

By Mr. Green:

Q. Would you not have to have two different sets of officials dealing with these two different requirements? The unemployability will, I presume, be dealt with by your war veterans allowance men out in the district but now the other question as to whether the pensionable disability is a major factor contributing to unemployability will be a matter for a doctor, will it not?—A. Yes, the committee will comprise the doctor, some of the officials who deal with war veterans allowance and some of the officials who deal with casualty rehabilitation.

Q. But in each case the veteran will have to meet both of these requirements?—A. Yes.

Q. One other question, Mr. Chairman. Is this \$40 in the case of the married veteran and \$20 in the case of a single veteran to be paid in full upon qualification or will the position be that one must still get half, or is it an automatic payment of the full amount on qualification?—A. All or nothing.

Q. All or nothing.

Mr. PEARKES: Will any option be given to a pensioner as to whether he retains some of the war veterans allowance or will he have to go on this supplementary allowance? Why I ask that question is because there are certain privileges granted to recipients of war veterans allowances. Will similar privileges be granted to recipients of this supplementary allowance?

The CHAIRMAN: Would you like to answer that question, Mr. Burns?

The WITNESS: Mr. Chairman, it is the intention that any veterans who are now in receipt of treatment privileges as a result of receiving war veterans allowances will not be deprived of those privileges if they are changed over to the unemployability supplement. The question of whether treatment privileges are to extend any further, to this other group which will be brought in, is one that I cannot answer at the moment.

Mr. PEARKES: Has that question been discussed with the province of British Columbia, for instance, where the recipient of war veterans allowance has the benefit of the hospital insurance scheme in British Columbia without having to pay the hospital insurance premium, whereas through this supplement, if he were deprived of his war veterans allowance would he have to pay these hospital insurance premiums?

The CHAIRMAN: For the moment, Mr. Pearkes, all that is clear is this, that in the case of the man who was receiving a substantial pension in addition to a few dollars of war veterans allowance and who loses that few dollars of war veterans allowance in order to get the much larger supplement, though he goes on the supplement, he will carry his entitlement to hospitalization with him even though he surrenders the small war veterans allowance. The other question you raised is under discussion still.

Mr. PEARKES: How can he carry the privilege of hospitalization under the provincial scheme?

The CHAIRMAN: At the present moment the recipient of war veterans allowance is entitled to hospitalization for himself. I thought your question covered the case of the chap who was dropping \$4.63 of war veterans allowance if he was also dropping his right to hospitalization anywhere in Canada, so I am saying that perhaps he will not lose that, too. In connection with these interlocking benefits they are still being worked out, but it is clear if he had entitlement to hospitalization when he drops the war veterans allowance and takes this, he does not lose it. Is that clear, Mr. Pearkes?

Mr. PEARKES: Not quite, because the recipient of the war veterans allowance does not have to pay hospital premiums in British Columbia. If he drops his small amount of war veterans allowance he might still get hospitalization