



Dominion of Canada

REPATRIATION COMMITTEE.

45 Rideau Street, Ottawa,

February 17th, 1919.

His Worship, the Mayor or Reeve:

Your Worship: One important factor in securing the successful return of the soldier to civil life is the providing of suitable employment for him. In this the Municipality can aid very directly.

Municipal public works were largely abandoned during the war, and the need for them in many Municipalities has grown considerably. Such public works as are required in the public interest present an opportunity for the absorption of surplus labour that is of real value to the State, and we are sure that this question is receiving your earnest consideration. It may be that your Municipality is in need of additional public works, and that you contemplate undertaking them this year, either in the form of new works or the extension of existing ones. It may also be that the works you have in view will provide employment for more men than you have locally available. We are anxious to ascertain the public works which are contemplated in the Municipalities of Canada, and the number of men who may thus find suitable employment.

Enclosed you will find a brief series of questions bearing directly on the matter.

Can you arrange to purchase material and machinery at an early date, as this will furnish employment during the winter and early spring, when employment is most needed?

I shall be greatly obliged if you will be good enough to have these answered by the proper officials and then returned to this office at your earliest convenience.

Replies to this letter are carried post free.

Yours faithfully,

On behalf of the Advisory Committee of the U. C. M.

HARRY BRAGG,
Municipal Representative.