LeBlanc Defends Old Age Pension Platform Plank

Figures Given by Peltier and Ellender Declared Inaccurate

Figures quoted in a statement by Allen J. Ellender and Harvey Peltier, managers of the O. K. Allen campaign for governor, concerning the old-age pension advocated by Dudley J. LeBlanc, were termed "impossible and inaccurate" by Mr. LeBlanc.

Mr. Ellender and Mr. Peltier asserted in their statement that, with $15,000,000 per year to administer, Mr. LeBlanc proposed to save enough by economical management of the affairs of the state to pay $19,600,000 in old-age pensions to negroes alone, and more than $40,000,000 annually to white people.

"Government statistics will prove," Mr. LeBlanc said in reply, "that the state of New York gives an old-age pension to her good people and the cost to that state is only $20,000,000 a year. The state of New York has eight times more white people than the state of Louisiana. The state of California pensions her old people for $8,000,000 a year and that state has three times more white people than the state of Louisiana."

"The state of Massachusetts pensions her old folks for $6,000,000 yearly and there are two and one-half times more white people in Massachusetts than in Louisiana."

Mr. LeBlanc referred to the old-age pension law as "a law that is humane, necessary and inevitable." He said 17 states have enacted such a law and "the only two countries that have no old-age pension laws are India and China."