

PROPOSED INCREASES IN PENSIONS.

It is proposed in that Bill as follows:

(a) That a bonus for one year of twenty per cent be added to the pensions of Privates and Corporals (Militia) and ratings below Petty Officer (Naval) who now receive \$600.00 per annum for total disability;

(b) That a bonus for one year of approximately thirteen per cent be added to the pensions of Sergeants, etc. (Militia) and Chief Petty Officers, etc. (Naval) who now receive \$637.50 per annum for total disability so as to make the amount of their pensions including bonus equal to that of a Private or Corporal or ratings below Petty Officer;

(c) That a bonus for one year of twenty per cent be added to the pensions of widows and parents of Privates and Corporals (Militia) and ratings below Petty Officer (Naval) who now receive \$480.00 per annum;

(d) That a bonus for one year of approximately thirteen per cent be added to the pensions of widows and parents of Sergeants, etc. (Militia) and Chief Petty Officers, etc. (Naval) who now receive \$510.00 per annum so as to make the amount of their pensions including bonus equal to that of the widow or parents of a Private or Corporal or a rating below Petty Officers;

(e) That the additional pension for a married member of the forces, who is totally disabled, be increased from \$96.00 per annum, as it is at present, to \$180.00 per annum;

(f) That the additional pension for the first child of a widow or the first brother or sister of a deceased member of the forces be increased from \$144.00 per annum, as it is at present, to \$180.00 per annum;

(g) That the pension for the first orphan child or orphan brother or sister of a deceased member of the forces be increased from \$288.00 per annum, as it is at present, to \$360.00 per annum; and

(h) That the addition to pension for those who are helpless and in need of attendants be increased from \$300.00 per annum, as it is at present, to \$450.00 per annum.

The increases proposed in subsections (a), (b), and (e) above set forth will apply proportionately to cases of disability of a less extent than total disability.

The additional expenditure for the present year on the basis of the existing number of pensioners will be approximately \$3,380,000.00, made up as follows:

(1) Twenty per cent bonus for one year to Privates and Corporals (Militia) and ratings below Petty Officer (Naval) and a thirteen per cent bonus to Sergeants, etc. (Militia) and Chief Petty Officers, etc. (Naval) approximately, \$1,300,000.00.

(2) Twenty per cent bonus to widows and dependent parents of Privates and Corporals (Militia) and ratings below Petty Officer (Naval) and a thirteen per cent bonus to widows and dependent parents of Sergeants, etc. (Militia) and Chief Petty Officers, etc. (Naval) approximately, \$1,500,000.00.

(3) Increased pension for a married member of the forces from \$96.00 to \$180.00 per annum, during one year, approximately, \$275,000.00.

(4) Increased pension for the first child of widows from \$144.00 to \$180.00 per annum, during one year, approximately, \$275,000.00.

(5) Increased pension for the first orphan child from \$288.00 to \$360.00 per annum, during one year, approximately, \$30,000.00.

COMPARATIVE RATES OF PENSIONS PAYABLE IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

Your Committee have also had before them comparative tables taken from Official Records showing the yearly rates of pensions payable for rank and file (*see* pages 52-53, 230-231, and 264 of the printed evidence hereto appended), in Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, France, United States, Italy, South Africa and Belgium. It will be observed that Canada, since the beginning of the war, has dealt more