

Mr. Chairman In order to facilitate the House generally, Mr. Higgins, would you mind assisting?

Mr. Higgins I don't mind, but Mr. Ashbourne is the one to do that.

Mr. Chairman I see. Mr. Higgins requested whether or not the specific allowances set forth on pages 78 — 94, both inclusive, of volume 2 of the Black Book...

Mr. Higgins 72 to 94 sir.

Mr. Chairman Yes, 72 to 94 both inclusive, thank you, as to whether or not, Mr. Ashbourne, you would look at these, and state whether or not, in your opinion, all or any of these allowances would apply to Newfoundland veterans who served in World War II.

Mr. Ashbourne I will do the best I can. I think in answering the question before us I might say that I have here now the data about the rates and scales of Newfoundland and Canadian pensioners, which are the same except that there is no pension payable in respect of a child born in Newfoundland after 30 June 1934, while in Canada this has been extended up to May 30, 1944; and there is one item that I would like to bring to the attention of the House — the matter of war pensioners' allowances in Canada:

Allowances for veterans 60 years of age or, if younger, incapable of self-maintenance. A veteran who served in a theatre of war; or served in two wars, but not necessarily in a theatre of war; and who is over 60 years of age, or if under 60 unemployable due to physical or economic reasons (female age 55 applies), may receive an allowance. This allowance is up to \$365 per annum for single person, or \$730 per annum for married person, dependent upon financial means. A veteran may have other income up to \$125 per annum if single or \$250 per annum if married and still receive full allowance; any income in excess of these amounts is deducted. In addition, veterans may have up to \$125 casual earnings per year without allowances being reduced and an interest of up to \$4,000 in the house in which he resides. Also up to \$25 per year unearned income.

Maximum payable to childless widow is \$265 per annum or to widow with children \$730. Same earnings allowed as for single or married veterans respectively.

Orphans of a veteran may receive \$360 for one child, \$648 for two children and \$730 for more than two children, less the amount of any income of the orphan or orphans.

Mr. Smallwood Is this what they refer to as "burned-out veterans"? Is that the name of it?

Mr. Ashbourne Yes, I think that's the idea. Men that are no longer capable of employment.

Mr. Watton Mr. Chairman, may I make a suggestion? May I ask that Mr. Ashbourne begin at page 72 and go right through to page 94?

Mr. Hollett Let him finish this one now, because he picked out this first.

Mr. Ashbourne There is no known parallel in Newfoundland.

Mr. Hollett You say there is no known parallel in Newfoundland? Who gave the Canadians that information that there is no known parallel?

Mr. Smallwood They got that from the reports that we took up there and delivered to them, and from the reports on our veterans affairs which they had in their possession before we ever saw them.

Mr. Hollett Where did they get them?

Mr. Smallwood From Newfoundland. What do you suppose they have a High Commissioner in Newfoundland for? What does any country have an ambassador in another country for, except to get information?

Mr. Hollett We never got that information.

Mr. Smallwood Right, and so what? I don't intend even to try and get it.

Mr. Hollett Right, I don't want you to.

Mr. Smallwood It is no use wanting me to.

Mr. Watton I suggest, as a war veteran that Mr. Ashbourne begin at page 72 and take each thing as it comes.

Mr. Chairman That request has already been made, Mr. Watton. It is only a request, I can't tell him to. Mr. Ashbourne, would you mind beginning at page 72?

Mr. Hollett Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, may I answer that discrepancy on page 83?

Mr. Chairman Well, all right.

Mr. Hollett Under war veterans' allowances, they have the information that there is no known parallel. The Newfoundland equivalent to that is a special permanent grant under the GWVA and the NPA fund to veterans incapable of self-maintenance. Usually these cases are represented by the Great War Veterans Association, and when