

Canadian Patriotic Fund

Private soldier
Comparison of amounts payable to dependents in Great War and present rates

	Present rates		Total to Dependents	Soldier's Portion
	Separation Allowance	Assigned Pay		
Wife..	\$ 35 00	\$20 00	\$ 55 00	\$19 00
Wife and 1 child..	47 00	20 00	67 00	19 00
Wife and 2 children..	59 00	20 00	79 00	19 00
Wife and 3 children..	71 00	20 00	91 00	19 00
Wife and 4 children..	83 00	20 00	103 00	19 00
Wife and 5 children..	95 00	20 00	115 00	19 00
Wife and 6 children..	107 00	20 00	127 00	19 00
Wife and 7 children..	119 00	20 00	139 00	19 00

	Great War rates				Soldier's Portion
	Separation Allowance	Assigned Pay	Canadian Patriotic Fund	Total to Dependents	
Wife..	\$30 00	\$20 00	\$10 00	\$60 00	\$13 00
Wife and 1 child..	30 00	20 00	19 00	69 00	13 00
Wife and 2 children..	30 00	20 00	26 00	76 00	13 00
Wife and 3 children..	30 00	20 00	31 00	81 00	13 00
Wife and 4 children..	30 00	20 00	36 00	86 00	13 00
Wife and 5 children..	30 00	20 00	41 00	91 00	13 00
Wife and 6 children..	30 00	20 00	45 00	95 00	13 00
Wife and 7 children..	30 00	20 00	45 00	95 00	13 00

In this connection I may say that certain societies and associations made representations that it might not be necessary for the patriotic fund to raise such large sums of money and suggested that section 3 be amended to provide that the patriotic fund corporation should, in addition to the duty of collecting these moneys, have placed upon it the duty of coordinating the efforts of other charitable organizations and that it not be mandatory upon the patriotic fund to start immediately to collect a fund, as the bill now provides. The language of this bill was taken from the 1914 act, and it is made mandatory upon the corporation to collect these funds. The necessity for doing so having to a large extent disappeared owing to the provisions which are being made for dependents, it may not be necessary for the corporation to make such an intensive and extensive drive on the patriotically minded and charitably inclined citizens of Canada. Therefore, I shall ask my colleague, the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Cardin) to move the following:

That section 3 be deleted and the following be substituted therefor:

The objects of the corporation shall be to coordinate the work of and promote cooperation among the various existing organizations carrying on work similar to that of the corporation, and, if it is advisable in the opinion of the corporation, to collect, administer and distribute the fund for the assistance in case of need of the wives, children and dependents, resident in Canada, of officers and men, who, during the present war, may be on active service with the naval, military or air forces of His Majesty or of any allied or associated power.

Mr. CARDIN: I move accordingly.

[Mr. Power.]

Mr. CAHAN: Is it the intention to have contributions to this fund considered in the same manner as other charitable contributions in connection with income tax payments?

Mr. POWER: The acting Minister of Finance (Mr. Ilsley) is not here at the moment, but I would say that would be done. However, I cannot give a definite answer.

Mr. CAHAN: I think that was done the last time.

Mr. POWER: I think it would be done, but I cannot give a definite answer.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. MacNICOL: Would the minister explain further what is meant by active service? Would that cover a man guarding a canal, a bridge, or something like that, or is it only the man actually in the army?

Mr. POWER: My understanding of active service is that it covers those who are called out under section 64 of the Militia Act.

Mr. CASSELMAN: Those doing guard duty are called out under section 63.

Mr. POWER: They are called out on service under section 63, whereas they are called out on active service under section 64.

Mr. MacNICOL: The minister referred twice to a man with a family of six. Is a family of six the limit to receive benefits under the bill?

Mr. POWER: I do not think a family of six would be the limit in all provinces. I have the figures down to a family of seven. I can tell my hon. friend that a private soldier