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ment concerned. Reports of these sub-committees will be found in the printed reports of the proceedings of your Committee. The communications having reference to general subjects in conjunction with the evidence given by the various witnesses examined were carefully considered in connection with any proposed amendments to the pension law or in the rules and regulations on civil re-establishment. The orders of reference dealt with two distinct branches of inquiry: first, Pensions, and second, Re-establishment.

### PART I.—PENSIONS.

1. From the communications received and the evidence given it became clear to your Committee that the scale of pensions, even with the addition of the bonus of twenty per cent provided under the Pension Act of 1919, was too low to ensure a reasonable standard of comfort in the face of the rising cost of living throughout the country. In view of the possibility, however, that in future years prices might recede, your Committee is of the opinion that increases in pension should be in the main effected by way of a bonus to be continued until such time as the cost of living warrants its modification.

The bonus payments which were given effect to last session increased the pensions by approximately twenty per cent over the existing or basic rates for or in respect to privates and corporals (Military) and ratings below Petty Officers (Naval) and also increased the pensions of Sergeants, etc., by a sufficient amount to bring them to the same level as those of the rank and file. The bonus which your Committee proposes should be given this year would increase the pensions by fifty per cent over the basic rates for or in respect to privates and corporals (Military) and ratings below Petty Officer (Naval); and would also increase the pensions of those below the rank of Lieutenant by an amount sufficient to bring them to the same level as those of the rank and file.

The first table given below sets out in figures the actual results of these increases in the case of a man totally disabled. No increase in pensions is suggested for those holding the rank of Lieutenant or a higher rank. In the opinion of your Committee the proposed increase of bonus from twenty to fifty per cent should only apply to those pensioners residing in Canada. In the case of those resident elsewhere it is proposed that the former bonus of twenty per cent be continued for another year.

The proposed increases in the schedules of rates and suggested amendments to the present Act have been incorporated in a Bill, a copy of which is attached hereto.

### II.—PROPOSED INCREASE IN PENSIONS.

1. It is proposed, in the Bill appended hereto, to increase pensions to those resident in Canada, by way of a bonus for one year in accordance with the following tables:—

#### (a) Pension for total disability (per annum).

Rank or Rating of Member of Forces.	Basic Rate.	Present Bonus.	Total.	Basic Rate.	Proposed Bonus.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Privates and Corporals (Military), Ratings below Petty Officer (Naval)....	600 00	120 00	720 00	600 00	300 00	900 00
Sergeants, etc. (Military), Chief Petty Officer, etc. (Naval).....	637 50	82 50	720 00	637 50	262 50	900 00
Regimental Sergeant-Major, etc. (Military), Naval Cadet and Midshipman (Naval).....	775 00	Nil.	775 00	775 00	125 00	900 00
Warrant Officers (Military and Naval).	850 00	Nil.	850 00	850 00	50 00	900 00