

found it conflicting with my duties here I am an interested member of that organization and proud of it. And now, in saying what I did, let me assure you that I am not interested in any particular organization. I am interested in obtaining the views of all; but as we have the Legion before us today that is why I said what I did; and I am sure that Mr. Dickey meant the same thing. I will apologize to Mr. Lennard, and also on behalf of Mr. Dickey—although he does not need it—but I will not withdraw my membership in the Legion.

Mr. DICKEY: Neither will I, although I may have put my question in personal terms. In other words what I mean is this: the Legion does recognize that some sort of means test is an integral part of any kind of assistance such as war veterans' allowance?

The WITNESS: Yes, I think that is correct.

By Mr. Brooks:

Q. Mr. Chairman, I would just like to ask a question relating to page 12 of your brief. In saying what you do there, are you expressing the feeling of the Legion branches all across Canada? There is a general consensus of opinion that such rates are inadequate?—A. What paragraph?

Q. Page 8, paragraph 22; that is the recommendation for \$60 a month for single men and \$120 per month to all married veterans. I understood that your organization made a survey and investigated many cases. Does this not express the feeling of the Legion branches? Is it not a fact that you base these amounts of \$60 for a single veteran and \$120 for the married veterans on a survey that was made by your organization?—A. I do not think it is fair to say that it is a survey, sir. We are basing the \$60 and \$120, as I said in the brief, on the opinions of the branches; and, also on our own experiences from our service bureaus all across Canada.

Q. As I remember it—did not the Legion have a number of cases which they referred to as a, b, c, d, e, f and so on?—A. That is correct.

Q. And those were cases that had been reported to your organization and had been investigated?—A. That is quite correct; we took them as examples of the general situation.

Q. And you considered them average cases, did you; or, were they extreme cases?—A. I think for the class of person who could not get over the ceiling of W.V.A. and could not get under this new section 4 that they were reasonably average cases.

Q. There are many cases similar?—A. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: You say they are average for a particular group but they are not average for the whole group of W.V.A. recipients? You did not make a general survey nor did you suggest that they be given general application?

The WITNESS: No.

The CHAIRMAN: I did not wish to question it.

Mr. BROOKS: But some were better and some were worse, no doubt.

The WITNESS: But within the limits of the present ceilings, and particularly within the limits of people who are unemployed, I would say that these cases were average cases.

By Mr. Green:

Q. At the top of page 3 you say, about section 4, it will be of no assistance to the veteran with no income other than the war veterans' allowance, or to the veteran with a moderate income insufficient in itself for maintenance. Can you give us one or two examples of the veterans you have in mind in that second group?—A. Well, yes. You mean, the veteran who has not sufficient income for maintenance?