

## THE PREMIER AND THE VETERANS

The following questions were submitted by the G.W.V.A. Toronto District Command to the Premier, Hon. Arthur Meighen, at the Massey Hall on November 19th last. The Premier gave answers as stated :

- (1) Will the Government consider the re-opening of the **Gratuity Question** during the next session of Parliament? Answer.—No.
- (2) Will the Government give consideration—for the benefit of Veterans—to the **application of the governing principle of bonuses**, as applied to
  - (a) Civil Service Bonuses.
  - (b) Increase of Sessional Indemnities to Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament.
  - (c) The granting of Increases in Freight, Passenger and Pullman Car rates, to Railway Companies. **viz., the shrinkage in the purchasing power of the dollar.**

Answer.—The Government has, AND ALWAYS WILL.

We will refer to the Premier's answer to the second question, hereinafter. In the meantime, we desire to particularly emphasize the statement of the Premier that the Government **always** will give consideration to the **application—for the benefit of the Veterans—of the governing principle of bonuses.**

The members of Veteran organizations who have constantly studied the problems affecting ex-service men must be impressed with one outstanding fact, that whereas the Government has spared no effort to instil in the mind of the public at large, how much more Canada has done for the ex-soldier, than any other Allied country, the Veteran organizations have yet to make a National Effort for the purpose of presenting to the public, the case for the ex-service men ; to expose some of the discriminatory legislation, omitted from the Premier's speeches when in the West, and show in a fair manner, **what the Government has not done for large and important numbers of returned men.**