

wants to go back to England, then, subject to other conditions, the allowance will be continued in payment while she is in England.

There is no change in the application of the income ceiling, whether the allowance is paid in Canada or whether it is paid outside of Canada, under this clause. If she has no other income and she is getting the old age security pension—and I presume she has no children—

Mr. HERRIDGE: None.

Mr. LALONDE: —she would be paid at the single rate: that is, \$90, less the \$55 for old age pension; which means that she would get \$35 under the war veterans allowance.

Mr. HERRIDGE: My second question is this, Mr. Chairman: In a case like that, is it the proper or best procedure for her, when she returns to Canada, to apply for her old age security and after being here 12 months to apply for the balance to be made up by war veterans allowance?

Mr. LALONDE: It does not matter. If she is entitled to old age security, she may as well get it now. This will not affect her status as far as the War Veterans Allowance Act is concerned.

Mr. BROOME: Is there any question about nationality on this? If a person leaves Canada and goes over to the States, suppose they take out American citizenship papers, what happens?

Mr. LALONDE: Under the present draft there is no distinction, because the first test of eligibility is that a man must have been a Canadian veteran or an allied veteran with ten years' residence in Canada before he becomes eligible. There has been no restriction placed on that principle in the bill, so I presume that if a Canadian veteran became a recipient in Canada and absented himself by going to the States, and eventually assumed American citizenship, he would still be entitled to the payment of the war veterans allowance, depending on his other income, of course.

The CHAIRMAN: And residence?

Mr. LALONDE: He would have qualified from the point of view of residence before he left Canada.

Mr. HERRIDGE: Am I correct in advising any persons with respect to this legislation or other charter legislation, who reside in Great Britain—to tell them that they would be best advised to write to Colonel Chambers, the D.V.A. representative at Canada House, in London?

Mr. LALONDE: That is the best way. Mind you, Mr. Chambers does not yet know about this.

Mr. HERRIDGE: But when it comes into effect?

Mr. LALONDE: Within the next month or so I imagine he will be fully briefed.

Mr. PUGH: Mr. Chairman, following along on the point Mr. Herridge brought up in respect of war veterans allowances, if they go ahead they are then taken off the list with respect to drawing it?

Mr. LALONDE: They are not taken off the list.

Mr. F. J. G. GARNEAU (*Chairman, War Veterans Allowance Board*): Payments are suspended.

Mr. LALONDE: At the moment.

Mr. PUGH: In drawing the legislation was the point considered that, if a person goes to England and there has been a suspension of the pension, it could not be on the legislation so that it might say—well, after the passing of this act it would be deemed that the period of time which had elapsed would be abrogated? I could visualize persons over there for 12 months or 16 months, or something like that, having to come back to Canada for a period