

who were resident in Canada on or before December 1, 1924, who are in receipt of pension payable by their respective governments, or who have received a final payment under the provisions of any act or regulation for permanent disability assessed between five and twenty per cent.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): This afternoon the minister gave the amounts by provinces; can he give the numbers of those who are drawing this relief?

Mr. SUTHERLAND: The figures are as follows:

District—	Number
Quebec.	989
Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Is.	363
Eastern Ontario.	640
Central Ontario.	3,026
Western Ontario.	784
Manitoba.	1,161
Saskatchewan.	402
Alberta.	452
British Columbia.	1,487
New Brunswick.	148

Mr. RALSTON: Are the numbers increasing?

Mr. SUTHERLAND: During December, counting pensioners, their wives and children, there were 31,454. On January 31 there were 33,464.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): How do the numbers compare with a year ago? Are they increasing from year to year?

Mr. SUTHERLAND: For January, 1934, the number of pensioners was 9,728; for January of this year it was 9,410, or just a few less.

Mr. FRASER (Cariboo): The case I had in mind when I asked the question of the minister was of a veteran who had been pensioned and allowed three per cent disability. Of course he had no alternative but to take a lump sum for his pension in full settlement of his claim. He is now unable to work. Under the statement the minister has just made this man is excluded from relief. He made application for the war veteran's allowance and he was also denied the privilege of receiving that. The treatment of this case is rather hard and it should receive consideration from the government. He is excluded from all classes of pension and he gets no relief at all. If he is not eligible for the war veteran's allowance and if his pension is paid up and he is also excluded from other relief, why should he not come under departmental relief?

Mr. SUTHERLAND: I think in that case he should come under municipal relief.

Mr. MULOCK: Where municipalities are not paying relief, what can be done for men in a similar position with pensionable disability of the rate mentioned?

Mr. SUTHERLAND: In cases like that, if the municipalities were not issuing relief—and this would probably be in the smaller municipalities—the rate for a single pensioner is \$15; for the married pensioner without children, \$25; for the pensioner with a wife and one child, \$30, with \$2.50 for each additional child.

Mr. MULOCK: Where would the man apply? For instance, in North York constituency, would he apply to Christie Street hospital?

Mr. SUTHERLAND: Yes.

Mr. REID: Might I draw to the attention of the minister cases in municipalities in Fraser Valley, and I think the cases I shall cite should prove to him that to bring the allowance up to what the municipalities are giving is not a fair method of dealing with the matter so far as the returned men are concerned. In the Fraser valley there are municipalities that are unable to pay even the government scale. The government have set a scale of relief so that if a transient comes in, he would be entitled as a single man to \$12.50 or \$15, or for a man, wife and child, to \$30. But most of the municipalities out there are unable to pay that, with the result that the relief has been cut down in some instances to one-quarter. Some of the municipalities cannot even pay \$7 to a single man, a transient, with the result that some men are drawing only \$3.75; others are getting \$5 per month, and the rate is made up to the \$7 allowed by the municipality. Surely the minister must realize that that is very unfair.

Again, the complaint is made by great numbers of returned men that they are told by the municipalities: Go to the pension board; this is not a case for us at all. I am stating actual facts; the municipalities are compelled to do this because they find themselves faced with so large a number of unemployed and so many appeals to aid returned men, that they are saying to these men: We can do nothing for you. The minister should this new year review the whole matter of the relief basis and not only in such cases as I have cited where municipalities are paying only \$7 to single and \$11.50 to married men. He should take note of that and also of the fact that many returned men are being denied relief and so find themselves up against it.