



## Dominion of Canada

### REPATRIATION COMMITTEE.

45 Rideau Street, Ottawa.

January 13th, 1919.

The Mayor or Reeve,—

Your Worship:—The urgent problems in connection with the demobilization of our army and the re-establishment of industry on a peace basis have led to the formation of the Repatriation Committee, in connection with which I am now acting as the representative of the Municipal organizations of Canada.

The urban and rural municipalities can play a great and important part in the problems of the demobilization period, in giving a "Welcome Home" to the returning soldier and his family, in helping the soldier to secure employment, and generally in assisting him to re-establish himself in civil life.

In every Municipality that has sent soldiers overseas there should be an Honorary Committee of citizens, composed of both men and women who will assume a measure of responsibility in this important work. There may possibly be such a Committee already in existence in your Municipality, if so we would like to know; if not, I would respectfully urge, on behalf of this Committee, that one should be formed at once. The functions of a "Welcome Home" Committee should be as follows:

(1) To welcome all returned soldiers and their dependents on their arrival in your locality.

(2) To receive any complaints from returned soldiers and to forward them to the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, Ottawa, for investigation.

(3) To help the returned soldiers to find employment.

(4) If at any time employment cannot be found in your locality for a returned soldier, to report particulars to the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment.

(5) If positions exist in your locality for which returned soldiers are not available, to notify the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, so that men can be sent from the nearest demobilization centre to occupy them.

(6) To co-operate with voluntary organizations.

(7) To keep a general oversight over the interests of returned soldiers and their families.

Enclosed is a postcard on which are printed seven important questions. I shall be glad if you will be kind enough to have this card filled out and returned at your earliest convenience. I need not say that the Repatriation Committee will be only too glad to answer any inquiries which you may make with regard to those problems which come within its scope. All communications can be sent post free.

I am, Your Worship,

Yours sincerely,

HARRY BRAGG,

Municipal Representative.