

Messrs. R. Hale, R. Myers, Dr. Millar and others were present.

The Committee proceeded to consider the Evidence given by Mr. C. B. Reilly upon the activities of the Federal Appeal Board; and also the Evidence given by Col. LaFlèche upon the proposed Revision of Pension Machinery and Soldiers' Insurance; and also the Evidence given by Mr. E. Browne-Wilkinson upon Soldiers' Insurance.

In the course of the proceedings, Mr. J. R. Bowler submitted a statement which had been ordered by the Committee relating to the reorganization of the Soldiers' Adviser system with recommendations therein contained. Said statement is signed and submitted by Messrs. J. V. Conroy, Charles Askwith, J. R. Bowler and K. G. Macdonald. *See* Appendix No. 12 herein.

Following the evidence given by Col. LaFlèche, a memorandum containing recommendations with respect to the proposed Revision of Pension Machinery, was submitted by him which was ordered to be printed as an Appendix. *See* Appendix No. 13, herein.

A statement submitted by the Board of Pension Commissioners arising from the evidence given by General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., and relating to Private 500565 who enlisted in September, 1915, was considered.

On motion of Mr. McGibbon the said statement and correspondence thereto relating was ordered to be entered in the record of the proceedings.

A statement relating to the present procedure with respect to appeals lodged with the Federal Appeal Board, was submitted by Mr. Scammell and ordered to be printed as an appendix. *See* Appendix No. 14, herein.

The Committee adjourned at 11.10 p.m. until to-morrow to meet in Camera at 4.30 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, May 7, 1930.

The Special Committee on Pensions and Returned Soldiers' Problems met at 4.30 o'clock, the Chairman Mr. Power, presiding.

*Members present:*—Messrs. Adshead, Arthurs, Fiset (Sir Eugene), Gershaw, Ilsley, McGibbon, McIntosh, MacLaren, McPherson, Manion, Power, Ross (Kingston), Speakman, and Thorson,—14.

Col. O. M. Biggar, Counsel, was also present.

The Committee proceeded *in camera* to consider the present organization and procedure relating to the administration of pensions, and also the Alternative proposal with respect to the Department of Pensions and National Health, the Board of Pension Commissioners, a Veterans' Bureau or Soldiers' Adviser system, Pension Appeal Courts or Boards as set forth in memorandum prepared by Counsel.

At 6 o'clock the Committee adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

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