

tubercular, and when a man gets home they make an examination of his blood, and if he has syphilis he is not granted a pension. Men come back from France a total wreck from shell shock and other things, and they come down to the fine point and say that he has received shell shock through having syphilis, and I take it, as stated here yesterday, that if a man had had syphilis fifteen years ago such conditions as those resulting from shell-shock will make the disease rampant in his body, and it is not because of the syphilis that he is in the state in which we find him, it is through the shell-shock and the rigours of the weather he has had to endure in France. There is a point regarding Imperial pensions I should like to take up. A man was residing in Canada at the outbreak of the war, and he was called up by the Imperial authorities. He answered the call and went overseas. He has returned disabled and is receiving a very meagre pension. I have a case here before me of a man named Beasley, who lived in Ottawa. Billings Bridge was his post office address. He was a plasterer by occupation, earning \$90 a month. He went over and joined the 2nd Royal Sussex, having been called up. He left a wife and three children behind him. His leg was blown off by a bomb on the Somme on the 26th September, 1916. While overseas two of his children died through sickness, and he returns and is granted a 50 per cent pension from the Imperial authorities. That only permits him to receive \$15 a month. He is unable to follow his previous calling as a plasterer. His leg is gone below the knee. He pulled up his trousers and showed it to me. He receives \$15 a month. He has a wife and one child, and is a resident of Ottawa and was a resident of Ottawa before he went away. It is suggested that the Canadian Government should augment his Imperial pension to make it up to what he would receive if he had been serving with the Canadians. Then there was a point in regard to the legal and medical advisers over-riding the findings of the Medical Board that actually examined the man. A man returns to Ottawa and is boarded at the Fleming Home, is granted a 33 per cent disability, and the Medical Advisers cut it down to 10 per cent disability. That man is not in a fit state to carry on his previous occupation, and not able to earn a decent livelihood. He was examined by doctors under whose care he had been for two or three months. They knew his condition; they knew he was well one day and probably sick the next, and probably sick one week and well the next, and although that man has multiple shrapnel wounds in the thigh and hip, and is suffering with a bad ankle, he is only getting 10 per cent. He is not suffering from complete ankylosis; if it were complete ankylosis he would have received 20 per cent, but he only got 10 per cent, possibly it was a mistake that the Medical Board did not put something in the finding regarding his thigh. I think they omitted to state that he was suffering from multiple shrapnel wounds, and that he had a very bad hip, but they based their finding on his bad ankle. Those who knew his condition recommended that he should get 33 per cent. I do not know what can be done to overcome this difficulty.

By Mr. Redman:

Q. Have you his name?—A. I will get his name. Then with reference to the question of the uniformity of pension is it possible for me to make a suggestion?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, we will be glad to receive any suggestions from you.

WITNESS: I would suggest that the system of a scale of twenty classes still be retained, but that the maximum pension for rank and file and officers be \$1,000 for 100 per cent disability.

By Mr. Nesbitt:

Q. The maximum?—A. Yes, \$1,000 if he is a married man, and \$100 for each child. A married man with one child would then get about \$1,200 and that would be worked out according to the present scale of twenty classes. That would leave, I think, the minimum pension to an officer or man at probably \$120 a year. It gives a man that has complete disability with a wife and child \$100 a month, and I think that is a

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