

### After-War Adjustment.

To appreciate fully the position which will face Canada at the end of the war, it should be realized that possibly 25 per cent. of our entire able-bodied male population will then be seeking anew their places in industrial activities. To whom will they look for guidance if not to the state which they have been defending? What authority in the state will then be so informed as to supply the necessary information regarding available markets for Canadian products and to guide the forces both of labor and capital seeking employment?

Some of the steps which might be taken in advance are:—

Information, so far as can be obtained now, as to the occupational numbers of those who will then seek employment.

Information as to the age, sex, and previous occupation of those whose present employment will cease with the declaration of peace.

Information as to the factory capacity of the different trades in Canada for which employment should be found.

Analysis of imports to ascertain what commodities now imported may be made, or satisfactory substitutes provided, in Canada. In this connection, new protective duties may find justification.

New trade treaties made with countries which desire to exchange commodities. This has special reference to Australia, New Zealand, etc., which will be in a similar economic position to Canada; that is, imports will ultimately be determined largely by the extent of their assured exports.

Immigration is only a detail of the general problem. Whatever under ordinary circumstances and in every year, should be done for immigrants must then be done for all who once again seek employment.

Many opinions have been expressed as to the economic struggle which will be world-wide following the war. In some quarters the gravity of the developing situation may be over-estimated, but it is the part of wisdom simply as a matter of insurance against the unknown to leave nothing undone which will strengthen our economic position. We should be less inclined to partisanship when considering such problems. We shall also have to place less reliance in our good fortune and more upon our ability to plan wisely and with greater comprehensiveness than ever before.