

civilian life. The comprehensive rehabilitation programs have been eminently successful in this regard, and will continue to be successful as amendments are made to meet the changing needs.

5. A word should be said about the responsible attitude manifested by the spokesmen for our veterans' groups. Canada's veterans do have a highly developed sense of fair play. This standard of behavior is to be expected from the group in our population who served so sacrificially in days of war. It is to be expected too that they would serve with equal devotion in times of peace. Membership in the House of Commons is typical of this kind of service for many of the members have distinguished service records.

6. After all, the performance of duties of citizenship cannot be painless or entirely free from sacrifices, either in peace or in war. These obligations of citizenship must be assumed to an ever-increasing extent if our free way of life is to survive and prosper in the face of totalitarian encroachments today.

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Pensions

7. Many of the recommendations placed before the Committee related to the Pension Act. This is to be expected. Compensation for disabilities incurred in the service of one's country is the care of any veterans' program. During the course of the deliberations the Minister intimated that the Pension Act would not be up for amendment at the current session of Parliament. In line with the declared policy of the government to review veterans' legislation periodically and progressively, this year the Veterans' Land Act underwent major amendments. Next year it is expected the Pension Act will come under similar review.

8. Several veterans' organizations, including The Sir Arthur Pearson War Blinded, the Canadian Corps, The War Amputations, The Canadian Legion, and The War Veterans Association, recommended across the board increases in the pension rate. This is a matter, of course, which will have to be considered in the light of any changes that have occurred since the rates were last amended. A similar recommendation for general increases in the War Veterans Allowance rate will be subject to the same qualification.

9. Other than these recommendations with respect to the Pension Act and the War Veterans Allowance Act, most of the points brought forward in the representations have been placed before the Minister and the government previously. For example, The Canadian Legion repeated in substance the brief presented to the cabinet last fall at the time of the annual Remembrance Day presentation to government.

Treatment Services

10. The subject of hospitalization was dealt with in at least two briefs. The Sir Arthur Pearson War Blinded raised the issue of free hospitalization for all medical conditions. There was also some suggestion that admission procedures to veterans' hospitals might be improved.

11. In order to satisfy themselves on these points, members of the Committee visited Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto. The members came away convinced that Sunnybrook was providing a comprehensive and adequate treat-