

Mr. Bowler gave evidence in respect to Recommendations 9, 12, 13, 14, relating to payments of pensions, deletion of certain words in Section 51, subsection 5 of the Pension Act, and medical classification.

Mr. Barrow gave evidence in respect to Recommendations 19, 20, and 24, relating to refund of medical expenses, medical board allowances and Imperial pre-war residents.

Col. L. R. LaFlèche gave evidence in respect to Recommendations 11 and 15, relating to helplessness allowances, and Appeal Board procedure.

In the course of the evidence given by the above-named witnesses, questions were answered by Col. Thompson, Commissioner McQuay, and Dr. Millar.

In the course of the evidence given by Col. LaFlèche, Mr. Stockton of the Auditor General's Office submitted that Mr. V. R. King, might give information regarding certain auditing made since May, 1929, at the Board of Pension Commissioners.

Mr. V. R. King, auditor, was called for evidence, as to certain auditing carried out under instructions given him by the Auditor General. See Minutes of Evidence.

The Committee then adjourned until Monday, at 4 o'clock.

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MONDAY, April 7, 1930.

The Special Committee on Pensions and Returned Soldiers' Problems met at 11 o'clock a.m., the Chairman, Mr. Power, presiding.

*Members present:* Messrs. Adshead, Black (Yukon), Fiset (Sir Eugène), Gershaw, Hepburn, Ilsley, MacLaren, McPherson, McLean (Melfort), Manion, Power, Speakman, and Thorson—13.

*Honourable Senators present:* Messrs. Béland, Graham, Griesbach, MacArthur, and others.

*In attendance:* Officers of the Dominion Executive of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.; Representatives of Provincial Commands of the Canadian Legion; the Chairman and Commissioners of the Board of Pensions; the Chief Medical Adviser, and many others.

The Committee proceeded to consider the recommendations submitted by the Canadian Legion to amend the Pension Act.

Col. L. R. LaFLECHE was recalled for evidence.

Proposals 3, 4 and 4A to amend Section 32, subsections (1) and (2) in respect to pension payable to the widow of a member of the forces where marriage was contracted after the appearance of the fatal injury or disease, etc.

In the course of the evidence given by Col. LaFlèche, Col. Thompson of the Board of Pensions was also examined regarding the number of widows who would be benefited should the Legion's recommendation be accepted, and also as to the amount they would receive.

Mr. Richard Myers was re-called for evidence in respect to Proposal 4A to amend Section 32, subsection (2). And, also in respect to Proposal 4B to amend Section 11 of the Pension Act by the addition of a new subsection in respect