

APPENDIX No. 4

The proposed bonus will bring the pensions of the above ranks up to the amount of pensions at present paid to Lieutenants (Military) and sub-Lieutenants (Naval).

Proportionate amounts of pension and bonus will be paid for disabilities less than total.

It is estimated that the additions above proposed to disability pensions will increase the yearly liability under this head by about \$2,500,000 per annum.

(b) Pension for Widows (per annum).

Rank or Rating of Member of Forces.	Basic Rate.	Present Bonus.	Total.	Basic Rate.	Proposed Bonus.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Privates and Corporals (Military), Ratings below Petty Officer (Naval).....	480 00	96 00	576 00	480 00	240 00	720 00
Sergeants, etc. (Military), Chief Petty Officer, etc. (Naval).....	510 00	66 00	576 00	510 00	210 00	720 00
Regimental Sergeant-Major, etc. (Military), Naval Cadet and Midshipman (Naval).....	620 00	Nil.	620 00	620 00	100 00	720 00
Warrant Officers (Military and Naval)..	680 00	Nil.	680 00	680 00	40 00	720 00

The proposed bonus will bring the pensions of the widows of members of the forces holding the above ranks up to the amount of pensions at present paid to widows of the members of the forces holding the rank of Lieutenant (Military) and Sub-Lieutenant (Naval).

Estimated increased liability, \$1,150,000 per annum.

(c) Pension for dependent parents (per annum).

Rank or Rating of Member of Forces.	Basic Rate.	Present Bonus.	Total.	Basic Rate.	Proposed Bonus.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Privates and Corporals (Military), Ratings below Petty Officer (Naval), (not exceeding).....	480 00	96 00	576 00	480 00	240 00	720 00
Sergeants, etc., (Military), Chief Petty Officer, etc. (Naval), (not exceeding)..	510 00	66 00	576 00	510 00	210 00	720 00
Regimental Sergeant-Major, etc. (Military), Naval Cadet and Midshipman (Naval), (not exceeding).....	680 00	Nil.	620 00	620 00	100 00	720 00
Warrant Officers (Military and Naval), (not exceeding).....	680 00	Nil.	680 00	680 00	40 00	720 00

The proposed bonus will bring the pensions of dependent parents of members of the forces holding the above ranks up to the amount of pension at present paid to dependent parents of the members of the forces holding the rank of Lieutenant (Military) and Sub-Lieutenant (Naval).

Under the existing Pension Law the allowance to a dependent parent is liable to reduction where such parent is in receipt of an income from outside sources, or is the owner of a house, or has unmarried sons who are capable of contributing to the maintenance of such parent.

Your Committee felt that so far as the widowed mothers of deceased soldiers are concerned the present law works an unfair hardship. By section 23 of the attached amending Bill it is proposed to modify the existing conditions as follows:—

No reduction shall be made in the pension to a widowed mother because she has the advantage of free lodgings by reason of the ownership of her home or otherwise, nor, if she is resident in Canada, shall any reduction be made because she is in receipt of an income from outside sources of not more than \$20 a month. In so far as that