



WAR SERVICE —GRATUITY—



THE G. W. V. A. intends to place facts before the Parliamentary Commission to deal with Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment. Below is printed the official stand of the organization on the question of a further gratuity and also a duplicate of the Questionnaire to be completed by members of the G. W. V. A.

GREAT WAR VETERANS' PLATFORM

- 1st—Increased Pensions and Gratuity for Widows and Orphans.**
- 2nd—Full Care for our Disabled Comrades.**
- 3rd—Aid for all Returned Soldiers—to be limited only by the country's ability to pay.**

G. W. V. A. RESOLUTION

WHEREAS it is due to the Members of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, and imperative in the national interest that effective means should be promptly found for the re-establishment of the soldier and his assimilation into the civil life of the country;

AND WHEREAS it is essential that such re-establishment should be accomplished in such manner as to place the soldier as nearly as possible on an equal footing with those whose business or professional career or other earning power has not been interrupted by Military Service; and so that he may be adequately rehabilitated in civil life and the better enabled to bear his share of the immense burden of taxation which the War has placed upon the country;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that such re-establishment should be accomplished with a minimum of administrative cost, so that the soldier may receive the maximum of benefit from the money expended and the burden to the country may not be unduly increased;

AND WHEREAS, in view of the serious unemployment problem that faces the country in the immediate future, to accomplish these objects in a manner equitable to every individual citizen under the varying conditions of this vast Dominion, the most satisfactory system is one of gratuity payments.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada in Annual Convention assembled this second day of July, 1919, urge upon the Government of Canada the necessity of the immediate adoption of a system of bonus payments as the most satisfactory and effective means of re-establishing the soldiers.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after careful thought and full consideration, we are of opinion that the granting of such Bonus upon an equality basis be limited only by the country's ability to pay, so as to enable the beneficiary to become efficiently re-established with security and happiness. The classification of beneficiaries, the method of distribution and administration to be agreed and decided upon by a joint Parliamentary and G.W.V.A. Commission;

AND THAT THIS BONUS should be in addition to any gratuity or pension for disability resulting from service; AND that in the case of Members of the Expeditionary Forces whose death occurred whilst in the service or after discharge therefrom, such Bonus shall be paid to their dependents.

ALL of the benefits contained in this Resolution shall apply to those resident in Canada prior to 4th August, 1914, who served in the Imperial Forces, and are now, or may be at any future date domiciled in Canada.

FACTS

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SOAP BOX SPEECHES

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Individual Questionnaire

Name of individual
 Service rank
 Length of service: Canada England France
 Married Children
 Amount of monthly pension
 Can you obtain life insurance?
 Length of vocational training
 Have you become re-established in trade trained for?
 If not, why?
 Have you taken land under soldier settlement scheme?
 Have you application for same pending?
 What amount of War Service Gratuity received?
 Are you now in employment?
 Did you secure employment yourself?
 Did you return to your pre-war position?
 Were you assisted in obtaining work by any Government department?
 If so, state which
 Monthly wages at the time of enlistment
 Monthly wages at present
 Is your job temporary or permanent?
 Do you consider yourself re-established?
 If not, define precisely what measure of re-establishment would meet your particular need

Copies of this Questionnaire Can be Obtained at All Branches

DURING THE WAR MANY INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES THREATENED. CONCILIATION BOARDS WERE APPOINTED, AND THE MATTER OF WAGES SETTLED TO THE ADVANTAGE OF EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE. "OVER THERE" WE COULD NOT STRIKE, "CARRY ON!" WAS THE CRY; BUT NOW WE HAVE A CHANCE TO PRESENT OUR CASE BEFORE A CONCILIATION BOARD. NO DEFINITE AMOUNT HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE GREAT WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION. IF CANADA CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY A FURTHER RE-ESTABLISHMENT BONUS, SURELY WE HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT OF BEING SHOWN WHY.

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