

# MILITARY HOSPITALS COMMISSION-CANADA

## Questions and Answers

Q. Unable, on account of my wounds, to return to my old work as a butcher I have, while in the convalescent home, been taking re-education as a pure food inspector. The M. O. said to-day that he was going to discharge me next week as my wounds are healed. I am not yet ready to take my examination and have no money saved to support myself while finishing the course. Will the Commission delay my discharge until I am able to take the examination?  
C. B. L.

Ans. If you have been regularly granted a course of re-education because you are unable to follow your previous occupation, you will, upon the date of your military discharge, be placed upon a special scale of pay and allowances under Order-in-Council P. C. 976. The amount varies according to the number of a man's dependents, but if you are a married man it will be approximately equal to military pay and allowances, plus the patriotic fund.

Q. Does the Military Hospitals Commission raise the funds to carry on its work by public subscription? G. D.

Ans. No. Donations of games and special pieces of comfortable furniture for recreation rooms in some of the hospitals are gratefully accepted, but the Commission's funds are voted by the Governor-General in Council from the Dominion Treasury.

Q. I was wounded at Ypres and am now receiving a second class pension. I was given, in addition to my pension an increase for my three children; but a fourth has just been born. Am I entitled to an increase to my pension for this last child?  
A. B.

Ans. Yes, you are entitled to \$6.00 per month increase to your pension. Every child born to a pensioner, who receives a pension in the first three classes, entitles the pensioner to an increase of \$6.00 per month.

### SOME ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS EXPLAINED

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| M. H. C.       | Military Hospitals Commission.  |
| M. H. C. C.    | Military Hospitals Commission Command.                                      |
| M. O.          | Medical Officer.  |
| O. C.          | Officer Commanding.   |
| M. C. H.       | Military Convalescent Hospital.   |
| O. i/c.        | Officer in charge.  |
| V. S.          | Vocational Secretary.   |
| D. V. O.       | District Vocational Officer.  |
| M. S.          | Medical Superintendent.   |
| A. D. M. S.    | Assistant Director of Medical Services. (A Militia Department Officer).     |
| B. P. C.       | Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada.                                  |
| Hydrotherapy   | Treatment by water baths.   |
| Mechanotherapy | Treatment by mechanical apparatus.  |
| Physiotherapy  | Treatment by physical training methods and apparatus.                       |
| Electrotherapy | Treatment by electric apparatus.  |
| " In " Patient | Convalescent soldier living in a Military Hospitals Commission institution. |

" Out " Patient Advanced convalescent permitted under certain conditions to live out and report to the hospital periodically for treatment.

Bed case Patient confined to bed.  
" Up " patient Convalescent soldier not confined to bed.

T. B. Tuberculosis.  
Vocational Re-education Teaching new occupations to soldiers disabled in such a manner that they cannot return to their former trades.

Physical Re-education Restoring and improving bodily movements and mental processes impaired by war.

### SUMMER HOTEL NOW HOSPITAL

Brant House, at Burlington Beach near Hamilton, Ont., one of the most attractive summer hotels in Canada, is being remodelled by the Military Hospitals Commission. It will be used as a convalescent home for the treatment and vocational training of returned soldiers. Accommodation for 316 patients will be provided.

### NO CIVILIAN STUDENTS

In order to afford adequate accommodation for the re-education of disabled soldiers in Alberta the Technical Institute of Calgary will hold no day classes for civilians until its use by the Military Hospitals Commission is no longer required.