

FREE MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR ALL VETERANS.

VOCATIONAL STUDENTS ARE GRANTED PAY INCREASE

Important Alterations Affecting all Former Members of the Fighting Forces of Canada are made by Order in Council recently passed on recommendation Civil Re-Establishment Department.

Free medical and surgical treatment for any ailment whatever, whether caused by war service or not, is now provided to all former members of the fighting forces of Canada by the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment for a year after their discharge. The same service is given to men who have been on the medical strength of the department for treatment for a year after their discharge by the department. An Order in Council to this effect was passed on February 24.

The granting of such treatment does not in any way give a man the right to a pension, and men taking this treatment are not put on the department's strength for pay and allowances. In the case of treatment for any war disability, the department continues to take men discharged from the fighting forces on its medical strength for whatever treatment may be necessary and for pay and allowances which are equivalent to military pay and allowances. It is pointed out in the text of the Order in Council that a man discharged from military service has, in many cases, a lowered power of resistance to disease and injury, so that any ailment which he may happen to incur is possibly indirectly caused by his military service.

By the Order in Council the pay and allowances given to vocational students during training are considerably increased, an increase of 20 per cent being made in the case of single men and from 18 to 40 per cent in the case of married men. Men marrying during their vocational training course are now placed on the scale for married men, whereas formerly they were considered as single men. Single men without dependents are now paid \$60 a month instead of \$50, while a married man without children will receive \$85 instead of \$73.

The Order in Council is as follows:—

Whereas the Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment reports:—

That under Order in Council (P.C. 1366) dated 22nd June, 1918, certain powers were conferred upon the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment in respect to former members of the naval and military forces of Canada, His Majesty's forces other than those of Canada, and His Majesty's allies in the present war;

That experience has shown that it is necessary to modify certain of these powers, and to extend others;

That the question of providing re-treatment for former members of the forces in cases where the disability is not clearly due to service has been considered by the department, and the following ruling has been made:—

"When any ex-soldier applies for re-treatment, and it is questionable whether his disability is due to, or aggravated by service, the unit medical director should give the ex-soldier the benefit of the doubt if in

his opinion the general resistive power of the ex-soldier against disease has been lowered by war service to such a degree that it has induced the disability from which he suffers when he presents himself for re-treatment."

That on the return of a member of the forces from overseas it has been found in many cases that there is a lowered physical resistance, which sometimes results in a disability not directly attributable to war service but which undoubtedly is indirectly caused thereby. It is considered that this lowered resistance will prevail for some time after the retirement or discharge of the former member of the forces and that the department should be empowered to grant treatment and medicine only, to all former members of the forces who fall ill during the twelve months following the date of their retirement or discharge, when such treatment or medicine is not necessitated by a war disability;

That it may be pointed out that in Great Britain, either through the Ministry of Pensions or through National Health Insurance, provision is made for the grant of free treatment for all disabilities, when such incapacitate a man for work;

And whereas it is expedient to authorize the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, hereinafter called the department, as hereinafter set forth, such authority to supersede the authority granted under the Order in Council (P.C. 1366) dated 22nd June, 1918;

Therefore, His Excellency the Governor General in Council, under the powers vested in His Excellency by the War Measures Act, 1914, or by any other enabling authority, is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

Treatment and Training—Persons eligible for.

1. The provisions of the Order in Council of the 21st February, 1918, (P.C. 432), with respect to treatment and training, shall extend and apply to all persons who have served in the Canadian Naval or Military Forces of His Majesty during the present war and who have been retired or discharged therefrom and who may now or hereafter be resident in Canada, and may in the discretion of the department be extended to all persons who have served in the Naval or Military Forces of His Majesty or any of His Majesty's Allies, during the present war and who have been retired or discharged therefrom and who may now or hereafter be resident in Canada and who were bona fide resident in Canada at the outbreak of the present war, (hereinafter referred to as former members of the Forces), subject as follows:—

(a) Any former member of the forces suffering from a disability, which in the opinion of a naval or military medical board or of a medical officer of the department, is due to or was aggravated by service, and which disability in the opinion of such board or officer prevents such former member of the forces from obtaining or continuing employment, shall be entitled to medical or surgical treatment and to such allowances as are provided herein for former members of the forces suffering from a disability preventing employment.

(b) Any former member of the forces within twelve (12) months after retirement or discharge from the forces, or in the case of a former member of the forces transferred to the department by the Department of Militia and Defence, or the Department of the Naval Service, for further continuance of treatment, within twelve (12) months of the completion of such treatment, shall be entitled to

medical or surgical treatment, whether such disability is the result of service or not, provided that the granting of such treatment shall not be deemed in any way to entitle such former member of the forces to pension in respect of any disability not due to or aggravated by service.

(c) Any former member of the forces suffering from a disability which in the opinion of a naval or military medical board, or of a medical officer of the department is due to or was aggravated by service, and which in the opinion of the director of vocational training of the department prevents such former member of the forces from returning to his previous trade or principal occupation shall be entitled to re-training for a new occupation in accordance with the regulations of the department, and such allowances as are provided herein for former members of the forces undergoing re-training.

Treatment and Training provisions of H.M. forces other than Canadian.

2. The department may, from time to time, and in its discretion, make arrangements through the officer paying Imperial pensions at Ottawa, or with the Government of any of His Majesty's Dominions for the treatment and training of all persons who have served in the naval and military forces of His Majesty other than those of the Canadian forces during the present war, and who have been retired or discharged therefrom and who may now or hereafter be resident in Canada, whether bona fide resident in Canada at the outbreak of the present war or not, and may render accounts for the cost of such treatment or training and may, subject to such arrangements, and to the provisions of Clause 1, during the period of such treatment or training pay such persons and their dependents the allowances hereinafter set out.

Treatment and Training arrangements for ex-members C.E.F., outside of Canada.

3. The department may, from time to time, and in its discretion, make arrangements for the treatment and training of all persons who have served in the Canadian naval and military forces of His Majesty during the present war, and who have been retired or discharged therefrom and who may now or hereafter be stationed or resident outside of Canada, and may pay the cost of such treatment or training and may, subject to such arrangements and to the provisions of Clause 1, during the period of such treatment or training, pay such persons and their dependents the allowances hereinafter set out.

Treatment and Training provisions regarding ex-members Allied forces.

4. The department, with the approval of the Governor in Council, may, from time to time, and in its discretion make arrangements with the Governments of His Majesty's Allies for the treatment and training of all persons who have served in the naval or military forces of His Majesty's Allies during the present war, and who have been retired or discharged therefrom and who may now or hereafter be resident in Canada, whether bona fide resident in Canada at the outbreak of the present war or not, and may render accounts for the cost of such treatment or training and may, subject to such arrangements and to the provisions of Clause 1, during the period of such treatment or training pay such persons and their dependents the allowances hereinafter set out.

Training Allowances to men without dependents.

5. The allowances payable, while he is undergoing training by the department, for a former member of the forces who is without dependents shall be sixty dollars (\$60) a month.

Training Allowances to men with partial dependents.

6. The allowances payable, while he is undergoing training by the department, for a former member of the forces who has neither a wife nor any children, but who has a person or persons partially dependent upon him, shall be sixty dollars per month, and the department may in its discretion pay to such par-

tially dependent person or persons such allowances as may, in the opinion of the department, be deemed necessary, provided that the total allowances paid to or on account of such partially dependent person or persons shall not exceed an amount of twenty-five (\$25) per month.

Training Allowances to married men.

7. The allowances payable, while he is undergoing training by the department, for a former member of the forces who has a wife, or a wife and child, or a wife and children, and for such dependent or dependents, shall be as follows:—

- (a) for such former member of the forces, \$85 a month;
- (b) for one child, \$10 a month;
- (c) for two children, \$18 a month;
- (d) for three children, \$25 a month;

(e) for more than three children, \$25 per month, plus \$6 per month for each child in excess of three; provided that the department shall pay direct to the wife the sum of \$40 out of the amount payable to the former member of the forces plus the allowances for children.

Training Allowances to widowers with children.

8. The allowances payable, while he is undergoing training by the department, for a former member of the forces who is a widower with a child or children, and for such dependent or dependents, shall be as follows:—

- (a) for such former member of the forces and one child, an amount not exceeding \$80 a month;
- (b) for such former member of the forces and two children, an amount not exceeding \$88 a month;
- (c) for such former member of the forces and three children, an amount not exceeding \$95 a month;
- (d) for such former member of the forces and more than three children, \$95 per month, plus \$6 per month for each child in excess of three;

provided that the department may in its discretion pay to a guardian or other person having charge of any such child or children such portion of the amounts set forth in this clause as it may deem necessary and may deduct the amount so paid from the allowances payable to the former member of the forces.

Training Allowances to men with dependents other than wife and children.

9. The allowances payable, while he is undergoing training by the department, for a former member of the forces who has neither a wife nor any children, but who has a parent or parents, or a person or persons in the place of a parent or parents, or a brother or a sister or brothers or sisters, any of whom are wholly or mainly dependent upon him for support, and for such dependent or dependents shall be as follows:—

- (a) for such former member of the forces, \$60 a month;
- (b) for such parent, an amount not exceeding \$25 a month;
- (c) for such parent and one such brother or sister, an amount not exceeding \$35 a month;
- (d) for such parent and two such brothers or sisters, an amount not exceeding \$43 a month;
- (e) for such parent and three such brothers or sisters, an amount not exceeding \$50 a month;
- (f) for such parent and more than three such brothers or sisters, \$50 per month, plus \$6 per month for each of such brothers or sisters in excess of three;
- (g) for one such orphan brother or sister, an amount not exceeding \$20 a month;
- (h) for two such orphan brothers or sisters, an amount not exceeding \$28 a month;
- (i) for three such orphan brothers or sisters, an amount not exceeding \$35 a month;
- (j) for more than three such orphan brothers or sisters, \$35 per month, plus \$6 per month for each of such orphan brothers or sisters in excess of three;

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