

## Employees protected by law

Indeed, one letter from the National Research Council in December, 1943, read, in part: "... the situation is that all employees of the National Research Council, including your husband, are protected against occupational hazard under the workmen's compensation law. Consequently, the question to be determined in the case of your husband is whether his official duties caused his illness. Unfortunately, we have no medical evidence to this effect, and unless this can be established to the satisfaction of the workmen's compensation authorities, the council has no authority to pay from public funds any part of the cost of the medical treatment of your husband."

That was tantamount to a slap in the face for the Maynards, but it was to remain the position of the authorities for the next 35 years.

*(It was a happy day when the people from the Quebec Workman's Compensation Board arrived at the Maynard's front door with cheques totalling more than \$220,000. See the conclusion to the Maynards' story on tomorrow's Closer Look page.)*



Ken Maynard of Sydenham buoyed by PM's news

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# Compensation probe promised scientist

**SYDENHAM** — Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau has told disabled scientist Bill Maynard of Sydenham that his claim for compensation for injuries received while working on a government war experiment will be thoroughly investigated.

Mr. Maynard was injured in a laboratory explosion in 1943 while testing explosives. He has lost the use of his legs, much of his eyesight and has difficulty talking.

In a letter to the Maynards this week, Mr. Trudeau said he has asked the National Research Council and the federal Department of Labor to investigate the case.

The Maynards have been attempting to get compensation for 35 years now. It is believed that Mr. Maynard was working on a highly secret project and full details could not be given to the compensation board.

Mr. Trudeau said the utmost would be done towards establishing some type of assistance or compensation for Mr. Maynard.

Since the accident, Mr. Maynard has been supported almost entirely by his wife, Evelyn.

"If something comes out of this we will be happy, but if not, some more disappointment won't hurt us. We have been disappointed for 35 years," said Mrs. Maynard.

The prime minister's letter was in response to a letter from J. Earl McEwen,

MLA for Frontenac - Ad-dington. Mr. McEwen had asked the prime minister to take action on the Maynard case.