

G. W. V. A. Soldiers Civil Re-establishment Scheme as Submitted to the Dominion Government October 1919

THE SECRETARIES OF ALL BRANCHES OF THE GREAT WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION:

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I beg to forward herewith, for your information, copy of the summary of evidence before the Parliamentary Committee on Re-establishment and a copy of the Plan of Re-establishment as prepared and

submitted by Comrades Waistell, Bowker and Wilson.

The enclosed plan was prepared under authority of the resolution adopted by the last Annual Dominion Convention, and was advanced in the spirit of that mandate. It is designed to embrace in comprehensive fashion the needs of all comrades and the dependents of those who have fallen, with the hope of affording a concrete basis of discussion in the solution of a vexatious problem. It purposes the satisfactory reinstatement of returned men in a manner calculated to develop Canada's resources and increase national production.

During the Parliamentary Enquiry, which has just closed, every effort was made to define the limitations of the present re-establishment measures and reveal further needs not provided for. All Government witnesses were closely cross-examined and rebuttal evidence furnished through our own witnesses. At the conclusion of the enquiry, the Honorable J. A. Calder, chairman of the committee, admitted the necessity and value of such an investigation; and complimented the G. W. V. A. upon the energetic measures taken to disclose the requirements of the situation.

Our case rests with the members of the House of Commons. It is expected that the recommendation of the committee will be tabled on or about the 16th instant. Every possible method should be employed to impress upon the responsible representatives of the people the necessity of substantial remedial measures along the lines suggested.

I am assured that a complete report of the proceedings will be available for distribution to all branches at an early date.

With fraternal regards to all comrades, I am, Yours faithfully.

C. G. MacNEIL,
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Dominion Secretary-Treasurer,
G. W. V. A. of Canada.