

APPENDIX No. 3

Q. How are the rents at Kingston?—A. The pensioners usually get small houses; you can get them for \$10 to \$12 a month.

Q. As low as that?—A. Yes. I think they can get a house around there that is quite respectable for from \$10 to \$15 a month.

By Mr. Sutherland:

Q. Do you find any difficulty where some of them are ill and require doctors and attendance?—A. No, I have never come across any cases of that sort where there is any difficulty with regard to the allowances.

By Mr. Nesbitt:

Q. But they do have illness, of course?—A. I presume so, but I have never met any case where the pensioners had been ill and required assistance.

By Mr. Pardee:

Q. The man has always been able to take care of himself?—A. So far as we know, he has been able to get along all right.

By the Vice-Chairman:

Q. That is perhaps due to the fact that the military hospital and the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment are there, and it is the headquarters of the Soldiers' Aid Association of Ontario, and there is also the Great War Veterans' Association, so that the ground is pretty well covered.

By Mr. Pardee:

Q. On account of those institutions Mr. Nickle has spoken of to take care of all the cases of illness and that sort of thing, the returned soldier in Kingston is well provided for?—A. Yes, I believe he is.

Q. But he might not fare as well outside?—A. Supposing a returned man fell ill from his disability recurring, he would receive free treatment and support from the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment.

Q. And at his own home?—A. Not necessarily.

Q. Well, he would receive it in the institutions that have been spoken of?—A. Yes.

Q. But that would not apply to the outlying districts?—A. Oh, yes; any man whose disability occurs can receive treatment.

Q. I understand that, but in the case of ordinary illness, not a recurrence of the man's disability, would he be helped in that way at all?—A. I understand that for one year subsequent to discharge treatment will be given to any man who has come back regardless of how the illness was caused.

Q. Leaving out the Kingston district altogether—take another district—would it be just as happily situated as Kingston is for that sort of treatment?—A. I do not know about that.

Q. Supposing you take away what you have just told us now, that for a certain period they would receive free treatment, will that make in your opinion any difference as far as the pension is concerned?—A. Well, in cases like that, if the man were to fall sick probably he would have a hard time.

Q. Then, without these privileges, do you think the pension is sufficient?—A. I do, because an ordinary labouring man if he falls sick has no provision made for him now and, I think, the pensioner is just as well off as he is.

Q. Then your argument is that provided the pensioner is getting as much as the ordinary labouring man he is just as well off?—A. I do not think they are; not exactly.

Q. I am taking the whole graduated scale of pensions and asking you for a general opinion. Do you think—I want you to thoroughly understand the question—that for each particular case the pension paid is sufficient?—A. I do.