

provision of artificial appliances, professional reëducation, provision of pension, assistance to employment, advancement of capital, settlement upon the land, etc. All of these matters have been alluded to in preceding paragraphs.

There remains one matter so far undiscussed: that is the recognition, by soldiers and public alike, of the Military Hospitals Commission, the Provincial Commissions, and the Board of Pension Commissioners, as bodies entrusted with the duty of watching over the interests of discharged soldiers. It is desirable that every Canadian should realize that these bodies are trustees appointed to care for returned men. They serve returned soldiers and sailors. It is their duty and aim to voice the needs and to watch over the interests of returned men with all of the emphasis that their responsibilities enable them to give. The problem of securing the proper return of discharged and disabled men to civilian life will be made less difficult if a knowledge of the duties of these bodies and of the measures by which disabled men are cared for become general. There cannot be a proper frame of mind and a right understanding of their position among returning men unless they and the general public are familiar with the measures by which the personal and social rehabilitation of disabled soldiers is secured; there must be a general appreciation among Canadians, not only of that which Canada owes her disabled soldiers, but of that which a disabled soldier, still a citizen, continues to owe to his country.

In Canada, the medical profession can perform a work of great public value by constantly endeavouring to spread a proper understanding of these matters. Soldiers and civilians alike should realize that it is not only to the advantage of disabled men to accept all that treatment and training can do for them; but that it is their duty to do so. Canada owes them rehabilitation and reinstatement in civilian life; but they, like every Canadian, owe their country a willingness and an endeavour to be self-supporting to the extent of the capacity that remains to them.

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