

to the Government; but three members of this Board shall frequently be sitting as a quorum hearing appeals from single members, as provided for, and as these members come together to hear those appeals they will still further standardize procedure and secure uniformity in decisions. We think, therefore, that we have secured the three essentials which the soldier asked for—the right of personal appearance, the right of convenience, speedy determination of these matters, and also what is very important, uniformity of procedure and decision from coast to coast.

Hon. Mr. BLACK: As I understand, section 9 of the Bill is now wiped out?

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: Yes, it is replaced.

Hon. Mr. BLACK: What is now section 10 of this amended Bill becomes section 9?

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: It will, on being redrafted. The new clause 10 is to be found on page 547, about 10 lines from the bottom of the page.

Hon. Mr. BLACK: Section 9 disappears from the old Bill?

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: Section 10 of the old Bill is partially amended, and new section 10 is to be found on page 547.

Section 9 (new section 10) was agreed to.

On section 11—appeals to District Review Board:

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: Section 11 is now amended in a number of particulars to carry out the provisions of section 10 and the report of the Committee. The Committee are unanimous in their report on that clause. I move the adoption of that as printed in the new Bill.

Section 11, as amended, was agreed to.

Sections 12 to 14 were agreed to.

On sections 15, 16 and 17:

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: Just a few words with respect to sections 15, 16 and 17. These are the clauses which were introduced in the House of Commons, the subject-matter of which was not dealt with in the Report of the Royal Commission, and the Special Committee struck them out, and substituted the clause which refers to meritorious cases. It is clause 3A. If the situation that has developed had not arisen, we might have had a good deal to say in regard to these clauses; but in view of the situation that has developed, I think we shall have to take the ground that the clause which provides for meritorious cases must be tried out for the

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present year, in the hope that the Board of Pension Commissioners and the Federal Court of Appeal sitting together and empowered to give amelioration in these particular cases will exercise their powers and deal with them.

At this late hour of the Session, with the desire of getting the Bill through as it is, I think we may concur in the Report.

Sections 15, 16 and 17, as reported from the Special Committee, were agreed to.

The preamble and the title were agreed to.

The Bill was reported, as amended.

### SOLDIERS CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT BILL

#### CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the Senate went into Committee on Bill 204, an Act to amend the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment Act.

Hon. Mr. McMeans in the Chair.

Section 1 was agreed to.

On section 2—appeals, and review and appeal tribunals:

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: I move that this clause carry, with the amendment.

Section 2, as amended, was agreed to.

Section 3, the preamble, and the title were agreed to.

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: I also move the adoption of the Report of the Special Committee as modified by this Committee.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was reported as amended.

#### THIRD READING

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH moved that the Report of the Special Committee as amended by the Committee of the Whole House, be concurred in.

The motion was agreed to.

### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL

#### DEBATE ON MOTION FOR SECOND READING —BILL REJECTED

The Senate resumed from yesterday the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand for the second reading of Bill 234, an Act respecting the Construction of the Canadian National Railway Lines.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: When we adjourned the debate last evening on the amend-