

I am. It was secret work, and the conditions approached closely to active service conditions. Many of them were in contact with the enemy on patrol work. We ask that they be given General Service medals and Victory medals, that that privilege at least be extended to them.

*By Mr. Chisholm:*

Q. It has not been extended to them before?—A. No, sir.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Paragraph number 2.—A. This resolution relates to the issuing of licenses to ex-service men engaged in the salmon fishing industry in British Columbia. They are being deprived of them by people who are not resident in the country. We ask not only that the services of those men be considered, but that ex-service men be given a chance over and above Orientals.

Q. A discussion on that matter is coming up in the House very shortly, and I am sure it will be taken up.—A. The resolution is self-explanatory. We want to place our views on record.

Q. Paragraph 3.—A. This is of course beyond the scope of this enquiry, but we want to place ourselves on record as being in favour of the exclusion of alien Asiatics.

Mr. CALDWELL: That might bring international complications?

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Paragraph No. 4.—A. That is also self-explanatory. It asks that Armistice Day be observed as such.

Q. Paragraph 5.—A. We strongly urge upon the Federal Government the necessity of providing old-age pensions for ex-service men. That is a question upon which it might not be possible to have a full discussion this year, but it is a question that will have to be considered if not now, subsequently.

The CHAIRMAN: I think we can defer discussion on that until perhaps another year, or do you want it brought up this year?—A. It is possible that the Army and Navy Veterans' Association may desire it, and if I may I would like to defer any further statement until I consult them.

*By the Chairman:*

Paragraph number 6. Have we not taken that up to some extent already?—A. To some extent. There are those who received a gratuity but not final payment and no commutation. We ask that they be given an opportunity to reboard if they have reasonable evidence to submit.

The CHAIRMAN: That will be taken up. Does that complete your evidence in the meantime?

The WITNESS: Some of these matters have been treated rather briefly, but we may have the opportunity of elaborating them. There is just one further matter relating to the large number of men entering Canada who have been repatriated. Many of those men were discharged in Great Britain and many have been granted refunds through the Department of Immigration. But an arbitrary time limit was set on this last December, and subsequently to the setting of this time limit a great number of applications have been received. We ask that the Committee recommend to the Department of Immigration that arrangements be entered into if possible with the Imperial Government, and that this limitation be removed and all men allowed to participate regardless of the date of application. I can submit that request in the proper form later on. We also ask for an investigation with regard to the circumstances of those Canadian soldiers who were discharged in the United Kingdom and who have been denied repatriation up to the present time. We submit that if immigration is intended these men are entitled to the first opportunity. If desired by

[Mr. E. S. Keeling.]