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CANADA TO CARE FOR HER BRAVE SOLDIERS AS THEY COME HOME

LOUGHEED COMMISSION
Government to Give Consideration to Every Phase

Two Special Classes

Care for soldiers back from the performance of their duty at the front is not the least of the war obligations of Canada. The most that Canadians can do for those who have risked their lives in the trenches is not too much. The Dominion Government knows this, and is leaving nothing undone in providing for the future welfare of the men who come back.

A scheme which will be Dominion wide is now being worked out for the benefit of returned soldiers, to provide for those who are disabled, to put new vocations within the grasp of such men as are unable to follow their former callings, and to provide employment for all.

Months ago the establishment of a number of convalescent homes was arranged for by the government. These homes are now in operation in all the military districts. They afford facilities for the complete restoration of men who have been wounded at the front and discharged from the various military hospitals. In these homes there is ample accommodation for all the men requiring the rest and care of a convalescent home.

Scope of Commission
These homes were placed some time ago under the direction of a Commission, of which the Hon. Senator Lougheed is president. Senator Lougheed was for a time acting Minister of Militia, and the executive ability displayed by him in that office is a guarantee of the manner in which the funds for the care of wounded soldiers will be administered.

The scope of the Lougheed commission was enlarged recently by Order in Council. It was made to include the question of employment. It now has authority to deal with the question of employment for members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force on their return to Canada, to co-operate with the provincial governments and others for the purpose of providing employment as may be deemed necessary.

The authority granted under this new order in council is being acted upon energetically. A conference with representatives of the several provincial governments was held recently, when the whole question was considered in all its bearings and a concrete scheme proposed.

One in Each Province
With the adoption of this scheme there will be established a commission in each province to deal with conditions in that province, and in co-operation with the central commission established by the Dominion, the Lougheed Commission. These local commissions will be charged with providing suitable employment and the inauguration of a system of vocational education. On each of these commissions there would be a member of the provincial government, a manufacturer, a commercial man, a laborer and an expert agriculturalist.

In order to place these commissions in the closest possible touch with the conditions which they are designed to meet, local committees would be established in the various centres of population, and these committees would provide for the registration of men requiring employment, would keep in touch with the employers of labor and ascertain what opportunities for employment existed, and would look after the publicity work necessary to the operation of the scheme. The Canadian Manufacturers' Association would be asked to provide as many positions as possible for soldiers back from the front.

Return to the Land
Another branch of the scheme looks to the settlement of returned soldiers on the land, not only men who are discharging were accustomed to farming, but men also who have developed a fondness for outdoor life and, perhaps, whose physical condition calls for it. In this connection the question of community farming will arise, the probability being that a system of community farming, with expert instructors at work in each community, would produce the best results.

It is suggested also that the provinces might encourage systems of credit which would enable men to go on the land, who otherwise would be without the capital necessary. Another suggestion is that the commutation of pensions, through insurance companies, might be a desirable means of providing required capital.

In the scheme which is being worked out, provision is made for all those men who come back from the front and whose former employment is not available to them, in other words, whose positions have not been kept for them.
The man who returns fit, at the close of the war, will be given employment if possible at his old vocation. The man who needs convalescent treatment will have that treatment provided before employment is found for him. The man who has been so injured as to incapacitate him for his old work will be taught a new trade for which he is still physically fit. The man who is permanently disabled and incapacitated for all work, will be cared for by the state.

To Supplement Pensions
It is proposed that the pensions provided by the Dominion shall be supplemented out of the Disabling Fund administered by the Lougheed Commission, and opportunity provided for the necessary instruction in new trades. The provinces are to be asked to organize professional or volunteer teachers to train the soldiers for work in callings to which owing to their physical condition they must turn, and to which they have been unaccustomed. Men who have been partially disabled would require and would be given expert training.

One of the suggestions is that technical schools and colleges be used by the insurance society of Cleveland will establish a school for training young insurance men.

the provinces in the training of soldiers for new callings, and that in centres where these facilities are lacking, classes be established and the necessary equipment provided in some of the public buildings in such centres. It is proposed also that the provincial governments provide tuition in agriculture, the cost of which would be paid out of the Disabling Fund, the local administration of this fund being placed in the hands of the provincial commissions.

There are, of course, two classes of returned soldiers, for whom special provision must be made. These are the men who have become permanently disabled, through blindness or otherwise, for such men the state must care. These men have made the greatest sacrifices, and the state rests under a heavy obligation to them. The Dominion Government has established and equipped specially for them, Canada already has a number of such institutions whose work is of a high order and of great value. For those otherwise able-bodied it is intended to establish soldiers' homes where they will be made as comfortable as possible.

These are the chief features in a comprehensive scheme which is now being worked out under the direction of Senator Lougheed, in consultation with the provincial authorities. Much has been done already. More will be accomplished as time goes on, and the system proposed will be given sufficient elasticity to allow its adaptation to all conditions arising.

WAR EXPENDITURE OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT

In addition to meeting the ordinary and capital expenditure of the Dominion for the past two months the Finance Department has financed the government's own war expenditure in Canada. It has also been able to make heavy advances on account of the Imperial Treasury to finance temporarily the heavy expenditures of the Shell Committee in paying for shells and other munitions made in Canada. On its latter account alone the Department has advanced over twenty million dollars during the past six weeks. The effect of this financing has been to assist in stabilizing the sterling exchange situation as the money was furnished here without withdrawal by the Dominion of its London balances. All the advances on behalf of the Imperial Treasury are of a temporary character and promptly repaid from time to time.

ALL WILL HAVE EQUAL CHANCE SAYS MINISTER

No "Ground Floor" if Loan is Floated in Canada

Since his announcement of a Canadian patriotic War Loan the Minister of Finance has received requests to participate in the underwriting or as frequently expressed in the requests, to be "allowed to get in on the ground floor." To all these communications the Minister has replied that it is not his intention to have the issue underwritten and that there will be no "ground floor" terms. Everybody, rich and poor alike, will be placed upon precisely the same footing in subscribing to the loan.

MILITARY HOSPITALS' COMMISSION MEETS

Creation of Provincial Committees Approved

The government is dealing efficiently, vigorously and rapidly with the question of looking after and providing work for disabled and invalided soldiers who are returning from the front. The government has for a long time been giving serious study to this problem, as it has been realized that Canada must well provide for her heroes who have made sacrifices for the Empire. Canada's pensions are the largest of any country in the world, but it has been realized that is not sufficient. Means must be found to provide employment for disabled and invalided men and men who are unable to resume their old vocations must be given an opportunity to learn new means of livelihood. The Military Hospitals' Commission of which Senator Lougheed is chairman, was asked to go into the whole question and devise a solution. A great deal of thought and attention has been given to the subject and a comprehensive scheme devised, for was decided to call a conference with the provincial governments in order that there might be co-operation and co-ordination in the work.

Conference Held

This conference called by Sir Robert Gordon was held last week when a general plan was submitted which embodied the creation of provincial committees on commissions which would act in co-operation with the Military Hospitals' Commission; the appointment of civic or local committees under the jurisdiction of the provincial committees and the holding in the capitals of the provinces of conferences with mayors and others interested in the subject of the provision of employment for returned soldiers. Arrangements were outlined which would link up the soldiers the minute they set foot on Canadian soil with the organizations in the locality from which they came.

This conference approved the principle of forming provincial committees. An agreement was reached as to the division of the expenditure. The cost incurred in finding employment for disabled soldiers will be borne by the provinces, while the Hospital Commission will assume the responsibility of taking care of and providing for those who are incapacitated or who would require special training before being able to undertake any employment.

It was agreed that the educational and technical institutions of the provinces should be placed at the disposal of the commission for the education of soldiers who have been disabled and must learn a new trade. The result of the conference will mean that the provinces will now co-operate with the Dominion in looking after Canada's returned heroes.

In the week ending October 23rd there were 1,296 deaths recorded in the city of New York.

An elderly man who applied to the Willesten Bench the other day for a separation from his wife, said she was in the habit of throwing knives at him. "I stood it as a young man," he said, "but now it is beginning to get on my nerves, for I can't dodge them!"

A brigade of women firemen has just been formed at Norwich. It was organized to take the place of the men's brigade, which was disbanded because the members had all gone to the war. The new brigade is a smart and efficient organization.

Ever recruiting officer in the Old Country is now in possession of the "pink forms" affecting his particular district. These are the forms on which the name of every male of

military age registered under the National Register Act has been entered. They have been supplied to recruiting officers in order that every eligible man may be personally canvassed. The arrangements for this canvass have been completed and the recruiters are awaiting for the signal from headquarters to begin the new system.

The Saturday dinner of meat and vegetables for workhouse inmates at Carmarthen is to be abolished, by order of the guardian, and a meal of coffee and bread and cheese substituted in its stead. It was agreed that the cheese should be Welsh cheese, the medical officer having reported that it was more nutritious than American

cheese. A member added that it had more substance. Welsh, that is local skim milk cheese, sells on Carmarthen market at seven to eight cents per pound.

Eighteen negro prisoners punched a hole in the wall of Knox county jail and most are free still.

A copy of an order freeing a slave, signed by Lincoln, was sold at a New York auction for \$515.

Mrs. Bernice Bernauer of Kansas City, is being sued for divorce by her sixth husband. She is young.

Earle Sterling, 18, shot and killed his employer, John Essen, Dumont, N. J., because he was a tyrant.

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