

APPENDIX No. 4

By the Chairman:

Q. Why was he given the second degree?—A. He got the second degree because he was materially incapacitated by injuries received in the presence of the enemy.

Mr. NESBITT: His case seems to come under the third degree.

By the Chairman:

Q. He is rendered materially incapable as the result of wounds, and he got that second degree. He must have been rendered materially incapable. Although rendered materially incapable, he is considered fit for a customs position?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Nickle:

Q. That means earning a livelihood in relation to your standard of manual labour?—A. Then there is another case of a man in the fourth degree, whose pension has been cancelled altogether. He is completely well, and is earning \$8.50 a week, less than the standard laid down by Mr. Darling.

By the Chairman:

Q. Has he completely recovered?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Nesbitt:

Q. Is he at manual labour?—A. Yes. The matter of the amount of money does not really affect it altogether. I know of another case of a man in the second degree earning \$2.50 a day running an elevator in the Government service.

By Mr. Nickle:

Q. How do you treat him?—A. He still remains in the second degree, although I may say I tried to persuade my confrères in regard to his case.

By Mr. Scott:

Q. Is he totally disabled?—A. No, materially disabled.

Q. Why do you call it second degree? As a matter of fact, you only have two degrees. You have total disability and materially incapable of earning a livelihood. Those are the only sub-divisions you have?—A. No, we have slightly incapacitated—incapacitated to a slight degree.

Q. How do you get at that? Is that taken care of by the Governor in Council?—A. No, it is on the regular pension classification. You have four degrés.

By the Chairman:

Q. Section (d) reads: "The fourth degree shall be applicable to those who are rendered in a small degree incapable of earning a livelihood as a result of injuries received or illness contracted on active service, during drill or training, or on other duty?"—A. There are three degrees for the man who is injured in the presence of the enemy, the first, second and third degrees. There are three degrees for the man not injured in the presence of the enemy, those are the second, third and fourth degrees.

By Mr. Nesbitt:

Q. You do not recommend that that distinction be carried out?—A. I think it should be done away with, and that there should be another class in between, the "slightly" and "totally," another one alongside that "materially." There is too great a bridge there. And the fourth degree should be retained.