

The WITNESS: No, they are Imperials.

Mr. BALCOLM: They did not enlist in Canada?

The WITNESS: No, they came here after the war.

The CHAIRMAN: They belong to the group which became eligible in 1920, shortly after World War I.

Mr. GILLIS: Mr. Chairman, just to keep the record straight on this matter of free medical care, there is no free medical care today for widows of veterans or veterans under the war veterans allowance in Nova Scotia. They do make some provision for the old age pensioner. A doctor may be called and in some cases they give a prescription, but that does not entitle them to free medicine. I wanted to get the record straight on that point because I have argued in the House for that very thing and I would not like to see the record state that there is free medical care in Nova Scotia when, to the best of my knowledge, such is not the case.

Mr. BALCOM: We do give certain types in Halifax free prescriptions.

The CHAIRMAN: But that is under provincial legislation?

Mr. BALCOM: Yes.

Mr. GOODE: Mr. Chairman, I want to put this on the record—

The CHAIRMAN: If you will talk loud enough it will go on.

Mr. GOODE: Sorry, Mr. Chairman, I have a sore throat this morning. Can the witness tell me whether the ladies of her organization are under hospitalization in British Columbia?

The WITNESS: I am afraid I cannot, sir; you see, I come from Ontario.

Mrs. DARVILLE: When they get it.

Mr. GOODE: I know the answer but I wanted to have it on the record. Do the ladies of your organization pay hospitalization under the Hospitals Act in British Columbia?

Mrs. DARVILLE: As I said, when they get it.

Mr. GOODE: I want to know too, Mr. Chairman—and you may be able to answer this question—is there any appeal open to these ladies if they are turned down under the assistance Act; is there any appeal from such a decision?

The CHAIRMAN: I think I am correct in saying this, that they have the opportunity to re-apply within I think it is three months.

Mr. E. L. M. BURNS (Deputy Minister, Department of Veterans Affairs): Yes, three months.

The CHAIRMAN: I believe that is correct, that they can apply again at the end of three months.

Mr. GOODE: May I take that as an answer, that they have the right to apply again in three months?

The CHAIRMAN: That is right.

Mr. GOODE: I would like to ask one further question. The chairman of the ladies delegation who presented this very fine brief to us this morning might be able to tell me this in respect to resolution number four. Where does the Imperial veteran come in? I understand that this Act takes in all the veterans of allied forces who fought on the side of the British and Canadians during the first world war. Is that right, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: That is correct.

Mr. GOODE: Then in this brief you are only asking for the widows of Imperial veterans. Would there be some discrimination as against widows of other allied forces?