

APPENDIX No. 4

XI. PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR MEN UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT.

Various witnesses suggested that there should be an increase in allowances to men undergoing medical treatment and to their dependents, particularly those suffering from tuberculosis.

In view of the increased cost of living since the pay and allowances issued by the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment were authorized, your Committee would recommend that a new scale be drawn with effect from the 1st of September next, based as nearly as possible on the total disability pension now recommended with suitable deductions when men are undergoing treatment in hospital. In other words, that the allowances for an out-patient who is unable to follow a remunerative occupation should approximate as nearly as possible a total disability pension.

Estimated increased liability per annum, \$900,000.

XII.—CASES FOR OBSERVATION OR EXAMINATION.

Suggestion.—That an increase be made in the allowances for men called in for observation or for repair to orthopaedic appliances, by the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment or for examination by the Board of Pension Commissioners.

Recommendation.—That the present regulations of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and of the Board of Pension Commissioners be amended so that in lieu of the allowances now paid by the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment to a man called in for examination, observation or for treatment for a period not exceeding one week, or for repairs to or replacement of an artificial limb or other orthopaedic appliance, and in lieu of the allowances now paid by the Board of Pension Commissioners to a man called in for re-examination, an amount of \$5 per day be paid, plus return transportation, first-class, with sleeping berths, if necessary, if living out of town; or \$3 per day if the place to which he is directed to go is in the same town as or is contiguous to his place of residence, in both cases with proportionate amounts for periods of less than one day.

XIII.—ISSUE OF CLOTHING TO PATIENTS ON STRENGTH OF S.C.R. FOR TREATMENT.

It was claimed by certain witnesses from Tuberculosis Sanatoria that the regulations imposed by the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment on the free issue of clothing were of so strict a character as largely to discount the value of the provisions recommended by the Re-establishment Committee at the last session. After investigating the matter it would appear that some misapprehension exists regarding this matter, as the regulations of the Department are quite in harmony with the recommendation referred to.

It has been suggested, however, that instead of a free issue of clothing each patient undergoing treatment should be paid in cash an amount equivalent to the cost of clothing to the Government.

Your Committee therefore recommends that the free issue of clothing to patients on the strength of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment for medical treatment provided for under Order in Council, P.C. 2325, 1919, be discontinued, and that in lieu thereof each patient be granted as from the first of September next a cash allowance at the rate of \$7 per month.

XIV.—TRANSPORTATION OF EX-MEMBERS OF THE FORCES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.

Following the recommendation of the Committee of last year, the amounts expended for the transportation of the dependents of the members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force who returned to Canada prior to the Armistice, were refunded.