

generously than the aforesaid countries, to those of her citizens who have suffered disability or the dependents of those who have been killed during service, and under the proposed scale, Canada's pensions will continue to exceed those paid by the said countries.

SUPPLEMENTARY PENSIONS.

(1) Widows and Children.—

At the outbreak of hostilities British, Belgian, French, Italian and other Allied reservists were recalled to their country's forces overseas in considerable numbers, their families remaining in Canada. Owing to the lower scale of separation allowance prevailing in those countries and applicable to the said families, assistance was given them by the Canadian Patriotic Fund (*see Evidence of Sir Herbert Ames, page 202 of the printed evidence*). According to information received from the Canadian Patriotic Fund the number of widows of such British and Allied reservists, who are domiciled in Canada, will not exceed 450, and your Committee have agreed to commend to the consideration of this House and the Government the awarding of a supplementary pension, which when added to the amount received by the said widows and their children from their respective Governments will equal the amount of pension payable to the widows and children of members of the Canadian Forces. This supplementary pension will be paid only while such widows and children continue to reside in Canada.

(2) Reservists and Other Members of Imperial Units.—

Your Committee have also considered the representations made by the Great War Veterans, the Imperial Veterans of Canada, the Grand Army of Canada, the First Degree Veterans of France, the London Chamber of Commerce, the Associated Canadians of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and by Canadians suffering disability who are now receiving a British pension only, and who were, at the outbreak of the war, also domiciled and resident in Canada, and have unanimously agreed to commend to the consideration of this House and the Government the awarding of a supplementary pension to such Imperial pensioners which, when added to the amount received by them from their respective Governments, will equal the amount of pension payable to similarly disabled members of the Canadian Forces.

According to figures submitted to your Committee, about 2,000 supplementary pensions would be granted under these recommendations. The expenditure for these supplementary pensions would not exceed in the aggregate \$500,000.00 per annum. The provisions made in the Bill hereto appended in respect to such supplementary pensions are contained in Sections 46 and 47.

NUMBER OF PENSIONS AND AMOUNT OF LIABILITY.

The total number of disability pensioners, as of the 31st of March, 1919, was 44,726 (not including wives or children) for whom the Government then carried a yearly liability of \$7,476,167.96. The total number of dependent pensioners, as of the same date, was 16,888 (not including children), for whom the Government then carried a yearly liability of \$9,636,939.50 or a total of 61,614 pensioners of all classes and a total yearly liability therefor of \$17,113,107.46.

It is anticipated that an additional 36,000 pensions for disabilities will be awarded during the fiscal year April 1st, 1919, to March 31st, 1920, with a yearly liability of \$5,400,000.00, under the present rates or \$6,500,000.00 under the proposed rates including the bonus.

It is anticipated that an additional 5,000 pensions for deaths will be awarded during the fiscal year April 1st, 1919, to March 31st, 1920, with a yearly liability of \$2,000,000.00, under the present rates or \$2,400,000.00, under the proposed rates including the bonus.

The total yearly liability at the present rates of pension will therefore be approximately \$25,000,000.00. Adding to this the cost of the proposed bonus payments and