

Col. LaFlèche gave expression to the desirability of having a Section added in Bill 19 so that pension shall not be interfered with in those cases where a pensioner might be eligible for an allowance under the provisions of said Bill.

The Committee at 6 o'clock adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 11 a.m.

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THURSDAY, April 10th, 1930.

The special Committee on Pensions and Returned Soldiers' Problems met at 11 o'clock a.m., the Chairman, Mr. Power, presiding.

*Members present:* Messrs. Adshead, Arthurs, Black (Yukon), Gershaw, Ilsley, McGibbon, MacLaren, McPherson, McLean (Melfort), Power, Ross (Kingston), Speakman, and Thorson,—13.

*Honourable Senators present:* Messrs. Béland, Buchanan, Graham, Griesbach, Lewis, Macdonell, and others.

*In attendance:* The Dominion President, the General Secretary, and Officers of the Executive of the Canadian Legion; the Dominion President and Captain E. Browne-Wilkinson of the Army and Navy Veterans; Mr. R. Myers of the Amputations Association; Col. C. W. Belton, and Col. C. B. Topp of the Federal Appeal Board; the Secretary of the Department of Pensions and National Health; Commissioners of the Board of Pensions, and others.

The Committee proceeded to consider the operations of the Federal Appeal Board.

Col. Belton and Col. Topp were called for evidence.

In the course of Col. Topp's examination, a review of the operations of the Federal Appeal Board containing suggestions as to more adequate preparation of applicants' cases, new machinery, etc., and also a complete statement of statistics in connection with the work of the Board, were submitted in writing. See Appendix Nos. 8 and 9 herein.

The Chairman informed the Committee that he had received the Report of the Chief Official Soldiers' Adviser. After consideration, it was agreed that said report be printed as an Appendix. See Appendix No. 10 herein.

Mr. J. R. Bowler, General Secretary of the Canadian Legion was called. Mr. Bowler gave his experience regarding the work he covered when acting as Soldiers' Adviser in Winnipeg and emphasized the importance of adequate preparation of applicants' cases.

Upon the question of further evidence by the Army and Navy Veterans Association, Mr. Thorson moved that Captain E. Browne-Wilkinson, of Winnipeg, be heard.—Motion carried.

Captain E. Browne-Wilkinson was called, examined, and discharged.

The Committee then adjourned until after the Easter Recess, at the call of the Chair.