

Close observation of the treatment of these cases shows that most sympathetic and scientific care is given to each individual. Every case is studied on its own merits. Occupation is selected suitable to the individual tastes and an atmosphere of content and happiness is sought.

A sub-committee was appointed to investigate the whole question of problem cases, and its report will be found in the printed proceedings.

Various witnesses suggested that a Colony Scheme with workshops, etc., attached might provide a means for dealing with problem cases and particularly with men suffering from arrested or quiescent tuberculosis but who are unable to follow any remunerative occupation owing to liability of recurrence of active symptoms.

It is understood that experiments along this line are being conducted in other countries, and your Committee recommends that before embarking upon a similar experimental project in Canada, the results obtained in these other countries be ascertained.

In many of these problem cases the amount of pensionable disability is negligible. The question then arises, shall the Federal Government assume the whole responsibility of care and maintenance of these cases and their dependents or only that portion due to service?

With regard to problem cases in general, the time during which the experiments referred to in the report of the sub-committee have been in operation is not sufficiently long to warrant any definite recommendation. Your Committee considers that it would be in the interest of the work that the matter be left where it is for another year, when it may be possible to submit a concrete proposal embodying plans of a permanent character.

X. VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

A large amount of evidence was placed before the Committee on the subject of Vocational Training and the allowances received by students, and suggestions were made looking towards an increase in the rates and to changes in the general methods adopted by the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment.

With regard to the rates payable it is recommended that from the 1st of September next an increase to the amounts recommended in the Pension Bill for privates and their dependents be paid to vocational students and their dependents.

Some of the suggestions dealing with the selection, length, and extension of courses indicated an intimate knowledge of the subject by those who appeared before the Committee. At the same time, after a careful investigation, it would not appear that any changes in the regulations are necessary.

With regard to minors and non-disability cases, certain witnesses suggested that vocational training should be extended so as to include a minor up to the age of 21, and all men who were interrupted by enlistment in learning a trade or profession, also that minors who were trained would be granted a bonus for one month's allowance at the expiration of their course.

In view of the generous allowances made to minors, and the increased amount of pay now proposed, it is not recommended that the bonus should be granted to any other than disabled men, nor is it considered advisable to recommend the extension of the age limit.

A report on vocational loans under the authority recommended by the Re-establishment Committee last year was made and suggestions were received that the loan be more generally applied and that financial assistance be given to all ex-soldier students. As these suggestions involved an extension of the granting of loans, a subject dealt with more fully elsewhere, it was decided to take no action in the matter.

Estimated increased liability per annum, \$1,500,000.