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CHANGE IN MODE OF EXAMINATION FOR PENSIONS

Doctor who Actually Examines Soldier will Recommend Whether Entitled to Pension or Not.

TO PREVENT DELAY

The Board of Pensions Commissioners announces that commencing February 17 awards of pension will be recommended by the doctor of the Pension Board who actually examines the soldier or ex-soldier immediately after his discharge, or when he comes up for medical re-examination as the case may be.

This will remove what would in the future have proved an almost certain source of dissatisfaction amongst pensioners and prospective pensioners, says a statement issued by the board.

Up to the present the complaint most frequently voiced has been that the medical officers who examined the men on discharge, or on re-examination, were not the ones who recommended the amount of pension to be awarded. Thus the men were prevented from describing their ailments personally to the individuals responsible for the award of pension. This was due to the shortage of medical examiners trained to decide a man's percentage of disability in accordance with the Pension Regulations.

It was necessary that the disabled man's Medical Report should be sent to the Head Office of the Board of Pension Commissioners for consideration by the Medical Advisers there before a final decision as to pension could be

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THREE CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS ARE LET

The Department of Public Works announces the following contracts awarded under Orders in Council:—

Burlington, Ont.—Construction of gymnasium building in connection with Military hospital. Contractor, K. Connor, of Hamilton, Ont., at \$15,700. Order in Council dated January 6, 1919.

Toronto, Ont.—Construction of a limb factory in connection with Military Orthopedic hospital. Contractor, William Williamson, of Toronto, at \$41,481. Order in Council dated January 29, 1919.

Esquimalt, B.C.—Reconstruction of dockyard wharf. Contractors, McDonald & Watson, of Victoria, B.C., at \$52,224.07 (approximately—unit prices). Order in Council dated January 30, 1919.

AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY FIGURES ARE COMPILED

Statistics Relating to Motor Car and Allied Industries are Issued by Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

OVER \$35,000,000 CAPITAL IS INVESTED IN PLANTS

A preliminary report of the statistics relating to the automobile and other allied industries has been compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics which covers the operations of establishments engaged in the manufacture of

- (1) automobiles,
- (2) automobile accessories, and
- (3) automobile repairs.

The number of establishments classed as manufacturers of automobiles in Canada in 1917 was 11, in automobile accessories 24, and in repair work 497.

The total capital invested in these industries was \$35,780,677, apportioned as follows: in automobiles \$23,192,858, in accessories \$3,155,893, and in repair shops \$4,431,926.

The number of persons employed

on salaries by sex distribution was 730 males and 174 females in automobile plants, 106 males and 21 females in accessory plants, and 254 males and 48 females in auto repair shops and garages, and the total salaries paid were respectively \$1,376,692 in automobile plants, \$266,147 in plants making accessories, and \$334,780 in repair shops.

The number employed on wages in each class and the amount paid in wages were as follows:—

	Number.		Wages.
	Males.	Females.	
Automobile plants...	4,852	164	\$4,862,779
Accessory plants...	1,405	122	1,198,596
Repair shops.	1,508	34	1,200,958

The value of materials used in manufacturing and repair work in

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GRAIN SHIPPED AND STOCKS NOW IN ELEVATORS

Figures Show Grain Loaded Since September as Compared With Last Year also Grain Inspected to Date.

DAILY LOADING AVERAGES

The following Grain Statistics are forwarded from the office of the Commission of Immigration and Colonization at Winnipeg and include figures up to the end of January:—

Grain loaded since 1st September, 1918, 65,057,925 bushels; 1917, 97,484,150 bushels.

Grain in store at C.P. interior elevators, 12,445,181 bushels; 1917, 12,496,021 bushels.

In store at Government interior elevators: Moosejaw, 71,62,423 bushels; Saskatoon, 1,835,107 bushels; Calgary, 2,234,995 bushels.

In store at all elevators at lake front, 28,839,727 bushels.

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COMMISSION TO HOLD SESSIONS IN WEST

Cases Which Will Come Before Railway Commissioners on Tour from February 14th to March 7th.—Some Important Applications.

The Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada will hold sessions throughout the West, commencing at Vancouver on February 14, and visiting Victoria, Vernon, Nelson, in the coast province; Lethbridge, Calgary, Edmonton, in Alberta; Saskatoon, Regina, in Saskatchewan; Winnipeg, Manitoba; and Fort William and Sudbury, sitting at the latter place on March 7. The partial list of cases to be heard is as follows:—

The Commissioners will hold a meeting at the City hall, Victoria, B.C., Monday, the 17th day of February, 1919, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

1. Application of the Express Traffic Association of Canada for increase in rates. (File No. 29040.)

2. Consideration of proposed advanced local switching charges by railway companies. (File No. 21700.2.)

3. Complaints of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, Western Canada Flour Mills, Winnipeg, Man., and others against the proposed increase in the stop-off charge on grain for storage, milling, cleaning, etc. (File No. 26575.)

4. Application of the Great Northern Railway Company for rescission of Order No. 26718 and permission to cancel rates on lumber and forest products from points on the Victoria

and Sydney railway to stations on the Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern, and Grand Trunk Pacific railways. (File No. 1068.2.)

At the City hall, Vernon, B.C., Wednesday, February 19th, 1919, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

List of cases for hearing will be:—

1. Complaint of the Adolph Lumber Company, of Bayne's Lake, B.C., against the rate charged on logs from Dorr, B.C., to Bayne's by the Great Northern Railway Company. (File No. 25248.)

2. Consideration of proposed advanced local switching charges by railway companies. (File No. 21700.2.)

3. Complaint of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, Western Canada Flour Mills, Winnipeg, Man., and others against the proposed increase in the stop-off charge on grain for storage, milling, cleaning, etc. (File No. 26575.)

4. Application of the Empress Traffic Association of Canada for increase in rates. (File No. 29040.)

Meeting at the City hall or Board of Trade, Lethbridge, Alta., Monday, February 24, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The list of cases for hearing will be:

1. In the matter of the complaint of The Taylor Milling and Elevator Co., Ltd., Lethbridge, Alta., re classification of Dr. Rusk's Chic Food when shipped in mixed cars of flour and feed. (File No. 19367.89.)

Application of the Similkameen Farmers' Institute for carload and L.C.L. rates between Keremeos and other points in the Dominion the same as those in effect between Okanagan and other points;

Application of the Okanagan Farmers' Institute for a joint tariff on natural products between Similkameen Valley and Okanagan Valley over the G.N.R. and C.P.R. lines. (File No. 25451.)

2. Consideration of proposed advanced local switching charges by railway companies. (File No. 21700.2.)

3. Complaint of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, Western Canada Flour Mills, Winnipeg, Man., and others against the proposed increase in the stop-off charge on grain for storage, milling, cleaning, etc. (File No. 26575.)

4. Application of the Empress Traffic Association of Canada for increase in rates. (File No. 29040.)

At the City Hall, Nelson, B.C., Friday, February 21st, 1919, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

List of cases for hearing will be:—

1. Application of the Similkameen Farmers' Institute for a joint tariff in natural products between Similkameen Valley and Okanagan Valley, and between Keremeos and Vancouver via Princeton, over the G.N.R. and C.P.R. lines;

2. Consideration of proposed advanced local switching charges by railway companies. (File No. 21700.2.)

3. Complaint of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, Western Canada Flour Mills, Winnipeg, Man., and others against the proposed increase

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