

employees overseas, and to do so by exhibiting a flag similar to the service flag, thereby initiating a kindly competition amongst themselves in the repatriation of returned men. This suggestion is here called to the attention of the readers and their co-operation in pushing this suggestion is asked for by the returned men. The United States has adopted the idea. Let us not be behind them.

A Canadian newspaper correspondent recently said to me: "The returned men have too big an idea of themselves. They think they are heroes and that because they fought for the country, it is theirs to do what they like with. The Canadian people won't stand for it."

There are returned men who have such an idea, the very ignorant and the very selfish ones. But that man did bitter injustice to the great number of returned men who are inspired only by the highest forms of patriotism in their campaign for their comrades and for their country. There are many returned men who take not the slightest credit in having been overseas, who realize that their going and another man's staying was often merely the accident of circumstance, men who are either removed from want, or else are too independent to accept special consideration either from an employer or a government, men who want nothing for themselves. But they see many of their comrades who are entitled to better treatment than they are getting, and who need it and they realize that until such neglect is remedied and even obviated, the whole spiritual and material life of Canada will suffer. They are Canadian first and returned soldiers afterwards.

Those returned men who are impelled by this thought ask for the co-operation of all other men, the realization that the repatriation of soldiers is up to individuals as well as to governments. The latter seems at last, after years of lethargy, to be awake to the problem, but it cannot do it alone. It needs your help and mine. It is our duty as citizens of Canada to give this help, each in his own way, as his own circumstances permit and his own conscience dictates.

We do not ask you to create a favoured class, but we ask for your patience and for your sympathetic understanding so that you will realize that there are other wounds than those of the body, that there are those invisible wounds of the soul which cripple a man's efficiency