

over nearly two hundred hospitals in the United Kingdom. In 46 hospitals in London alone, and 21 nursing homes, Canadian sick and wounded lie, and in 25 hospitals in Manchester, 8 in Bristol, 5 in Edinburgh, 4 in Glasgow, 4 in Dublin and others. As many of the more seriously wounded recover to convalescence, they will return to Canada, and the new commission will be charged with the duty of seeing that none of them is unprovided with proper care. This is one of the sacred obligations of a country to its brave defenders, and the personnel of the new commission, of which the president is Senator Lougheed, assures that its task will be well done.

The commission will be composed of Hon. Senator Lougheed, K.C., leader of the Government in the Senate and Acting Minister of Militia in the absence of General Sam Hughes. The other members of the commission are: Col. Sir H. M. Pellatt, K.C.V.O., Toronto; Hon. Col. Sir Rodolphe Forget, M.P., Montreal; Smeaton White, of *The Gazette*, Montreal; John S. McLennan, of Sydney, N.S.; Lieut.-Col. Thomas Walker, M.D., of St. John; Frederick W. Avery, of Ottawa; Col. C. W. Rowley, of Winnipeg; J. H. S. Watson, of Victoria, B.C.; the Director-General of Medical Services, Canadian Militia, Ottawa, and Clarence Smith, of Montreal.

One of the main duties of the commission will be to arrange for suitable hospital accommodation for all the wounded and sick Canadian soldiers who may return to this country for treatment. By this means their restoration to health will be greatly enhanced and their return to duty hastened, while the cost to the country will be reduced.

Among the powers vested in the commission are: To select medical and nursing staffs and to appoint such other personnel as may be needed for the management of hospitals and homes, provided that a general schedule of pay and allowances be submitted for approval by the Governor-in-Council; to call to the aid of any department of Federal administration in particular to use the machinery of the Militia Department, to draw on that Department for supplies, stores and equipment, and to utilize the services of divisional and district staffs; to incur, control and authorize expenditure connected with the treatment and care of the sick and wounded as well as with the organization, administration and maintenance of hospitals and homes.

All expenditures incurred or authorized by the commission will be made a charge against the war appropriation vote, or when that vote ceases to be operative, against some other special fund set aside by Parliament. This commission through its president will have direct access to the Governor-General.