

PENSIONS AND APPEALS.

It is recommended that a Bill be now introduced by the Government amending the Pension Act in accordance with the intent of Bill 255 passed by the House of Commons 16th of July, 1924, and in respect of the following matters:-

1. That the schedule of pension rates be amended as to provide for the permanent incorporation therein of the Pension Bonus, vide section 19, Bill 255:-

" 19. Schedules A and B, of Chapter 45, of the Statutes of 1921 as amended by chapter 38 of the Statutes of 1922, are repealed, and the schedules A and B to this Act are substituted therefor:

2. That, as recommended by the Royal Commission and also by select Committees of the House of Commons on three occasions, suitable provision be made for widows, whose marriage was contracted subsequent to the appearance of the disability causing death.

Vide Section 9, Bill 255, 1924.:-

" 9. Subsection one of section 33 of the said Act as amended by chapter 62 of the Statute of 1920, is repealed and the following subsection is substituted therefor:-

" (1) (a) No pension shall be paid to the widow of a pensioner unless she was living with him or was maintained by him or was in the opinion of the Commission entitled to be maintained by him at the time of his death and for a reasonable time previously thereto.

(b) No pension shall be paid to the widow of a member of the Forces unless she was married to him before the appearance of the injury or disease which resulted in his death, provided:-

(i) That a pension shall be paid when the marriage took place prior to a date one year after discharge of the member of the Forces,

(ii) That a pension shall be paid when a member of the Forces on and after the coming into force of this Act secures from the Commission a certificate showing that any pensionable injury or disease from which he was suffering at the time of marriage, would not in the opinion of the Commission, result in death.

(iii) That a pension shall be paid in the case of a member of the Forces who has married between a period of one year after his discharge and before the coming into force of this Act, and who has obtained from the Commission a certificate showing that any pensionable injury or disease from which he was suffering at the time of marriage, would not in the opinion of the Commission result in death,

(iv) That a pension shall be paid in the case of a member of the Forces who has married between the period of one year after his discharge and the coming into force of this Act and who has died of a pensionable disability prior to the coming into force of this Act, when the marriage took place at a time when no symptoms existed from which a reasonably prudent man, making reasonable enquiries, would have known of the existence and the potential seriousness of the injury or disease which ultimately resulted in death; provided, however, that it shall be conclusively presumed that such symptoms did not exist, if, at the time