

This, however, is only one of the features of the largest general issue, and, if I may say it, is in some respects the least of the problems, because a man physically fit and possessing all his facilities, need not starve if he has the energy to hustle for himself. The vital features of the larger issue are to provide pensions for those who have come back disabled and to supply such facilities for the restoration to health of those who need that, and for vocational re-education to those who are unfitted for continuing their former employment as will enable them to become self-supporting again.

To carry out the schemes, even in a small way, which Canada has undertaken, and which it may be necessary for us to grapple with to some extent, at any rate, will involve substantial outlays of money for a few years, but any money we may decide to employ for these purposes will, in my opinion, be money well spent. In other words, it is much better to devote a hundred dollars to curative measures for a man suffering from tuberculosis which will save his life and make him a wage-earner again, than it is to let him die, and then have to pension his wife for maybe fifty years and his family until the children are 16 or 17; and, in the same way, it is a much better policy to train a man for a new occupation and thereby make him a productive citizen and enable him to bring up his family properly, than to leave him with an inadequate pension and doom his offspring to the meaner walks of life, and an abandonment of all the legitimate ambitions which they might cherish.

Before closing I would avail of the opportunity to express my

thanks to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Premier Borden and the members of the Canadian Government, Sir James Lougheed and the members and officials of the Hospital Commission, Colonel Dunbar and the staff of the Pensions Bureau, and all the other gentlemen, both of the Federal service at Ottawa and the Provincial services in the Provinces, who aided me in my work; as well as to Commissioner Salzgaber and the staff of the Pension Bureau at Washington for the assistance afforded me in conducting my inquiries there. The result of these I now submit to this Association, with apologies for the imperfections of the story I have told, but with the confidence that it will receive favorable consideration at your hands, and that the Association will decide to do its best for those who have risked life and limb and all that man prizes in the endeavor to maintain the Colony's part in this struggle, and assist in however small a degree in supporting the Allied nations in the task to which they have dedicated themselves, namely, the freedom of the world from militaristic rule, and the enthronement of the idea of the rights of all nations to live their life according to their lights.

VOTE OF THANKS

His Excellency the Governor having moved a vote of thanks to Mr. McGrath for his address, which was carried by acclamation, then announced that in accordance with the decision of the Association at the previous meeting, he had drafted a memorandum constituting a Pensions and Disabilities Board, which he now submitted to the meeting, and which was adopted without discussion. Its terms are as follows:

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