

remuneration or more regular work among wage-earners, the employ-
ment of additional members of the family, and in some instances
through the receipt of state allowances for those now serving with
the armed forces.

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On the other hand, the war has brought social problems
of increasing magnitude and impact, necessitating study and effort
to meet on a correspondingly broad scale. Problems of personal dis-
tress have been heightened by the mounting numbers of war veterans-
ments, and the family structure has been altered in many instances
through enrollment of its members in the fighting services or in the
industrial army of the nation, frequently involving absence from
the home during extended periods.

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Extensive research into the basic problems contained
under existing social insurance provisions in Canada has been under-
taken, both by governmental and private agencies, with a view to
the lessons that may be sought for future action, and already
there exists a considerable measure of wartime enactment. Within
this latter field may be cited the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940,
which provides for compulsory contributions among those employed
in several specified insurable occupations, their employers, and
the public authority, with administrative costs borne by the
federal government, and corresponding benefits during periods of
enforced idleness; and the Physical Fitness Bill, 1943, which
provides for co-operative action in the subsidizing of the physical
health of Canadians, with governmental subsidies on the part of
both federal and provincial authorities extended to agencies as-
sociated with the program.

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Two other suggested programs, both in the form of sub-
missions before a special committee of the Federal House of
Commons studying problems of social security within the nation,
may also be cited for their relative importance. The March
Report, 1943, is a comprehensive survey detailing existing
statutory provisions, together with suggested methods and