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service. This, it is submitted, would be a greivous mistake, as under conditions which prevailed in this war there can be no discrimination as to service. Moreover the principle has already been adopted that for any disability contracted while in uniform the soldier is entitled to pension. Any violation of this principle would now constitute a serious breach of contract. To prevent any injustice, it is desirable that the definition of these terms be expressed in the broadest sense, and that necessary qualifications be specified in the regulations.

I trust that these matters may receive your favourable consideration.

I am, sir, yours faithfully,

C. G. MACNEIL,
Dominion Secretary-Treasurer,
G.W.V.A. of Canada.

April 10, 1919.

Memorandum for the Parliamentary Committee on Pensions.

1. That in estimating the income of a widowed mother to determine the award of pension, no consideration be given to any benefit received by her on account of the soldier's death.

2. That in the preparation of the Pension Act the term "military service" be defined simply as "service in the Military and Naval Forces of Canada"; and that the principle hitherto adopted be adhered to, viz., that all disabilities incurred during that period of service from any cause whatsoever be considered pensionable, with such qualifications as may later be set forth in the regulations.

Further that the same principle be applied to the definition of a "member of the forces."

C. G. M.

OTTAWA, April 12, 1919.

DEAR SIR,—I have your letter of April 10, and note your suggestions with regard to pensions. These will be laid before the Pensions Committee at its next meeting.

Yours faithfully,

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MONTREAL, April 10, 1919.

Mr. W. F. NICKLE, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—I heard recently that you had been kind enough to take some interest in the welfare of the war widows of the French, Belgian and Italian reservists, in favour of which the Federal Parliament will be asked to grant a pension to supplement the pension they will receive from the native country of their husbands.