

## EVIDENCE

May 23, 1952, 11.00 a.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I see a quorum. The arrangement we made at our last meeting was that we would begin our deliberations this morning with respect to Bill 181, an Act respecting allowances for war veterans and their dependents.

The chairman of the War Veterans' Allowance Board informs me that at our first meeting he made a statement which was in error and he has addressed a letter to the Chairman correcting that statement. It appears that he read from the wrong file. We can have him read a corrected statement now or pass around copies of the statement and give one to the clerk, whichever is the committee's desire.

Mr. MACDOUGALL: Is this correction in connection with this bill?

The CHAIRMAN: This correction is in connection with this bill, yes. I think I will ask Colonel Garneau to read it for us, and if anybody wants copies I have them here.

Mr. F. J. G. GARNEAU (Chairman, War Veterans Allowance Board):

Mr. Chairman, with your permission, I beg leave to introduce an amending statement to my brief presented to your committee on May 9th, 1952, to correct the statistics which I quoted in my closing remarks of its presentation.

While the figures I furnished on that date were correct in themselves, they were cumulative and did not represent the actual number of veterans in receipt of allowances as at March 1st, 1952.

The idea of adding those statistics for the information of the committee occurred to me as I had finished preparing my brief and, in my hurry to include them, I regret to say that I got hold of the wrong file.

I wish also to add that, because of this mistake, I unwittingly submitted the wrong figures with respect to the percentage of recipients under sixty years of age and those sixty years of age or over when I stated that they were respectively 46 per cent and 54 per cent. The present percentage is appreciably different.

The figures I am now submitting as correct are up-to-date, as at April 1, 1952, instead of as at March 1st, 1952.

The actual percentage of veterans under sixty years of age to that of those sixty years of age or over is in the ratio of 25 per cent to 75 per cent.

The percentage with respect to widows on allowances, under fifty-five years of age, is 16.58 per cent, and for those fifty-five years of age or over, 83.42 per cent.

This would total, approximately, 32 per cent overall under sixty years of age, and 68 per cent of those sixty years of age or over, for all recipients.

As at April 1, 1952, there was a total of 38,021 recipients of War Veterans' Allowance, of which 29,137 were veterans, 8,736 widows, and 86 accounts of orphans which represent 148 orphans, at an annual liability of \$21,500,000.

The correct breakdown of veteran recipients *by wars* as at April 1, 1952, is as follows:

North West Field Force .....	40
South African War .....	276
World War I .....	24,488
World War II .....	1,618
Dual Service veterans .....	390
Ex-Imperials admitted under the 1950 amendments .....	2,325
Total Veterans .....	29,137