

Mr. CROLL: Are we not likely to get the same reaction from other doctors that you will take, Mr. Blair?

Mr. BLAIR: Doctors have been notorious for differing opinions.

Mr. CROLL: Not with respect to veterans. I find that outside doctors are always in favour of veterans getting pensions.

Mr. BLAIR: That was quite all right, Mr. Croll, but there was a little of the milk of human kindness in doctors who have had service. You are getting a new crop though, coming up, who do not just have a feeling of sympathy and they are a little bit hard in assessing things of that nature. That is what I am worrying about.

The CHAIRMAN: May I say a word? You apparently thought it may be that in connection with this there would be legislation in introducing it in this fashion, it will be administered by regulation and it is for that reason that I am sure departmental officers will be very grateful to any member of the committee who points out to them the pitfalls they will have to guard against in framing these regulations. If we get the regulations we will be very happy about that because regulations cover it. We cannot draft here definitions but we can certainly put on the record the benefit of the experience of this committee for the guidance of those who have to draft the regulations.

Mr. BLAIR: That is my idea, Mr. Chairman. This committee has it within its power to help out the committee administering those regulations. We can help that committee. I am sure everyone is in sympathy with this bill, but we should be very careful in moulding this Act, without changing its form, to make it easier to administer but I do again point out that it is not as easy as you think to define unemployability. Personally, I have been in a few rows in my life on that question.

The CHAIRMAN: I can assure you that I think the officials do not think it will be easy.

Mr. CARTER: Further to what Mr. Blair said and arising out of what has been established by Mr. Green and Mr. Cruickshank. In the case of unemployability there are two factors, the man's physical condition and his environment in which he lives. I understood that this supplement says only if his disability is the major contributing factor. Now, in the case where a man's environment is the main contributing factor he is in the same position in that he is unemployable, and I would like to know what can be done to take care of a fellow like that.

The WITNESS: Mr. Chairman, I think that the example I believe I quoted to Mr. Brooks, would answer that. That is to say, a man with a high amputation or the like, who was living in a district where there was not much employment except perhaps woods work, would not be able to be employed there, whereas if he was in Ottawa he could get a job say, running an elevator, but you could certainly say that his amputation was a major contributing factor in the environment in which he is, and therefore he would get the supplement. Is that what you had in mind, Mr. Carter?

Mr. GREEN: Why then do you have the words "major factor contributing"? Would it not be better to take out the word "major"? It seems to me then you would have a bill more in line with your submission.

The WITNESS: Whether you propose to define a contributing factor or a major contributing factor you get into those border line cases. As the chairman has said, this is a new departure and we have to start off from some previous experience in this matter. We are following in this particular phrasing what I believe is the practice of the British in administering such a measure. However, I think I do not need to say that it is the intention, if this becomes law,