

done very well, but I can tell the House that if we sent the same number of men in proportion to our population that the British Isles sent, we would have sent thirty thousand men to South Africa instead of the three thousand that we did send. Great Britain sent 200,000 men, and in proportion to our population we would have sent 30,000. We could have got 30,000 men in Canada, and we could get 30,000 to-morrow, if their services were needed in defence of the empire. I presume that the mind of the minister (Hon. Mr. Borden) is made up pretty well as to what measure he shall submit to parliament, but if he should think of asking for anything which might be considered too small, there may be time yet for him to do full justice in the pensions. I have here the scale of pensions in the British army, taken from the Royal Warrant, and with the permission of the House I will read this document, in order to give an idea of what pensions are paid in the British army. I may say that I have turned the pounds, shillings and pence into dollars and cents, so that we may understand them more readily :

N. C. O.'s and Men—Scale of Pensions.

1160. Permanent pensions shall be granted, under the conditions laid down in Articles 1151 to 1159, according to the following daily scale, less (subject to Article 1209) a deduction of 1 cent a day, for every complete year of service rendered before the age of 18 ('service' reckoning), as laid down in Article 1145, and 'qualifying service,' as laid down in Articles 1146 and 1147 :  
**NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS**—With not more than 21 years total service, and with the following continuous qualifying service immediately preceding discharge, or the completion of 21 years total service :—

Class.	12 years As Sergeant.	9 years As Sergeant.	6 years As Sergeant.	3 years As Sergeant.
	cts.	cts.	cts.	cts.
1st.....	66	60	54	48
2nd.....	60	54	48	42
3rd.....	54	48	42	36

**PRIVATES**—With not more than 21 years' service, and with the following qualifying service :—

Class.	21 years.	20 years.	19 years.	18 years.	14 to 18 years.
	cts.	cts.	cts.	cts.	cts.
5th.....	26	24	22	20	*16-20

\*1 cent being added for each year of qualifying service more than fourteen years.

These would be ridiculously small pensions for men in this country, where wages are very much higher than they are in Great Britain, and when the minister takes this matter into consideration, I would ask him to at least double these pensions, which are paid to non-commissioned officers and men who have served in the British army.

Combatant Officers.

515. Scale of Retired Pay—Voluntary Retirement (subject to Article 511).

Second Lieutenant, Lieutenant or Captain, after 15 years' service.....	\$ 600
Major (having substantive rank as such), with three years' service in his substantive rank—	
After 15 years' service .....	\$ 600
After 25 years' service.....	1,000
Lieutenant-Colonel or Colonel (having substantive rank, not below that of Lieutenant-Colonel, with three years' service in his substantive rank—	
After 15 years' service.....	1,250
After 27 years' service .....	1,500
After 30 years' service .....	1,825
After completing the term of employment as substantive Lieutenant-Colonel or Colonel, in our cavalry or infantry on retiring as a Colonel at the age of 55, if he held that rank on the 31st December, 1890, or was liable to retirement under Article 518—I.....	2,100

526. Retirement of Combatant Officers generally on account of Medical Unfitness, and Scale of Retired Pay.

Second Lieutenant, Lieutenant, Captain or Major (with substantive rank as such).

If not Caused by Military Service (after 12 and not exceeding 15 years' service).—Retired pay equal to half-pay for such period only, not exceeding five years from the date of retirement from our army; after five years on half-pay (under Article 306), as our Secretary of State shall determine, according to the merits of the case.....Yearly  
 After 15 years' service..... \$ 600 "  
 In the case of a Major, after 25 years' service..... 1,000 "

If Caused by Military Service.—\$1,000 a year, less \$50 a year for each complete year of service less than 20, the minimum retired pay being, however, a rate equal to the half-pay of his rank. (In the case of an officer, at least 40 years of age, who was promoted from the ranks after having served not less than 10 years therein, the minimum retired pay shall, if the officer is retired as above, be \$750 a year.)

All ranks above that of Major.—Same rates as for voluntary retirement, except that the condition of three years' service in the rank shall be omitted.

524. Retirement on Account of Age.

	Yearly.
Second Lieutenant, Lieutenant or captain (45 years) .....	\$1,000
Major, having substantive rank as such (48 years) .....	1,500
Lieutenant-Colonel, having substantive rank as such or regimental rank (55 years) .....	1,825
(Or any higher rate to which the officer would be entitled under Article 515—Voluntary retirement.)	