

to the veteran who had undergone hazardous service; furthermore, however, to recognize the handicap due to long absence from the Country and to set an example by the Nation's largest employer.

The Legion expressed disapproval of previous suggestions that a system of a bonus of marks for disability, overseas service, or service in Canada, be introduced, arguing that such a system might qualify an otherwise unqualified applicant and seriously lower the standard of the Public Service.

The Citizens' Rehabilitation Council, Vancouver, B.C., recommends:—

- (1) That length of service as a volunteer or battle experience should be given priority rather than the "overseas" requirement which might be of very short duration with no battle experience;
- (2) That disability pensioners of the Merchant Navy who are entitled to Vocational Training and Veterans' Land Act benefits be included in the Civil Service preference.

Mr. Coldwell and Mr. Dechene suggest that some consideration be given to veterans who volunteered for General Service but did not leave Canada.

Air Marshal Leckie urged that veteran preference be extended to include RCAF flying personnel employed in Canada in the Western Hemisphere Operational Units and Instructors in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Air Marshal Leckie states that the majority of these personnel urged repeatedly to be allowed to proceed overseas but the exigencies of the Service compelled him to order their retention in Canada; that these men suffered risks comparable with those encountered by Air Crew employed in the same type of flying overseas; that their casualties in killed, missing and injured totalled approximately 550 in Western Hemisphere Operational Units and 1,400 in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan; and that even the widows of such men who died in Canada are also excluded from the preference extended to the widows of Air Crew killed overseas.

The Committee considered that the attention of the Parliamentary Committee should be invited to the point raised by Air Marshal Leckie concerning the ineligibility for the veteran preference of pensioned widows of personnel without overseas service who died in Canada when the injury causing death arose out of or was directly connected with service.

Commodore Earl's statement and Commander Sutherland's evidence pointed out that all Naval personnel had volunteered to serve anywhere and the decision as to where the individual would serve most effectively rested entirely with the Service; that, regardless of where they served, these men and women must all be re-established and many of them had excellent qualifications for employment in the Government service. The representations recommended that the veteran preference be extended to include all volunteers who served on active service in Canada or elsewhere and it will be noted that these representations go much further than those of Air Marshal Leckie and that Army made no representations.

Wing Commander J. D. Jennison and Squadron Leader R. M. Beer made representations on behalf of a special group of Air Force personnel who were recruited for marine service. These personnel manned some thirty seagoing vessels which were engaged for two main purposes, namely: rescue and supply. These ships were based at various points on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts. The witnesses pointed out that the veteran preference is granted to Naval personnel performing similar service and the witnesses urged that the Order in Council granting such preference (P.C. 30/7500 of December 29, 1945) be amended to include members of any branch of the Service who have served on the high seas in a ship or other vessel, service in which would be classed as "sea time" for the purpose of advancement of Naval ratings. It was pointed