

for those with service on a belligerent front ; with lesser amounts for those with service in England and Canada only. There is also a minimum provision of \$1,000 for those men, who joined up voluntarily early in the War, and who were returned to Canada and discharged for disabilities due to wounds, **with probably less than one year's service.** In fixing a minimum for such men, it should be remembered that their pensions at that time were miserably inadequate, and it is a simple matter of justice that a minimum amount of compensation should be stipulated in such cases.

It should be emphasized that the recognition of the principle, and the granting of **compensation** to ex-members of the C.E.F. by the Government, based on the average loss in the purchasing power of the dollar, during the period of the War, **will enable Veterans to largely re-establish themselves.** Furthermore, this is not a question of **need of re-establishment**, it is a matter of right ; the State has yet to fulfil its obligation to ex-service men, in the matter of Pay and Allowances, and the manner or method of using such monies, which it is claimed should be paid to ex-members of the C.E.F., is **not so much the concern of the State, as it is the duty of the State to pay the money or compensation.** There is not the slightest doubt but that the uses to which the ex-member of the C.E.F. would apply the proposed monies, **would result in tremendous industrial activity** and would open up an era of prosperity in Canada, spreading from coast to coast, to the general benefit of all citizens.

Frequent use has been made of the phrase "fundamental principles," also that of "Canada first," by those who either openly or covertly profess unctuous disapproval of the claim of the ex-member of the C.E.F. for **compensation**, but with due respect for the opinions of members of the organization who may disapprove of this argument, we would point out that the "fundamental principles" which have been considered sufficient to secure, from Parliament, various financial grants to Civil Servants, Members of Parliament, and Railway Companies, are the same "fundamental principles" upon which we have endeavoured to construct our case. Furthermore, to those admirable gentlemen, who ask us to place **Canada first** as a principle, we may indeed point out and insist that **those who desire to place Canada on the highest pedestal of honor**, must see to it that Canada discharges her obligations **in full** to her greatest creditors—**her Ex-Soldiers.**

In conclusion, let us take the greatest care that **we have a just cause** ; then let us **fearlessly prove it to the public at large.** Our duty will then have been done ; we shall be acting in accordance with our Constitution, and we can rest assured