

financials matters. Briefs and testimony were presented by the Parliamentary Assistant of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Chairman of the War Veterans Allowances Board, the Deputy Minister of Labour and the Deputy Minister of Justice. The valuable assistance of the Clerk of the Committee and his staff greatly facilitated the work of the Committee.

The Committee reports that it gave careful study to the operation and effects of the existing old age pension program in Canada and reviewed the present provisions for old age income security in Australia, New Zealand, Denmark, Sweden, the United States, Great Britain, France and Switzerland.

In considering possible alternative measures for old age security in Canada, the Committee gave special attention to representations received from provincial governments, from representatives of agricultural, labour, business and welfare organizations and from a number of well-known authorities in various aspects of social security.

The Committee reviewed financial and constitutional aspects of old age security and studied the relationship of old age security to other federal programs, such as war veterans allowances, unemployment insurance, government annuities, and the housing program under the National Housing Act.

In addition to the oral evidence, written submissions which were received from seven provinces and from twenty-two associations or individuals are incorporated in the Committee's printed record of proceedings and evidence, amounting to over 1,300 pages. Hundreds of other representations were received in informal letters. In all, the Committee held fifty-two sittings: thirty-eight for public hearings and fourteen in private sessions.

A copy of the Committee's minutes of Proceedings and Evidence is tabled herewith.