

annual allowance, according to the rank of the officer or soldier, and at half the rate of widow's pension; but if she shall be in receipt of a pension as an officer's or soldier's widow, or shall have any other provision of any kind from the public, no allowance shall be made to her on account of her son, unless she relinquish such pension or provision. In the event of her allowance ceasing in consequence of re-marriage or death, it shall not be transferable to her daughters.

Sisters.—16. The sister or sisters collectively of an officer or soldier killed in action or dying of wounds received in action within twelve months after such wounds shall have been received, without leaving widow, legitimate child, or mother, and provided she or they be an orphan or orphans, without surviving brother, and mainly dependent for support upon the officer or soldier deceased, may, under special circumstances, to be determined by the Minister of Militia and Defence be granted an allowance equal to half the rate of widow's pension.

17. In instances where the Regulations do not meet the circumstances of individual cases, they may be specially considered, by His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

The minimum rate of pay for pension on account of deceased Lieutenants in all corps of the Active Militia will be counted at two dollars per diem.

Permanent Disability.—1007. All cases of permanent disability, arising from injuries received or illness contracted by officers or men on actual service, shall be reported on by a Medical Board, and compensation awarded for the same according to the merits of the case. Par. 152, R. & O.

Regulations for Claims.—The following regulations apply when claims to pensions, or gratuity on account of death or wounds, of officers or men, or of disability from illness contracted while on actual service, require to be established:

1008. A board of officers composed of one field officer and two captains of the Active Militia, will be assembled at such time and place as may be ordered, and shall take cognizance and report on the various claims presented for its consideration. Par. 374, R. & O., 1870.

1009. Where the claims are on account of disability, the cause, degree and probable duration of the disability must be established by evidence before a medical board, and the report of such board will form part of the evidence required to be produced before the board of officers referred to in the above paragraph. The claims will be divided into three classes:

1st Class.—(1.) Claims on the part of relatives of Militiamen who have been killed in action, or have died of wounds or injuries received, or of disease contracted on actual service.

(2.) The evidence required to be produced before the Board in support of claims of this class, is, in the case of Militiaman killed in action, a certificate from the commanding officer of his corps, stating that he was killed in action or on actual service. (Form marked A, par. 1013.)

(3.) In the case of a Militiaman who has died of wounds or injuries received on actual service, a certificate from the medical officer who first saw him after he was wounded or injured, countersigned by the commanding officer, stating the nature of the wound or injury which caused death; Also a certificate from the medical attendant at the time of death, stating the cause and date of death, (Form B, par. 1014,) the same is to be corroborated by any other material evidence that can be procured.

(4.) In the case of a Militiaman who has died of disease contracted on actual service, a certificate from the medical officer who first attended him after he was taken ill, countersigned by the commanding officer, stating the nature of the disease, and that it was contracted on actual service, (Form B, par. 1014): Also a certificate from the medical attendant at the time of death, stating the cause and date of death. (Form B, par. 1014.)

(5.) In all the foregoing cases, evidence must be produced of the circumstances of the deceased, and the amount of income he was in receipt of at the time of his going on service; and whether his income died with him in whole or in part, stating what part, if any, was independent of his life; also evidence of the number, age, sex and proximity of relatives who were dependent for support on the life of the deceased; also evidence of the amount of medical attendance received by the deceased (supposing him to have died of wounds or disease,) between the time of his discharge from actual service and the date of his death, with the names and residences of the medical attendants who had charge of him during that period. (Form C, par. 1015.)

2nd class.—(1.) Claims on the part of Militiamen who have received wounds or injuries, or have contracted disease on service, which may incapacitate them wholly from following their former trade or profession.

(2.) The evidence required to be produced is as follows:—Report of Medical Board referred to in first part of this paragraph 1009. (Form D, par. 1016); Evidence as to the circumstances of claimants;—the amount of income he was in receipt of at the time of his going on service—whether his income depended in whole or in part on his personal exertions; and what portion thereof, if any, was independent of his personal exertions; also evidence of the age, sex and proximity of relatives who depended for support on the claimant's personal exertions; also evidence of medical attendance received by the claimant between the time of his discharge from actual service and the date of investigation of his claim, with the names and residences of the medical attendants who had charge of him during that period. (Form C, par. 1015.)

3rd Class.—(1.) Claims on the part of Militiamen who have received wounds or injuries, or have contracted disease on actual service, such as to incapacitate them for a time from following their usual trade or profession. The evidence required to be produced is as follows:—Report of Medical Board referred to in first part of this paragraph 1009, which shall establish the amount and probable duration of incapacity; (Form D, par. 1016). Also evidence of the same nature as prescribed for claimants under the 2nd Class. Par. 375 R. & O. 1870.

1010. The Board having taken the necessary evidence will make its report—and will recommend such amounts of pension and gratuity, subject to the regulations on that head, as may appear equitable. The report of the Board will be solely on the evidence which is embodied in the "Proceedings." Par. 376, R. & O. 1870.

BOARDS OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

1011. The following applies to such Boards as may be assembled for purposes mentioned in paragraph 1009, to investigate cases of disability of Militiamen occasioned by wounds or injuries received, or by disease contracted on actual service. These cases are divided into two classes: Par. 387, R. & O. 1870.

1. Cases of Militiamen who have received wounds or injuries, or have contracted disease on actual service, such as to incapacitate them wholly from following their former trade or profession.

2. Cases of Militiamen who have received wounds or injuries, or have contracted disease on actual service, such as to incapacitate them for a time from following their trade or profession.

1012. The Board will take such evidence as may be produced, and will report its own opinion thereupon, either as to the total or partial disability of the claimant; if the disability is partial, the Board will state the amount of injury or incapacity under which the claimant is suffering at the date of investigation, and its probable duration; the opinion of the Board will, of course, be based solely on the evidence which is embodied in the "Proceedings." Par. 378, R. and O. 1870.

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