

6. Due regard has been taken of the cost of the plan, and the estimates shown on the three last pages are considered reasonably accurate.

7. This plan is confined to the spirit of constructive Re-establishment in accordance with the needs of the situation as it actually exists, and the duty of bringing it to the attention of the Government through this committee is now being fulfilled. It is anticipated, therefore, that in the carrying out of the measure herein proposed the Government will secure the means of defraying its cost in the same capable manner that other great issues have been successfully met in the past.

The Great War Veterans' Association of Canada, Inc.
Dominion Convention, Vancouver, B. C.,
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RESOLUTION NO. 3.

Whereas, it is due to the members of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, and imperative in the national interest, that effective means should be promptly found for the Re-establishment of the soldier and his assimilation into the civil life of the country.

And whereas, it is essential that such Re-establishment should be accomplished in such manner as to place the soldier as nearly as possible on an equal footing with those whose business or professional career or other earning power has not been interrupted by military service; and so that he may be adequately rehabilitated in civil life and the better enabled to bear his share of the immense burden of taxation which the war has placed upon the country.

And whereas, it is desirable that such Re-establishment should be accomplished with a minimum of administrative cost, so that the soldier may receive the maximum of benefit from the money expended and the burden to the country may not be unduly increased.

And whereas, in view of the serious unemployment problem that faces the country in the immediate future, to accomplish these objects in a manner equitable to every individual citizen under the varying conditions of this vast Dominion, the most satisfactory system is one of gratuity payments;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada, in annual convention assembled, this second day of July, 1919, urge upon the Government of Canada the necessity of the immediate adoption of a system of bonus payments as the most satisfactory and effective means of re-establishing the soldiers;

And be it further resolved, that after careful thought and full consideration, we are of opinion that the granting of such bonus upon an equality basis be limited only by the country's ability to pay, so as to enable the beneficiary to become efficiently established with security and happiness. The classification of beneficiaries, the method of distribution, and administration to be agreed and decided upon by a joint Parliamentary and G. W. V. A. Commission.

And that this bonus should be in addition to any gratuity or pension for disability resulting from service, and that in the case of members of the Expeditionary Forces whose death occurred whilst in the service or after discharge therefrom, such bonus shall be paid to their dependents.

All of the benefits contained in this resolution shall apply to those resident in Canada prior to the 4th of August, 1914, who served in the Imperial Forces, and are now or may be at any future date domiciled in Canada.