

The CHAIRMAN: After July 1st, they will be in the same position as any other person in any other type of employment. If they want to be brought under the Act, they will have to make representation and persuade the Minister of Labour to recommend an order in council.

Mr. QUELCH: Who will make representations?

The CHAIRMAN: I suppose the armed forces themselves will make them.

Mr. QUELCH: And the Department of National Defence?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, if they think their troops would like to contribute to the scheme, they will take it up with them themselves.

Mr. WHITE (*Hastings-Frontenac*): That means that the soldiers who are entitled to unemployment insurance now will lose their entitlement after July 1st?

Some Hon. MEMBERS: No, no.

Hon. Mr. LAPOINTE: Only those who enlist after July 1st will not profit. The Act is applicable to those who enlisted for only a period of three years.

Mr. WHITE (*Hastings-Frontenac*): About how much does it amount to?

Hon. Mr. LAPOINTE: The estimate for this year is \$1,365,000 on the basis of 1,100 payments per month at an average of \$100 per claim. In my mind, this is being paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs on behalf of the Department of National Defence.

The CHAIRMAN: Clause 1; carried?

Carried.

Clause 2, carried?

Carried.

Shall the preamble carry?

Carried.

Shall the title carry?

Carried.

Shall I report the bill without amendment?

Agreed.

The CHAIRMAN: Now in addition to reporting the bill, we can at this point discuss anything which we might include in our report when reporting the bill, and for that purpose we will now go in camera.

APPENDIX

BRIEF OF

FEDERATION OF BRITISH CANADIAN VETERANS OF CANADA

1. *War Veterans Allowance Act*—The federation is pleased to learn that the government intends, at the present session of parliament, to increase the basic benefits of this Act by twenty per cent, and amend respective sections of the said Act to the benefit of certain recipients eligible for the same. Since the Act was amended in May of 1950 to embrace the Imperial and Allied veteran, and widow, some 4,000 of these have been enjoying the benefits of the Act when the government introduced the domicility section in our favour—the culmination of several previous appearances before respective veterans' committees, commencing from