

Canada's Policy for Returning Soldiers.

INCREASED OPENINGS FOR EMPLOYMENT.

The people of Canada have strongly sustained the efforts of the Government to obtain the large sums of money necessary to meet the expenditures involved in carrying on the war. They have subscribed to domestic loans as follows:—

1. 1915/1925, 5% ...	\$ 97,000,000	24,862
2. 1916/1931, 5% ...	\$ 97,000,000	34,526
3. 1917/1937, 5% ...	\$ 142,000,000	41,000
4. 1917/1937 (Victory Loan), 5½%	\$398,000,000	820,035
5. 1918 (2nd Victory Loan), 5½%	\$676,000,000*	—

* This was the amount subscribed; the other figures represent the amount subscribed and allotted.

The following are the most important undertakings to which the Dominion Government has engaged itself, having in mind the necessity and desirability of doing all that can be done to help to provide increased openings for satisfactory and profitable employment for returned soldiers. These are to be regarded as supplementary to the opportunities of employment which already exist in Canada.

A credit of \$25,000,000 has been voted by the Dominion Government to facilitate, in conjunction with the Provincial Governments, the building of houses for workers in various parts of the Dominion.

Instructions have been given to the Dominion National Railways to bring their roadbeds into excellent condition as far as practicable. It is estimated that that will cause an expenditure of several millions of dollars.

The Government has also issued instructions to the National Government Railways to issue orders for new rolling stock. Very little of such stock has been purchased in Canada during the war period. The Government has further communicated with the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Grand Trunk Railway asking them to do all that is practicable in the same direction.

There is a probability that the Welland Canal contract will be carried out. If so, it is expected that this will cause the employment of several thousand men.

Halifax terminals: Work is now being carried on and will be carried on continuously until the completion of these terminals.

Toronto Water Front: It is understood that arrangements have been made for a large expenditure on the Toronto water front.

Public Works: As very little building work has been done during the past four years, considerable expenditures will be necessary in erecting and maintaining public buildings in Canada. There are several large public works in contemplation.

A credit of from forty to fifty millions of dollars has been allocated by the Government to be spent in ship building. This expenditure affects eastern ports, Great Lakes ports and British Columbia.

Highways: It has been suggested to the Provincial Premiers that highway construction might be inaugurated by them, and that if found necessary Dominion Government assistance should be given in this respect.

It is proposed to provide credits to enable governments of allied countries in Europe whose buildings, railways, bridges and land have been destroyed or devastated to purchase reconstruction material in Canada. It is expected that this will lead to a large increase of employment. To assist in procuring as large a share as practicable of this reconstruction and restitution business for Canada, a Canadian Trade Mission has been appointed and has begun its activities in Europe.

Following up the work of the Scientific Industrial Research Council, an Industrial Research Branch has been added to the Department of Trade and Commerce. Much is expected from its work towards discovering new processes and methods, and in improving the organisation of productive business so as to provide more employment and make it more profitable.

Provincial and Municipal Governments have been asked to inaugurate and carry out such expenditures as are desirable and practicable.

45,000 A MONTH.

The system of repatriating an army such as the Canadian Expeditionary Force is beset with many difficulties, but 45,000 men have already been embarked for home, and the plans provided for the Imperial Authorities to transport Canadian troops from France to England daily in such numbers that 30,000 men will be re-embarked from England to Canada during each of the months of February, March and April.

Before the end of April the transport from France will be so speeded up that 40,000 men should sail from England to Canada in May, when the St. Lawrence will be open for navigation, while during the Summer months the number will be increased to 45,000 per month.

It should be understood that apart from the fact that a short stay in England will enable returning men of the Canadian Corps to arrange for the repatriation of their families, and men with relatives and friends to visit them, the brief sojourn is necessary to reorganize the units in such a fashion as will enable them to proceed as far as possible intact to their dispersal centres in Canada.

SPORTING EVENTS.

The best boxers and wrestlers from the 2nd Canadian Division went down to Neuenhar on the Rhine recently to meet selected opponents from the 42nd American Rainbow Division, in the summer theatre there. The Americans were easy winners in all the half dozen wrestling bouts and five out of six boxing contests. Our boys were outclassed in every way, except once.

The feature boxing bout of the evening was between Gunner Horskevitch of the 5th Battery C.F.A., and Gunner McCarthy of the 151st Battalion U.S.F.A., formerly with the "Princess Pats." The American gunner won a close decision on points. Both men have fought several times in the ring in Canada.

Private Swabrock, 20th Canadian Infantry Battalion, won the only bout for the visitors over Private Dowie, of the American Engineers. Dowie is a Mexican Indian, and he made wild rushes at Swabrock, but in the 4th round he was fought to a standstill.

The rear guard of the last Canadian Division on the Rhine will pull out for Belgium in a few days. There are comparatively few Canadians in the occupied territory now.

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