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Q. The wife draws an allowance for herself?—A. The man draws his pension plus \$11 a month for his wife.

The CHAIRMAN: He draws the same pension as a single man, but in addition the married man's wife draws \$11 a month.

By Mr. Green:

Q. You thought the \$11 a month should be cut off, but added to the single man's allowance as well?—A. I would treat them both alike, giving each an adequate amount for the services of an attendant, should one be required.

Mr. NICKLE: That is not fair, because the single man has no responsibility except himself. The married man is entitled to something more than that.

Mr. MACDONELL: He has a home.

Mr. NICKLE: He cannot keep a home unless he has sufficient to run it.

By the Chairman:

Q. Your idea is, Colonel, in the case of the married man, that his wife would be the attendant?—A. That is my idea.

Mr. MACDONALD: If you give both classes \$50 a month, then you are satisfied they will not be in want.

Mr. NICKLE: He should get enough to keep his establishment up.

Mr. MACDONALD: Then it is a question of amount.

By Mr. Macdonell:

Q. Supposing a man single at the time of his injury, marries later on, does he get an additional pension?—A. No.

By the Chairman:

Q. Have you anything to suggest, Colonel Dunbar, yourself?—A. I would like to suggest, for Mr. Scammell's information, that cases such as he referred to in Manitoba would come under paragraph 597 on p. 64, which reads:—

“Individual cases for which the regulations do not provide or sufficiently provide, may be specially considered by the Governor in Council.”

That would take in the case of the man of 78 years mentioned.

Q. In that case an application would have to be made to the Governor in Council?—A. Yes, for special consideration.

By Mr. Nickle:

Q. It is discretionary then?—A. Yes. What we require in such cases are affidavits or solemn declarations from responsible parties as to the circumstances of these old people.

By the Chairman:

Q. Has an application been made to your Board yet on their behalf?—A. I could not say, sir. When I heard from Mr. Scammell I wrote to them, sending the necessary forms, and telling them what procedure to take.

Q. You regarded Mr. Scammell's letter as an application?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Nickle:

Q. Does that regulation apply to the incapacitated father of an enlisted man?—A. Any case of dependent. We have several cases like that that we have written to on information secured from the Patriotic Fund officials and other similar organizations all over the country.

Q. As between the two systems of pensions—a certain allowance for a leg or an arm as on the other side—which do you think is the wiser?—A. I think the extract from Mr. Dobell's report, which Mr. Scammell read, covers the ground. I am almost

[Col. J. S. Dunbar.]