

Inspection of railways and other equipment now are more thoroughly made and the law in respect to safety devices is being more rigorously enforced, the policy of the present Government in this respect being that safety shall be the first consideration.

The extension of the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act so as to furnish the same protection to Government railway employees which private employers and corporations are compelled to provide for their employees, by law, will be found to be very beneficial.

SOLDIERS

The best and indeed the only satisfactory way of dealing with the rehabilitation of returned soldiers into civil life, will only be accomplished by the hearty co-operation of the Dominion and the several Provinces. To assist in this way was one of the chief matters undertaken by Hon. Mr. Oliver when at Ottawa.

The effort of the Opposition in the local House, led by W. J. Bowser, to make the returned soldiers themselves, as well as their problems, a political football, is injurious to the soldiers themselves and the country as a whole and might lead some to believe that the Government of British Columbia is, if not openly antagonistic, at least lacking in sympathy towards these men. This conclusion is the exact opposite of the truth.

We have in the Province a Provincial Returned Soldiers' Commission, to which has been appropriated \$15,000 per year for the purpose of the Commission.

This Commission has 75 local branches, located in different parts of the Province. Four of these, at Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo and New Westminster, each have a Secretary, whose salary is paid by the Provincial Government.

The Secretary in the case of Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster, is a returned soldier; so, too, is the Secretary of the Central organization, with headquarters in the Parliament Buildings.