

proof is received grants are allowed by the Department of Public Health and Welfare. That is the parallel. It is surprising that you did not know there was one.

Mr. Ballam We knew that, but it is not an act. If they have a case like this in Newfoundland they go with the sick case to the government and get some allowance from the pensions board for them, but we have no known parallel in this country for that section.

Mr. Chairman Your point, Mr. Ballam, is that they are fixed by statute.

Mr. Ballam They are fixed by some authority when occasion arises.

Mr. Hollett We have no parallel because it is not under an enactment. This is under a particular act. We have that same duty performed by the Great War Veterans' Association, and the NPA, in conjunction with the government and the Department of Public Health and Welfare, and I tell you every man of that age, 60 years or over, if he has some disability and is unable to work, his case is taken up by the Great War Veterans' Association, and handled by that organisation in conjunction with the NPA and the Department of Public Health and Welfare.

Mr. Ballam It is much the same as the Canadian as far as results are concerned.

Mr. Hollett It all depends on the circumstances.

Mr. Smallwood Would Mr. Hollett seriously suggest that if in Canada there is a law that makes it mandatory, not permissive but mandatory, and that in Newfoundland in a similar case what is necessary is that the GWVA or the NPA, or some voluntary body shall take up his case, go to the government and haggle with them, and try to get a grant for that individual, that that makes it parallel in Newfoundland?

Mr. Hollett Yes.

Mr. Smallwood It is not my idea.

Mr. Hollett Yes, because the GWVA and the NPA are not purely voluntary bodies.

Mr. Smallwood Well, what is it?

Mr. Hollett It is not purely a voluntary body, it is incorporated in some way surely.

Mr. Smallwood Well, so are the trade unions.

Mr. Hollett What about the Department of Public Health and Welfare, whose duty it is to look after such cases?

Mr. Smallwood As a matter of relief?

Mr. Hollett No, each case is treated on its

merits.

Mr. Smallwood But in Canada it is a matter of statutory law. That's the difference. Yes, in Canada. I suppose we are allowed to mention Canada. That is the very point we are discussing. Is the case in Canada, in such cases as that, paralleled in Newfoundland? Mr. Hollett says it is paralleled in Newfoundland, and has tried to prove that by saying that a burned-out war veteran, if he goes to the GWVA or the NPA and gets them to take up his case and go to the government and fight it out with them, may or may not get him a grant, and that's paralleling the mandatory statutory legislation of Canada. There is no parallel at all.

Mr. Hollett I put it to you, sir, that such a case has not got to fight it out with the GWVA or the NPA; they fight it out for him with the government. They are the agent, like the veterans' association in Canada.

Mr. Chairman Except this, under Canadian law he gets it as a matter of right, and here he gets it as a matter of case.

Mr. Hollett In this country it is a matter of right if it can be proved that his case warrants it. I am not trying to prove that our veterans are getting more than they should. That is the parallel to this war veterans' allowance here.

Mr. Kennedy May I ask Mr. Hollett a question, please?

Mr. Chairman No. This bill is being piloted if you will, this measure, by Mr. Smallwood. If you want to address to Mr. Smallwood, and Mr. Hollett feels like answering the question, that's all right, but you can't do it otherwise.

Mr. Kennedy Mr. Smallwood, have you to be a member of the GWVA to get into a hospital just like the Merchant Navy Hospital here in St. John's?

Mr. Smallwood I don't think so. The GWVA is one of the finest bodies in the whole country, doing a magnificent voluntary work, taking up every case that it can possibly take up amongst veterans, and doing the best it can do in their behalf with the government of the country. They succeed in many cases, and fail in many other cases. They never fail through any fault of their own, it is through the fault of the government, because here is a case in point that we are now discussing, the case of the burned-out veterans. I did not invent that word "burned-out", it seems