should be made to reconsidering the matter of Imperial widows whose husbands died without eligibility under the War Veterans Allowance Act.

And in that wording I feel that I must admit the motion. Our previous motion, you will remember, asked that the committee recommend that the government give continued or sympathetic study to the needs and requirements of the war veterans, which these widows are not; consequently, this is a separate matter and as such is the proper matter of a resolution. That is the point I was considering.

Mr. Green a moment ago ably suggested that I was devising some way to reject it. I will leave that matter of rejection or otherwise to the committee; but I would point out again, as I pointed out before, that this resolution, if it should carry, would in effect request the government to give serious considera-