

of that system is that it possesses branches throughout the country which are closely in touch with one another; these branches advance transportation to men who are travelling towards employment.

Soldiers who are entering upon civilian life will often require assistance in order that they may be established, ready for work, in a workshop or on a farm. The artisan will require tools, material, and money to secure his subsistence until his business is established; similarly, the farmer will need help in purchasing live stock, tools and seed before he can commence to live by his land. The French, with admirable foresight, have made arrangements by which men undergoing reëducation are enabled to earn money so that they may have a small capital when they leave the centres of reëducation. Proposals have also been made to create a special bank for the purpose of providing financial assistance to soldiers who will require it on their re-entrance to civilian life.

France has made arrangements by which the cost of accident and life insurance and of similar services, where price depends upon normal probability, will not be increased to disabled soldiers. It is necessary that some such arrangement should be made, since employers will hesitate to engage partly disabled men who, by reason of their incapacity, are more liable to accident, and for the same reason will suffer more severely from a given injury than would a man who was sound. An excellent illustration is supplied by the case of a man who has lost an eye. A one-eyed man is more exposed to accidents than one who has two eyes, and if a one-eyed man loses the eye remaining to him the accident which deprives him of it leaves him not one-eyed but totally blind.

Pensions, purposely, are mentioned last among the matters discussed under the "Establishment in Civilian Life". They are mentioned last to emphasize the fact that though pensions are often discussed, they are in reality a very small and comparatively unimportant part of the procedure by which a soldier is rehabilitated. From the point of view both of the disabled man and of the State, the importance of his pension is as nothing compared with the importance of securing an ability and an opportunity to be self-supporting to a soldier who has been incapacitated by military service.

The principles governing the granting of a pension are clear. France, a democratic country like our own, has expressed them well. She is fighting a national war in which each of her citizens has equal interest; therefore, all personal detriment resulting from war should be equally distributed among her citizens. Pensions