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and always pertinent. Members of the former committees will agree with me when I say that Mr. MacNeil displayed great discretion, and as far as possible represented the interests of all returned men.

The CHAIRMAN: Suppose we place before these two bodies the view that has just been expressed, that we are willing to hear representatives of both, but that we would prefer if they would join forces and appoint a single representative. I do not wish to create any ill feeling between these two organizations by giving a definite refusal.

Mr. ARTHURS: I do not suggest that at all, I merely say that it would be well to suggest that the two bodies confer and if possible agree upon one representative.

Mr. ROSS: I understand that there is to be a meeting to-morrow at which these organizations are to get together and, if possible, come to some arrangement. I think it would be a mistake for us to arrive at any decision before having final information before us that such action is to be taken. I give you this information quite informally, but I know that such a meeting is to take place. I think the Committee should accept the request and leave it to the different organizations to get together and make their arrangements.

The CHAIRMAN: That is my view, that we should accept this request and suggest that the two bodies get together. Such I think would carry out Colonel Arthurs' view and also Mr. Caldwell's view.

Mr. ARTHURS: That is not the view I expressed. I suggested that we defer consideration of the request until we see whether the different bodies can agree upon one representative.

The CHAIRMAN: Perhaps you might make a motion.

Mr. ARTHURS: I move that action upon this request be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.

Mr. CALDWELL: I second that.

Motion agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: We also have a communication from Mr. MacNeil of the G.W.V.A. I assume that that will also come within the scope of the motion.

Agreed.

Mr. CALDWELL: I think we would be more likely to get a general representative if we left the matter to themselves to decide.

The CHAIRMAN: Have the sub-committees any reports to make to the general Committee? I assume they have not.

Mr. CARROLL: Some correspondence has been sent to me having special reference to the number of pensioners or would-be pensioners.

The CHAIRMAN: I have seen most of that correspondence. It is coming up to-day. A communication has been received from Willis Boughen, William St., Port Hope, relating to the discontinuance of his pension. The applicant states that he was given \$300 in lieu of further pension, which he accepted. He claims that he is suffering from a permanent disability and requests a continuance of the pension and also a vocational training course. I would suggest that this be referred to the sub-committee on pensions. We have another petition from Sapper Jas. Jos. Monahan, 103 St. Alexander St., Montreal, relating to non-receipt of pension. With your permission, I will refer this also to the sub-committee on pensions for further consideration and report. There is another petition from Pte. Lynn C. Williams, 245th Battalion, 2587 Hutchinson St., Montreal, also relating to non-receipt of pension. Is it your wish that this also be referred to the sub-committee on pensions? Another peti-