

Hon. R. B. Bennett,

313, 15<sup>th</sup> Ave E.  
March 7<sup>th</sup> 1930

Dear Sir

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Please find enclosed a discharge certificate which I wish you would return after using it. This man was wounded, and discharged and in 1919, went back to England 7 years later he came out and brought his eight children. The oldest now being 26, a girl working in Woolworth's store, half time that is all the money coming into this home. As the next boy 23 has been unable to get anything to do for over 4 months. The next boy 19, got work as a plasterer and he took pneumonia. And now he is awaiting on getting into the Sanitarium. The younger five children are pensionable. But the man himself is unable to work, as he has a chest infection now which keeps him coughing all the time. His wife looks a wreck too. It is a very sad case. His case has been taken up by the S.C.R. But up to the present nothing seems to be done. He is receiving relief from the City.

But something definite (will have to be done.)  
As they are in starvation, all he says he got from  
the Govt since his discharge was 6 weeks in the  
Belcher Hospital. He came out from Hospital  
the last of Jan. and now he has no income no  
pension, nothing and not able to work.

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Can you do anything down there if so  
I should be pleased. Unemployment here does  
not improve and I do not look for a very  
prosperous summer. However I hope something  
unforeseen will happen soon. If not I'm afraid  
of the consequences. Hoping you are well, and  
still a-keeping the old flag flying

Respectfully yours.

By the way this man  
Lassiter, suffers from  
wounds in head and  
shell shocked

John M. Williams  
313, 15<sup>th</sup> Ave E.  
Calgary,

P.S. Andy Davison is sure fed up on the King Govt  
now. And the "healers" are all busy lining up their  
flock for the "Storm Clouds brewing".

The signal fires burn around your camp,  
which signify that all is well.

I am going to a Labor Women's Economic Conference in Winnipeg,  
March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> see how the land lies there.

John

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Ottawa, March 28th, 1930.

Colonel J. T. C. Thompson, K.C., D.S.O.,  
Chairman, Board of Pension Commissioners,  
Ottawa.

Dear Colonel Thompson,-

Would you please look up the case of John Charles Lasseter, No. 100920 who enlisted as a Private on July 15th, 1915 and was discharged on the 31st August, 1917 in consequence of "being medically unfit for further service on account of wounds received on Active Service".

I am informed he is now unable to work and in very poor circumstances. Surely, a man with a discharge such as that from which I have quoted is pensionable.

I would appreciate it if you would look into this case and let me know as soon as possible.

Mr. Lasseter is now living in Calgary.

Yours faithfully,

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THE BOARD OF  
PENSION COMMISSIONERS  
FOR CANADA



IN REPLY REFER TO

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

*Ottawa*

April 9, 1930.

The Honourable R.B. Bennett, M.P.,  
Leader of the Opposition,  
House of Commons,  
OTTAWA.

No. 100920, John C. Lasseter

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo regarding the marginally noted.

This man has a scalp wound incurred on service from which there is no disability. He also has entitlement to pension for a condition of neurasthenia incurred on service but there is no disability from this condition.

His case was considered in August 1929 for pyorrhoea which was ruled to be of pre-enlistment origin not aggravated on service, and bronchitis ruled post discharge.

Mr. Lasseter was re-examined in January 1930 and the only disability found was a very slight bronchitis considered to be of post discharge origin - not pensionable.

If this man is suffering from any condition other than the above mentioned and will forward to this office a certificate from his physician giving a detailed description of the physical findings with diagnosis his case will again receive consideration.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. H. ...'.

Chairman.

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THE BOARD OF  
PENSION COMMISSIONERS  
FOR CANADA



IN REPLY REFER TO

No. BPC 14521

*Ottawa*

June 18, 1930.

The Honourable R.B. Bennett, M.P.  
House of Commons,  
OTTAWA.

No. 100920, John C. Lasseter

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I wrote you on the 9th of April with reference to this case. The letter, unfortunately, was not sent when written. The oversight was evidently due to the accumulation of files and correspondence during the sittings of the Parliamentary Committee on Pensions.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the Chairman of the Board of Pension Commissioners.

Chairman.

Enclosure

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Ottawa, Ont.,  
July 11th, 1930.

Registered.

Miss Jean McWilliam,  
313 15th Ave. E.,  
Calgary, Alta.

Dear Madam,-

Although some time has elapsed since Mr. Bennett received your letter and took the case of No. 100920 John Lasseter up with the Board of Pension Commissioners, a reply has now come in from them and in Mr. Bennett's absence, I am quoting it for you-

"This man has a scalp wound incurred on service from which there is no disability. He also has entitlement to pension for a condition of neurasthenia incurred on service but there is no disability from this condition.

His case was considered in August, 1929, for pyorrhoea which was ruled to be of pre-enlistment origin not aggravated on service, and bronchitis ruled post discharge.

Mr. Lasseter was re-examined in January, 1930, and the only disability found was a very slight bronchitis considered to be of post-discharge origin-not pensionable.

If this man be suffering from any condition other than the above mentioned and will forward to this office a certificate from his physician giving a detailed description of the physical finds with diagnosis, his case will again receive consideration".

In view of the fact that Mr. Lasseter is not able to work owing to chest infection, I would suggest that he be re-examined by his own physician and that he forward a certificate to the Secretary, Board of Pension Commissioners, Ottawa, of the finding.

If Mr. Bennett can be of any service any time, I know he will be very glad to assist.

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The Discharge Certificate which you forwarded is returned  
herewith.

Yours faithfully,

for Private Secretary.

CALGARY ASSOCIATE CLINIC

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214 SIXTH AVENUE WEST  
CALGARY, ALBERTA

August 4, 1930.

Private Secretary,  
Hon. R. B. Bennett,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: John C. Lasseter  
#100920  
1229 - 9th Avenue E.  
Calgary.

On July 11th you wrote Mrs. Jean McWilliams,  
313 - 15th Avenue East in regard to this soldier.  
For your convenience I am enclosing your letter to  
her.

As requested by the secretary of the Board  
of Pension Commissioners, I am enclosing, herewith, a  
certificate from Dr. D. S. Macnab which states  
thoroughly this man's present condition.

I shall be glad if you will take this matter  
up personally with the Board of Pension Commissioners.  
As you will note from Dr. Macnab's certificate, this  
is a very sick man and I do not think he will be able  
to do any labor for a very long time, if, indeed, at all.  
The case is urgent and if any relief is to be given to



this man and his family through the Pension Board.

It is imperative that action should be taken with the least possible delay.

Yours truly,

GDS:MK



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Ottawa, Ont.,  
August 9th, 1930.G.D. Stanley, M.D.,  
Calgary Associate Clinic,  
214 Sixth Ave. W.,  
Calgary, Alta.

Dear Sir,-

Your letter of the 4th instant, together with enclosures, reached me today and I have again taken the case of Mr. Lasseter up with the Board of Pension Commissioners and will do anything I properly can to assist him.

You may be assured that I will keep in touch with them and as soon as a reply is received, the contents will be communicated to you.

Yours faithfully,

Private Secretary.

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Ottawa, Ont.,  
August 9th, 1930.

The Secretary,  
Board of Pension Commissioners,  
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Dear Sir,-

100920 John Lasseter.

With reference to a communication received from your office a few weeks ago regarding the above noted man, the contents of which were communicated to the party concerned, I am now enclosing a statement which has been received.

Will you be good enough to again consider this case and let me have a report at your early convenience.

Yours faithfully,

Private Secretary.

313. 15<sup>th</sup> ave. E  
 Calgary Alta  
 Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 30

Mr. R. B. Bennett  
 Calgary Alta.  
 Dear Sir

I hesitate to approach you at this time knowing how busy you will be while in the City. However I have been told by Mrs Jean McWilliam that if things went in your favor I would stand a chance of a position I trust you will not consider me forward in asking your consideration in a matter of this kind but as you understand the circumstances is my reason for troubling you at this date.

The National Parks Dept. or Customs Inspector would be suitable or anything apart from office work which you would suggest will suit me.

Anything you may do for me I assure you in advance will give you no cause to regret as honesty and integrity will always be my motto.

yours truly,

W. A. McDonald.

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will go with it*



House of Commons  
Canada

Calgary, Alberta.

December 8, 1930

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Merriam:

An old friend of mine and Mr. Bennetts', Mrs. Jean MacWilliams by name, is endeavoring to be appointed as conductress of some girls being deported back to Scotland. If you can do anything to effect this, in the name of heaven get after it. She is one of the most insistent personalities in this City, and yet one with very considerable influence.

Yours faithfully,

*G. S. Stanley*

Mr. A. W. Merriam,

Private Sec'y Honourable Mr. Bennett,

Ottawa, Ontario.