

BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS FOR CANADA.
COMPARATIVE SCALE OF PENSIONS
ANNUAL RATE AWARDED TO WIDOWS OF PRIVATES.

Country.	Widow only.	Widow and 1 Child.	Widow and 2 Children.	Widow and 3 Children.	Add for each Subsequent Child.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
*Canada.....	576 00	756 00	876 00	972 00	96 00
United Kingdom.....	253 06	464 01	558 91	634 74	75 92
New Zealand.....	379 60	632 66	759 19	885 72	126 53
Australia.....	253 06	379 60	474 50	537 75	63 26
South Africa.....	253 06	347 96	432 31	506 12	63 26
**United States.....	300 00	420 00	510 00	570 00	
France.....	180 00	220 00	280 00	340 00	60 00
Italy.....	121 66	121 66	121 66	131 39	9 73
Germany.....	96 35	136 74	177 13	217 52	40 39

* The rates for Canada include a bonus for one year to take effect September 1st, 1919.

** No account has been taken of benefits accrued from voluntary insurance.

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It will be observed that the figures for the United States in the above statement do not include insurance provision.

Mr. McMASTER: In order to make a fair comparison, can the minister tell us just what would be the annual value of the insurance provision which the United States makes for its soldiers?

Mr. ROWELL: It is difficult to do that. We had that matter before the Pension Committee at the last session of the House, and my hon. friend will find reference to it in the evidence given before that committee. The insurance was paid for by the soldiers themselves, the cost being deducted from their pay; but they got the insurance at actual cost, that is, there was no loading for other purposes.

Mr. McMASTER: I think the minister has failed to grasp the meaning of my ques-

tion. The minister is giving us a comparison of the benefits accruing to widows with and without children as between Canada and the United States, and he stated a moment ago that in addition to the pension benefits given directly by the United States Government, there was an insurance provision. Now, can he tell us what would be the annual value of that insurance provision, because without it we cannot make a correct comparison?

Mr. ROWELL: One cannot make an absolute comparison, and therefore I have stated with respect to the United States that there is an insurance provision, but that all the insurance that the soldiers get in the United States is paid for out of their own income.

The next statement is a comparative scale of pensions awarded to privates totally disabled:

BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS FOR CANADA.
COMPARATIVE SCALE OF PENSIONS.
ANNUAL RATE AWARDED TO PRIVATES TOTALLY DISABLED BY WAR SERVICES.

Country.	Pensioner only.	Pensioner and Wife.	Pensioner Wife and 1 Child.	Pensioner Wife and 2 Children.	Pensioner Wife and 3 Children.	Add for each subsequent Child.	Allowance for Helplessness.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
*Canada.....	720 00	960 00	1,044 00	1,164 00	1,260 00	96 00	450 00
United Kingdom.....	506 13	632 66	727 56	803 48	879 42	75 92	253 06
New Zealand.....	506 13	759 20	885 73	1,012 26	1,138 80	126 53	253 06
Australia.....	379 60	569 40	695 93	790 74	854 01	63 26	126 53
South Africa.....	379 60	506 13	601 12	685 36	759 20	63 26	442 86
**United States.....	365 00	547 50	669 16	790 82	912 48	Nil.	
France.....	480 00	480 00	540 00	600 00	660 00	60 00	
Italy.....	243 33	291 99	318 75	345 51	372 27	26 76	

Germany..... From \$175.20 to \$316.33, according to nature of disablement.
From January 1st, 1919, the pension has been increased from 50% to 100%, according to nature of disablement.

* The rates for Canada include a bonus for one year to take effect September 1, 1919.

** No account has been taken of benefits accrued from voluntary insurance.

I also have a comparative statement giving the details of the disability scale, and with the consent of the House I think it might be placed upon Hansard in view of the importance of the information to the members of the House.

[Mr. Rowell.]

Mr. SPEAKER: Does the House concede its unanimous consent to this document being incorporated in Hansard?

The House gave unanimous consent.