

*Section 12: Subsection (c):*

That Section 12, Subsection (c) of the Pension Act be amended so as to provide that, where entitlement to pension has been admitted in the case of venereal disease contracted prior to enlistment and aggravated during service, pension shall be continued in accordance with the degree of disability present from time to time.

*Explanatory Note:*

The present practice is to award pension for the entire degree of disability present upon date of discharge, which rate remains stationary. The present proposal will not reveal any new applicants, but is intended to give adequate compensation to a man whose health is admitted to have deteriorated by reason of active service conditions.

Copies of the recommendations agreed to by the Canadian Legion and other organized associations of ex-soldiers have been distributed to members of the Committee. Said recommendations were ordered to be printed. See Appendix No. 3 herein.

The Committee agreed to hear the views of the officers of the Canadian Legion upon the memorandum submitted by the Chairman, on Thursday, 3rd of April. Further consideration of the said memorandum will be given by the Committee on Tuesday, 8th of April.

In the course of the evidence given by Mr. Barrow upon the proposed amendments to Sections 34, 37 and 12 of The Pension Act, Colonel Thompson and Dr. Kee explained the practice now followed under the Act.

The Committee adjourned at 12.50 o'clock until Thursday, 3rd of April, at 11 o'clock a.m.

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THURSDAY, April 3, 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, Hepburn, Ilsley, McGibbon, McIntosh, MacLaren, McPherson, McLean (Melfort) Manion, Power, Ross (Kingston City), Sanderson, Speakman, and Thorson—17.

*Honourable Senators present:* Messrs. Belcourt Béland, Buchanan, Graham, Gillis, Hatfield, Lewis, MacArthur, White (Pembroke), and other honourable senators.

The Hon. J. H. King, Minister, was also present.

*In attendance:* Officers of the Dominion Executive Council of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., representatives of Provincial Commands of the Canadian Legion, Chairman Col. Thompson, Commissioner Ellis, and Chief Medical Adviser, Dr. Kee of the Pensions Board of Canada, Chairman Col. Belton and Secretary, Col. Topp, of the Federal Appeal Board, and many others.

Copies of a memorandum, addressed to the Honourable J. H. King, Minister of Pensions and National Health, and containing the recommendations of the Canadian Legion following its convention in Regina, together with comments thereto relating, of Commissioners McQuay and Ellis, were distributed by order of the Chairman to the members of the Committee. See Appendix No. 4 herein.