

any other evidence that it may be able to obtain, a statutory declaration made by any reliable and disinterested person, other than the applicant, covering such facts as to which such person has personal knowledge.

(2) For the purposes of the Act and these Regulations, residence and presence in Newfoundland prior to the date of union of Newfoundland with Canada, shall respectively be deemed to be residence and presence in Canada.

16. (1) Intervals of absence of an applicant from Canada during the ten years immediately preceding the date of the proposed commencement of allowance which are of a temporary nature and which, when totalled and averaged, do not exceed sixty days per year, shall be deemed not to have interrupted the residence in Canada of such applicant during such period and the provisions of this subsection shall not apply in respect of cases coming within the provisions of subsections (2), (3) and (4).

(2) If an applicant, while a resident of Canada, has temporarily absented himself therefrom for the purpose of engaging in

- (a) employment on a ship or on a fishing boat;
- (b) employment on trains running out of Canada operated by any railway company having its head office in Canada;
- (c) season employment, such as lumbering or harvesting, for not more than six months in any one year;
- (d) employment by or as a representative of a Canadian firm or corporation, or while he was himself a member of such a firm or corporation;
- (e) employment by the United Nations or one of its specialized agencies; or
- (f) missionary work with any religious group or organization

and, at the termination of such employment, he returned to Canada, he shall be deemed to have continued to reside in Canada during such absence if, during the period thereof, he had in Canada a permanent place of abode to which, whenever he was absent therefrom, he had the intention of returning, or he maintained in Canada, a self-contained domestic establishment.

(3) If an applicant, while a resident of Canada, has temporarily absented himself therefrom

- (a) while he was employed and paid by the Government of Canada, or by the government of any province; or
- (b) during the first or second world war while he was a member of the forces of any country allied with Canada or was engaged in work in connection with the prosecution of any such war for Canada or its allies; or
- (c) pursuant to and in connection with the requirements of his duties as a member of the armed forces of Canada

and, at the termination of his duties abroad, he returned to Canada, he shall be presumed to have continued to reside in Canada during such absence.

(4) An applicant who is a married woman or a widow and who was absent from Canada with her husband while he was absent from Canada in any of the circumstances provided for by subsection (2) or (3), shall, during the period of such absence with him, be deemed to have continued to reside in Canada during such absence.