

FRIDAY, April 4, 1930.

The Special Committee on Pensions and Returned Soldiers' Problems met at 11 o'clock a.m., the Chairman, Mr. Power, presiding.

*Members present:*—Messrs. Adshead, Black (Yukon), Gershaw, Ilsley, McGibbon, MacLaren, McPherson, McLean (Melfort), Manion, Power, Ross (Kingston), Speakman, and Thorson—13.

*Honourable Senators present:*—Messrs. Buchanan, Graham, Griesbach, Lewis, MacArthur, Rankin, White (Pembroke), and others.

*In attendance:*—Officers of the Dominion Executive of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., representatives of Provincial Commands of the Canadian Legion, officers and commissioners of the Board of Pensions of Canada, commissioners and officers of the Soldier Settlement Board, Mr. E. H. Scammell, of the Department of Pensions and National Health, and Col. C. B. Topp, of the Federal Appeal Board.

Dr. Kee, Chief Medical Adviser of the Board of Pensions, was recalled for further evidence in respect to the practice followed by the Board under the provisions of Section 24 of the Pension Act, and also with regard to recommendation 16 of the Canadian Legion. *See Minutes of Evidence.*

In the course of the evidence given by Dr. Kee, copies of the professional and qualification standing of the Medical Advisers attached to the Board of Pensions were submitted and considered. *See Appendix No. 5 herein.*

Much consideration was given to the statement given by Dr. Kee in respect to the number of claimants for pension in the month of January, 1930, number of claims admitted, number rejected, claims for retroactive pension, number of decisions given, number yet to be decided, and also as to contents of a précis attached to files, of claimants for pension.

Mr. Richard Hale, representative of the Tuberculosis section of the Canadian Legion referred to certain conditions of veterans residing in rural districts, who were affected with bronchial trouble.

Mr. E. E. Spencer, counsel for the returned soldiers' organizations, was given leave to ask questions regarding some of the figures given by Dr. Kee in his statement relating to the activities of the Board in the month of January, 1930.

The Committee adjourned until 4 o'clock this day.

## AFTERNOON SITTING

FRIDAY, April 4, 1930.

The Committee met at 4 o'clock p.m., the Chairman, Mr. Power, presiding.

*Members present:*—Messrs. Adshead, Fiset (Sir Eugene), Gershaw, Hepburn, Ilsley, McGibbon, McIntosh, MacLaren, McPherson, McLean (Melfort), Power, Ross (Kingston), Sanderson, Speakman, and Thorson—15.

*Honourable Senators present:*—Mr. MacArthur, and others.

Messrs. Hale and Gilman were examined for evidence regarding Recommendations 17 and 18, respectively relating to housing and tuberculous pensioners and special nursing allowances.