

**Mr. Hollett** Yes, I mean over 60 years of age.

**Mr. Smallwood** I wonder if Mr. Hollett has any statistics from the GWVA or the NPA or the government showing what number have received it and what number have not?

**Mr. Chairman** I don't see how that would matter.

**Mr. Smallwood** Well, it makes a great deal of difference if there is no legislation whatever in Newfoundland on the matter, and men get it or do not get it depending on the efforts made in their behalf by the GWVA or the NPA; and if it should be the case that 1% get it and 99% don't, or 99% get it and 1% don't, there would be a good deal of difference in the situation.

**Mr. Chairman** If you take the stand that the percentage of applications actually sponsored and put through by the government, that might have some bearing upon it, but as far as bringing actual figures into it, the number of people who have received pensions through the good offices of the war veterans or the NPA would mean absolutely nothing at all.

**Mr. Starkes** Except, Mr. Chairman, in my district there are some who have not received one cent except the dole, \$5 a month.

**Mr. Hollett** Did they make any application?

**Mr. Starkes** Yes, they made application 18 months after they came back.

**Mr. Hollett** In this war?

**Mr. Starkes** Yes.

**Mr. Hollett** But they would not be 60 years of age, would they?

**Mr. Cashin** I think I may be permitted, as a burned-out soldier of some standing...

**Mr. Chairman** I would say that you are anything but burned out, Major!

**Mr. Cashin** Well, that is what we are termed here this afternoon — a burned-out soldier. We have gone through this Veterans' Act of Canada, and we have tried to make some comparisons between that and Newfoundland, and we are squabbling over it whether Newfoundland is better or Canada is better. It is immaterial to me as far as I am concerned because I am not personally affected, but Mr. Starkes says that there are people down in his district on the dole, and I am telling you they are on the dole in Montreal.

**Mr. Starkes** And not getting any pension?

**Mr. Cashin** And not getting any pension in Montreal either, and I know what I am talking

about. And when you talk about this thing you are talking to one of these burned-out soldiers who knows something about it, and if you had been a burned-out soldier you might have known as well. We have gone through it this afternoon, and I think we have a fairly good idea what the Canadian act is, and what the Newfoundland act is, and we are wasting a lot of time when we should be getting on to something more constructive. I think we should consider that part of the Veterans' Act as read.

**Mr. Chairman** Except for the fact that Mr. Higgins proposed, and he was backed by Mr. Watton as a war veteran, and Mr. Watton was particularly anxious to have a comparison made of both situations, and therefore, to facilitate both Mr. Watton and Mr. Higgins I suggested to Mr. Ashbourne that he might go along in the way in which he is going; but if the House feels it is a waste of time it is perfectly all right with me.

**Mr. Cashin** It is wasting time anyhow, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Higgins** It was not my intention that all should be read, but that Mr. Ashbourne might tell us if page 84 applied, and so forth.

**Mr. Chairman** Yes, that was your proposal. Could we get a compromise between the two? Would it be too much to ask you Mr. Ashbourne if you could perhaps speed things up by not reading all the comments on both sides of the page? Could you perhaps paraphrase a little?

**Mr. Ashbourne** That is not an easy thing to do, but I will try. I might leave out something that some war veterans were trying to get at. There are a few other items here. Medical care and treatment is next. I don't know if members wish me to go over that or not.

**Mr. Hollett** It is about the same I think, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Cashin** The whole thing is about the same.

**Mr. Ashbourne** "All veterans may receive treatment for any disability arising within one year of discharge." Now the next is about the same. The next is land settlement. It is rather a little different in the land settlement.

**Mr. Hollett** Mr. Chairman, I enquired about our land settlement scheme, and I am willing to admit that the Canadian one is a good bit better than ours, because Canada is of course an agricultural country. I am thinking now of the operations going on up on the west coast. I am prepared to