



# War to Peace



## The Story of Repatriation

### The Programme of the Government Regarding Returned Soldiers and the Change to Peace Conditions.

JUST as Canada planned in war, so must it plan and organize for peace. The Government has therefore formed a Committee of the Cabinet, to deal with the following four problems now facing the country.

- (1) Bringing the soldiers home,
- (2) Helping those who have suffered overseas to overcome their handicaps.
- (3) Having ready for every soldier and war-worker an opportunity for employment.
- (4) Ensuring proper living and working conditions.

Every Canadian should know what plans the Government has developed to help solve these problems

An organization of experts has been formed to help in the work of securing the closest co-operation of all the departments of the Government and of all the other agencies that may come into contact with the work of repatriation.

#### Bringing the Soldier Home

As soon as the situation permits, our soldiers will be brought home. The fighting corps in France will be returned as units, each unit composed, as nearly as possible, of men from the same locality. The remainder of the Canadian troops overseas will be demobilized in standard drafts of 500 men. Canada has been divided into 22 dispersal areas.

These drafts will be made up of men wishing to go to the same dispersal area.

Overseas there are also 50,000 dependents. These women and children will be brought to Canada at the public expense.

Thorough plans have been made to carry out this work of repatriation as speedily and efficiently as transportation facilities will allow.

Before the soldier arrives, he will be informed just what the country is prepared to do for him.

#### Getting Employment

To help both soldier and war worker secure quickly such employment as is available, a chain of Employment Offices is being established from coast to coast with the co-operation of the Provincial Governments.

The Government is also helping to create additional opportunities for employment through (1) Public Works, (2) Railways and Canals, (3) Export Trade Com-

mission, (4) Shipbuilding, (5) The Loan of \$25,000,000 for building workmen's homes, (6) Helping soldiers become farmers by providing land, loans and agricultural training.

To help tide the soldier over the period between the time when he is discharged and the time when he is established in a position, the Government is granting a War Service Gratuity—on a scale more generous than that given by any other nation. This is in addition to any back pay, clothing allowance, etc., to which a soldier may be entitled.

#### The Disabled Soldier

The soldier who has suffered handicap through his service will be helped in two ways. (1) A pension will be granted to him in proportion to his handicap. (2) If he is so injured that he cannot follow his previous occupation, he will be "Retrained" for a new trade or vocation. While training, he will receive adequate pay and allowance.

At the same time, the Government is to provide free medical treatment, dental treatment, artificial limbs, surgical appliances, etc., where the need for such is due to a soldier's war service.

#### Public Effort

Voluntary organizations, Municipalities, Educational Institutions—almost all agencies that touch on the social and economic welfare of the nation—have been enlisted by the Repatriation Committee to help in welcoming our soldiers home, in creating an atmosphere of contentment, in bringing Canada forward to a peace basis with all speed.

The story of Repatriation has been written in more detailed form—in simple, interesting language. Every Canadian should read it. Write to this Committee at Ottawa for booklet.

**The Repatriation Committee**

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