

Mr. Ashbourne Clothing Allowances:

Canada: For honourably discharged veterans, an allowance of \$100. Veteran is allowed to keep one uniform and his personal necessities.

Newfoundland: For honourably discharged veterans, a clothing outfit from the UK government or, if this is not available, an outfit from the Newfoundland government.

In an address on 14 March, 1945, Hon. A.J. Walsh, K.C., mentioned a proposed allowance of \$50 to \$60 to supplement the UK benefit. This was only applicable if needed to provide a full clothing outfit.

Mr. Higgins We should look at the ones that apply and forget that ones that do not apply.

Mr. Watton That second paragraph — that \$50 to \$60 clothing allowance. I think — I am not quite sure — but I think that should be \$100.

Mr. Smallwood It may be a good idea to make a note as Mr. Ashbourne goes through and come back later and review the notes.

Mr. Watton In my case, I was discharged here in St. John's and I was paid \$100 allowance.

Mr. Ballam That was for a suit of clothes in England.

Mr. Chairman To supplement the UK benefit.

Mr. Higgins In any case, that is finished now.

Mr. Chairman It is water over the dam now. There is no point in wasting time.

Mr. Smallwood The unemployment benefits are important.

Unemployment Benefits:

Canada: Except for the period covered by the rehabilitation grant and the first nine days of unemployment, any honourably discharged veteran unemployed though willing and capable of working, may draw an allowance up to 52 weeks, but not longer than the period of service, within 18 months of discharge. Monthly rates are, single \$50; married \$70.... Veteran may earn up to \$20 per month; any earnings in excess of this amount is deductible from the allowance. When a veteran completes 15 weeks of insurable employment the contributions to the National Unemployment Insurance Fund are paid by the government on behalf of the veteran in respect of all time spent in the service subsequent to June 30, 1941.

Newfoundland: Except for eight weeks im-

mediately past discharge (furlough period) an allowance may be paid to an unemployed veteran who is willing and capable of work but unable to obtain unemployment for a period of one year. Allowance will not cover first nine days of unemployment and may not be paid for a period exceeding length of service. Rates are, monthly: single \$50; married \$70.... Veterans may earn up to \$20 per month — any earnings in excess of this amount are deductible from the allowance. A pensioner with 20% or more disability who becomes eligible for the allowance receives a sum sufficient to bring pension to 100% for self and dependents.

Mr. Higgins Is not that over?

Mr. Hollett It is exactly the same in Canada as in Newfoundland.

Mr. Smallwood All but the last paragraph; that is premium payments.

Mr. Chairman Is not that partly, if not altogether, a thing of the past?

Mr. Smallwood No. They are eligible if they complete 15 weeks in insurable employment.

Mr. Hollett In Canada, yes.

Mr. Smallwood And in Newfoundland. Under clause 2(b) Newfoundland veterans who served in World War II will be eligible for contributions to the National Unemployment Insurance Funds....

Mr. Hollett Eligible for contributions, yes.

Mr. Smallwood That is a distinct advantage which we have not got at all in this country. The contributions made for them by Canada for all the weeks the men were in uniform, throughout the war.... When working 15 weeks, the government pays the premiums into the insurance fund in their name. If they become unemployed, what they have to draw on is the unemployment benefit on the years of payments made for them by the government into the fund and that is an important point.

Mr. Hollett Does that apply if they make application within 15 months or not?

Mr. Smallwood Where do you find that?

Mr. Hollett I am asking you.

Mr. Smallwood There is no time limit in clause 2 of the Grey Book.

Mr. Higgins Page 94, book 2, the time limit is stated. "Unemployment benefits: 52 weeks within 18 months of discharge." Does that cover