

## 4. Communication and petition received:—

(1) From J. Valentine, Secretary, Central Ontario Regional Veterans' Alliance, Toronto,—a resolution recommending that the time allowed in which to file an appeal before the Federal Appeal Board namely, to August 4, 1924, be extended to August 4, 1925.

(2) From Walter I. Fawcett, St. Gregor, Saskatchewan,—a petition recommending a revaluation of livestock, equipment, and land in certain cases; also that payments in kind instead of currency be received; also a relaxation of what he terms the "rigid residence clause" to enable a settler to hire a substitute under guarantee that the Board's interests will be fully protected.—Said communications were referred to the Sub-Committee.

5. Major Barnett was called, sworn, and examined. In the course of the evidence given, Mr. Arthurs, and other members of the Committee requested certain statistics relating to lands, etc. (See Appendix to Major Barnett's evidence in this day's printed proceedings).

6. The Committee, on motion of Mr. Carroll, then adjourned to meet again at the call of the Chair.

V. CLOUTIER,

*Clerk of the Committee.*

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WEDNESDAY, May 21, 1924.

The Committee met at 11 o'clock, a.m., the Chairman, Mr. J. J. Denis, presiding.

Other Members present: Miss Macphail, Messrs. Arthurs, Black (Yukon), Caldwell, Carroll, Chisholm, Humphrey, Knox, McKay, Robinson, Ross (Kingston), Sinclair, Hon., Speakman and Wallace.

In attendance:—Major Barnett, Major Ashton, S. Maber, W. C. Cavers, and Captain Freer, of the Soldier Settlement Board.

Communications received:—

1. From Toronto Branch, Tuberculosis Association,—requesting consideration *re* needs of tuberculosis ex-service men including irreducible minimum pension, etc.

2. From Kentville Branch (N.S.), G.W.V.A., submitted by Mr. Robinson, M.P., recommending permission of appeal in the following cases:—

(a) From the assessment of pensions to ex-service men and their dependents by the Board of Pension Commissioners.

(b) From the cutting off by the Board of Pension Commissioners of pensions awarded to widows of deceased ex-service men.

(c) From the non-award of pensions by the Board of Pension Commissioners to the widows and dependents of ex-service men.

Also resolution, recommending that the bonus as now included in pensions awarded to ex-service men, their widows and dependents, be made permanent.—Referred to Sub-Committee.

The Chairman submitted that leave might be granted to Major-General W. A. Griesbach, member of the Senate, to present a verbal statement to the Committee in respect to amendments of the Pension Act, 1923, the question of land settlement and revaluation all of which are now under consideration. Senator Griesbach then proceeded with his statement and the same was considered by the Committee.