

Subsection (c) reads:

No deduction shall be made from the degree of actual disability of any member of the forces who has served in a theatre of actual war, etc.

If he can succeed in getting into ordinary military service which would require a less severe examination than for war service, he is getting by with less difficulty than he would—

Mr. GREEN: This says that no pension shall be paid.

Mr. TURGEON: If he can get into some easier service than war service, they cannot interfere with his pension. But if he can get into the easier service but cannot get into the war service, they could interfere with his pension if we cut out "war" there and left it "military".

Mr. GREEN: I interpret it the other way.

Mr. TURGEON: I do not think one is easier than the other, but if one gets into the easy service one is protected, and he cannot be cut out of his pension under the section. In war he has to get into the heart of it.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE: That is the intention of it.

Mr. TURGEON: I think it works that way.

Mr. GREEN: I think it is the other way around.

The WITNESS: It is entirely in the hands of the committee what goes into the Act, but I can assure you that from the administrative point of view, the insertion of "war" in subsection (c) would have a restrictive effect, and it is not the intention to do that.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. The use of the word "service" applies to a much wider category, does it not?—A. Yes.

Mr. MACDONALD (*Brantford*): I think that section should be considered in the light of what Mr. Green says. It seems to me it might restrict it by just having the word "service" and not "war service". As he says, you can get into service in peace time if you have a very considerable disability, but in war service you could not get in. Therefore, the starting point for war service is a much greater disability than it would be in peace time. I rather think Mr. Green is right.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE: There is no question of the intention and the interpretation, but we will be very glad to see if the phraseology can be improved. We will look into that.

The CHAIRMAN: We shall now deal with subsection (e) of section 5.

The WITNESS:

(e) When a member of the forces, who has seen service during the great war, or who has seen service in a theatre of actual war as herein defined, is, upon retirement or discharge from war service, passed directly to the Department of Pensions and National Health for treatment, a pension shall be paid to or in respect of him for disability or death during such treatment;

If I may be permitted, sir, to make a suggestion, it is this. That was rather inadvertently put in in that way. It is suggested for the consideration of the committee that that section should read:—

When a member of the forces, who has seen service during the great war, or who has seen service outside of Canada during the war with the German Reich, is, upon retirement or discharge from war service,