

CANADA AND HER SOLDIERS.

The Government of Canada is earnestly desirous that the demobilisation of the Canadian armed forces shall take place as early and as quickly as the limiting conditions will permit.

The first limiting condition to be mentioned is the fact that the Allied nations and the United States are still in a state of war with the enemy countries. Although an armistice has been arranged, and it is not expected that fighting will be resumed, that does not in itself terminate the war; and until peace has been concluded the armies must be kept strong enough to deal with any possible situation. Otherwise we might lose the full fruits of victory.

The second limiting condition to be mentioned is the availability of shipping—millions of tons have been sunk by submarines—and the capacity of the Canadian Railways from the winter ports of Canada. That has been estimated for the present at 5,000 persons per week.

The Government is also earnestly desirous that the armed forces of Canada shall pass from a war to a peace footing in such a way that the return of the soldiers to civil occupations may be accomplished in a manner which will give the largest measure of satisfaction to individual soldiers, and at the same time