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An additional allowance for helplessness may be paid to a totally disabled disability pensioner, ranging from \$250 to \$750 per annum. An allowance for wear and tear of clothing is provided for disability pensioners who require to wear an appliance.

Canadian rates are paid to all pensioners of the Canadian forces, and for Canadians domiciled in Canada at the time of enlistment, allied or imperial forces, the pension paid by the country in whose forces the veteran served is supplemented to the Canadian scale.

Newfoundland: Pensions are primarily paid by the British government and are based on British rulings — the disability must have arisen out of or been aggravated by service. Pensions are paid under rates in the Pensions Act 1935, and the scales of payment are equivalent to the Canadian scales. The British government pays an amount equivalent to the British pension and this is supplemented by the Newfoundland government.

**Mr. Higgins** Bringing it up to the Canadian equivalent?

**Mr. Ashbourne** Yes, I think it is 50% or a little over 50% the Newfoundland government supplements and brings it up to the Canadian scale.

**Mr. Ballam** The only thing is the Dependents' Allowance.

**Mr. Northcott** It says "may be paid" not "will be paid".

**Mr. Ashbourne** If they apply for them.

**Mr. Higgins** I think that is why there is an allowance for free legal assistance.

**Mr. Ashbourne** Widows' War Pension:

Canada: The pension for a widow of all ranks below that of Captain (army) or equivalent is \$720 per annum. For Captain and above higher rates are payable.

Additional pension is payable for children, first child \$180 per annum, second \$144 and third and subsequent \$120 per annum. For orphan children these rates may be doubled.

Dependent parents may also be pensioned. Where a widow or children are pen-

sionable the amount cannot exceed \$60 per annum for each parent. Where no pensionable widow or children the maximum for two dependent parents may be \$900 per annum.

Newfoundland: Pensions are paid on scales similar to Canadian scales. The British pension is supplemented in case of World War II veterans to maintain this scale.

The next is War Veterans' Allowance, and I think we went over that. There is an allowance for veterans 60 years of age or, if younger, incapable of self-maintenance.

**Mr. Starkes** The point I would like to make is this. In my district we have several returned soldiers. It appears they did not apply for assistance within the allotted time of 18 months. They are down there now with wives and families, without employment and cannot get any assistance — that is, assistance from the government in connection with war benefits. Does that apply here now? In Canada they get benefits up to 60 years of age; in Newfoundland they get nothing?

**Mr. Ashbourne** This is for men when they become the age of 60; if they are not able to work, it is applicable at the age of 55.

**Mr. Starkes** If they are unemployable, under 60, for economic reasons?

**Mr. Higgins** These cases are taken care of by the GWVA and/or the NPA.

**Mr. Starkes** I was trying to intercede for the men in question and I was told by Mr. Max Chambers of the Civil Re-establishment that the government could do nothing for them.

**Mr. Northcott** Take it to the GWVA and NPA.

**Mr. Butt** The word "mandatory" was used a short while ago. Look at the ninth line — "may receive an allowance".

**Mr. Northcott** Getting back to widows' pensions again. A widow gets \$720 a year. In the event she marries again, does she still retain it or does she forfeit it? Supposing her husband was killed overseas.

**Mr. Ashbourne** As far as Newfoundland is concerned, they are given I believe (I am subject to correction), an allowance of \$100 in lieu of any further pension. I cannot say exactly the amount or what the plan is in that regard in Canada. I will see if I can find out. If Mr. Northcott is satisfied, I will take note of it and give him an answer later on.