

TUESDAY, April 29th, 1930.

The Special Committee on Pensions and Returned Soldiers' Problems met at 11 o'clock, a.m., the Chairman, Mr. Power, presiding.

*Members present:* Messrs. Adshead, Black (Yukon), Fiset (Sir Eugene), Gershaw, Ilsley, McGibbon, MacLaren, McLean (Melfort), Manion, Power, Ross (Kingston), Speakman, and Thorson—13.

The Honourable J. H. King, Minister of Pensions and National Health, was also present.

*In attendance:* The Deputy Minister, Assistant Deputy Minister, the Secretary, and Majors Burke and Wright of the Department of Pensions and National Health; the Chairman and the Commissioners of the Board of Pensions; Colonel C. B. Topp of the Federal Appeal Board; Mr. C. W. Cavers of the Soldier Settlement Board; Col. L. R. LaFlèche, President of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., and Executive Officers J. R. Bowler and F. L. Barrow; Captain E. Browne-Wilkinson of the Army and Navy Veterans of Canada; Col. O. M. Biggar, Counsel, and Mr. E. E. Spencer, Counsel, and several others.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Bill 19, An Act respecting War Veterans' Allowances, as re-drafted following the consideration given to it at previous meetings of the Committee.

The several Sections and subsections of said re-drafted Bill were carefully considered. The effect and purpose of the changes made in the original Bill were explained by Colonel Biggar.

Colonel LaFlèche, the chosen representative of several ex-Soldiers' Organizations, was called, and submitted his views regarding the proposed changes in said Bill. *See Minutes of Evidence herein.*

The Committee adjourned at 12.30 to meet again *in Camera* at 4 o'clock.

#### AFTERNOON SITTING

The Committee met at 4 o'clock, p.m., the Chairman, Mr. Power, presiding.

*Members present:* Messrs. Adshead, Arthurs, Black (Yukon), Fiset (Sir Eugene), Gershaw, Hepburn, Ilsley, McGibbon, MacLaren, McPherson, McLean (Melfort), Manion, Power, Ross (Kingston), Sanderson, and Thorson—16.

The Committee sat in Camera until 6 o'clock, and then adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock noon.

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THURSDAY, May 1, 1930.

The Special Committee on Pensions and Returned Soldiers' Problems met at 11 o'clock, a.m., the Vice-Chairman, Mr. McPherson, presiding.

*Members present:*—Messrs. Adshead, Arthurs, Black (Yukon), Fiset (Sir Eugène), Gershaw, Hepburn, Ilsley, McGibbon, McIntosh, MacLaren, McPherson, McLean (Melfort), Manion, Ross (Kingston), Speakman, and Thorson.—16.

The Honourable Mr. MacArthur, Senator, was also present.