

APPENDIX No. 4

tell you the exact number; I should think another 10,000 or so. In Class I, that is totally disabled men, there are 2,370. I can give you it by classes.

Q. You have not got in Class I the helpless?—A. No, I have not a list of the helpless.

By Mr. Arthurs:

Q. What proportion of tuberculosis cases, I mean among the totally disabled?—A. I have not got that. I can give you the number of men who are down with T.B., but I cannot tell you what percentage.

By the Chairman:

Q. Can these be obtained? Have you a record containing these in detail?

By Mr. Peck:

Q. How many are down with T.B.?—A. Fourteen per cent. I have only got them by percentages; 14.1 per cent are down; that is, there is something wrong with their respiratory system.

By Mr. Cooper:

Q. That is 14 per cent of the seventy odd thousand?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Nesbitt:

Q. While you put out \$23,000,000 for pensions, do we understand that that will be increased by those who are coming from under the S.C.R.? Those under the S.C.R. are not being pensioned by you, but will be on their discharge from the S.C.R.?—A. That is correct.

By Mr. Brien:

Q. Does that 14 per cent include all tuberculous cases?—A. Cases of the respiratory system.

Q. A number may be bronchitis?—A. Yes. I have just got them by various diseases.

By the Chairman:

Q. There is an increase by the birth of children to soldiers receiving pensions?—A. Yes.

Q. You have a statement there showing the number of children of pensioners up to March 31, 1919.

Mr. AHERN: If it is the number of children who were added, I have these figures.

The CHAIRMAN: The number of children of actual pensioners up to March 31, 1919. The figures I got earlier were 26,848, but they had risen in a remarkable way by December 31, 1919. The figures given to me as at that date were 41,283, due to demobilization and to a large number coming on the list.

Mr. AHERN: I have not got these figures, but I can get them for you.

Mr. THOMPSON: In respect of disabilities, at March 31, 1919, the children were 26,848. The children as at March, 1918, were 6,958. Then we come along from March 31 to December 31, 1919—

The CHAIRMAN: We can check these figures. I merely wanted to draw the attention of the Committee to the fact that that is a class which does increase slowly because the children of all pensioners are entitled to pensions.

By Mr. Arthurs:

Q. I understand that if a man suffering from disability subsequent to his discharge dies, his wife is not entitled to a pension?—A. No.

Q. What about his children?—A. They get no pension either.

Q. Why?—A. Married after disability.

[Col. Thompson].