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abled pensioner, not requiring an attendant, receives \$80 per month only, for his own maintenance and that of his wife and two children. If he were dead the wife and two children would be entitled to \$62 per month, so that the man himself is supposed to live on \$18 per month. The same ratio, providing \$18 only for the man runs through the whole list, starting with the man and wife without children.

In order to meet the situation I suggest that an allowance should be made for the wife and children on the same basis as though the man were dead, as is done in the case of an insane man, and that the man himself, when living at his own home, should be granted \$50 per month for his own maintenance, or if he requires an attendant \$75 per month. Even this latter figure is a good deal less than it would cost to maintain him in a home for incurables.

Those maintained in homes for incurables should also be discharged and pensioned, practically on the same basis as an insane man. The wife and family, if any, should receive a pension equal to what they would have received if the man had been killed, and he should in addition to his maintenance be given, say \$10 per month.

It would be preferable for this matter to be handled by the Board of Pension Commissioners, but if any confusion would result it may be desirable for this Department to ask Council for powers to carry out the proposals.

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THE GREAT WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION.

April 10, 1919.

The Honourable N. W. ROWELL,
Chairman, Parliamentary Committee
on Pensions.

SIR,—I beg to submit herein for the consideration of the Parliamentary Committee on Pensions further suggestions advanced by the Association, with respect to the subject of Pensions.

1. That in estimating the income of a widowed mother to determine the award of pension, no consideration be given to any benefit received by her on account of the soldier's death.

This suggestion is submitted at the special request of various organizations in Toronto, and has been prompted by the deduction of Civic Insurance from the pensions awarded widowed mothers in that city. Civic insurance payable to dependents of deceased members of the forces is now issued in monthly instalments of thirty dollars. This is apparently considered as ordinary income by the Board of Pension Commissioners, and partial pension of ten dollars only is granted, where such insurance is paid. It is not considered just that these dependents should thus be deprived of a supplementary benefit generously accorded them by the City of Toronto or other municipality.

2. That in the preparation of the Pension Act the term "military service" be defined simply as "service in the Military and Naval Forces of Canada"; and that the principle hitherto adopted be adhered to, viz., that all disabilities incurred during that period of service, from any cause whatsoever, be considered pensionable, with such qualifications as may later be set forth in the regulations. Further that the same principle be applied to the definition of a "member of the Forces."

It has been suggested that an attempt will be made to define "military service" and "member of the Forces" in such a way as to exclude from the benefits of the Pension Act those whose disabilities were incurred while not actually in combatant