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Q. Would not that apply to these men?—A. There is just the sympathetic element that it is desirable to get rid of, if possible. I think, of course, that the judge in banc probably gives you a better judgment than the judge who tries the case, although he has not had the same opportunity as the primary examiner would have.

Q. In other words, you do not want to have your own feeling harrowed, and would rather read the paper?—A. I do not want to have my judgment influenced by my feelings.

*By Mr. Cronyn:*

Q. You are not on the examining board yourself?—A. No. The Board of Pensions is a civil board—not military.

*By Mr. Nickle:*

Q. What is your opinion in regard to the attitude of the Government toward disability, as a result of post-enlistment-contracted syphilis?—A. I am not aware that there is any special position assumed by the Government.

Q. The Pension Commissioners have laid it down as a matter of policy that if a man suffers disability on account of syphilis, contracted after enlistment, he gets no pension?—A. I think that when he has been a party to acquiring the syphilis, that is quite sound and just, but he may get it innocently, as I said, from towels, utensils, or drinking cups, etc., and then I do not think he should suffer on account of that.

*By Mr. Nesbitt:*

Q. Can they always tell how it is contracted?—A. Not always, but if a man gets a sore upon his penis it is presumed it is from the usual contact. If he gets it on his lips or tongue or eyelid it might be from a towel or utensil.

*By Mr. Sutherland:*

Q. Sleeping in the dirty billets in which they are liable to sleep they may just as likely get it on the penis as any other place?—A. It is very seldom contracted that way; I never knew it in my experience. I look on that story with a great deal of suspicion always.

*By Mr. Nickle:*

Q. What would be your suggestion as to how the families of those men should be looked after?—because somebody has to look after them; if a man comes home a wreck from syphilis contracted after enlistment?—A. By his own fault you mean?

Q. By his own fault?—A. Then I assume his family would have to assume the responsibility.

Q. Somebody has to do it; how do you think they should be looked after?—A. I should think there ought to be some kind of patriotic organization to do it.

Q. Why patriotic, rather than national?—A. That is a very difficult question to answer.

Witness retired.

Lt.-Col. DONALD MCGILLIVRAY, M.D., of the Board of Consultants, Department of Militia, appeared at the request of the Committee.

*By Mr. Nickle:*

Q. The chairman has asked me to put the questions, so perhaps you will assume that I have asked you all the questions I asked Colonel Cameron.—A. I think, as Colonel Cameron has expressed himself about a man who contracted syphilis before his enlistment, he may suffer slightly from the strenuous work he goes through in precipitating his tertiary symptoms, and he should be compensated for that, but I do not think a man should receive compensation for disability in syphilis if he

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