

would you call that casual earnings? I am interested in a case of that nature and that is why I want to know. Would you call those casual earnings?

The CHAIRMAN: If he is regularly employed? I am not going to set myself up as a referee for the war veterans allowance, but generally speaking, and that is a fair question, do you consider as casual earnings commissions made while working for an insurance company, that earnings of that nature should be deemed to be casual?

Mr. QUELCH: This man is not working for any particular company, he is just selling on his own.

The CHAIRMAN: I will be interested to know what the board rules in that case. Will you let me know, please?

Mr. HERRIDGE: I think the experience of most of the recipients of war veterans allowance is that the leaving of casual earnings as a mythical figure has been to their advantage.

The CHAIRMAN: I think so. I know it has not been to the advantage of the treasury.

*By Mr. Green:*

Q. General Burns, as I read the terms of the vote, there are two main tests, first of all the unemployability, it is essential that a veteran must be unemployable to qualify, and the second appears to be that his unemployability must be caused by a disability which is a major factor contributing to that unemployability. Is that correct?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. I understood you to say in your explanation that this provision would not be a factor in effect because there would be a presumption that any pensioner receiving a forty-five per cent pension or over, if married, thirty-five per cent or over, if single, would be considered as meeting that second requirement. Is that a fact or was your statement correct?—A. Yes, sir. I said it was a general presumption that a man with a higher degree of disability like that, that it would be a major contributing factor. There may be some cases in which a man may be unemployable for reasons which have nothing to do whatever with his pensionable disability.

Q. Would it be automatic that if a married pensioner gets a forty-five per cent pension, then he meets this second requirement, that his disability must be a major factor contributing to his unemployability?

The CHAIRMAN: You mean after we have decided he is unemployable and and have learned that he is, in the case of a married man, receiving forty-five per cent pension. Now, your question is, does it follow that because he has a forty-five per cent pension that we must assume that his pensionable disability is a major factor in his unemployability?

Mr. GREEN: I think that should be cleared up, because if that is not the case, if it is not automatic, we have a whole wide field of enquiry opened up as whether or not his unemployability is caused by his pensionable disability. I would like to know what the picture is on the score of this second requisite for qualification.

The WITNESS: Each case would have to be adjudicated upon, first to determine his unemployability and then whether his pensionable disability was a major contributing factor. It is not automatic in that sense. My statement was that high disability generally created a presumption; and that, I may say, is taken from the experience of the British in administering the similar type of legislation which they have.

Mr. GREEN: Yes, but the British are notorious for being tough in handling their veterans legislation; and it is a very important point as to whether or not the pensioner is going to have to meet this second qualification as well as