

manufacturing artificial limbs in these institutions, and that such institutions supply the limbs to disabled soldiers free of cost, and also supply renewals and repairs from time to time at the expense of the State, during the life of such soldier.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

Your Committee recommends that when a man undergoing convalescent treatment has, during his convalescence, partially completed a course of training, and has, in the opinion of the District Vocational Officer, made such progress as to indicate that it would be to the advantage of himself and the State to complete the course, he may be allowed to continue his course for a period not exceeding two months after he is pronounced medically fit for discharge, subject in each case to the approval of the Military Hospitals Commission, and during this period to remain upon military pay and allowance of his rank.

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS.

It is further recommended:—

(A) That the Federal Government should assume the expenses and responsibility of finding employment for the returned soldiers, with such co-operation from the provinces as they are willing and able to give.

(B) That when a civil servant has honourably served in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces overseas, the time which he has spent on active service should be taken into account as though he had been absent on leave, and his grade and standing as a civil servant should be determined accordingly.

(C) That every returned soldier entitled to be placed on the pension list should have it made known to him at the earliest opportunity that the amount of his pension is based on the injury received, without regard to his subsequently acquired earning capacity. This will result in the pensioner's being encouraged to make himself more efficient, physically and economically, knowing that his pension will not be decreased thereby. He will then naturally avail himself of the free and practical vocational training and re-education, and make wiser use of the separation and sustenance allowances now provided by the Government through the Military Hospitals Commission. The object of this is that the returned soldier may, at the earliest possible date, secure suitable employment, and, once more, assist in national production.

(D) That with a view to enabling the disabled soldier to secure employment and of preventing discrimination against him, on the ground that his disability renders him more liable to accidents, the Committee recommends that the Federal Government assume the responsibility, in whole or in part, for insurance, which will place such disabled soldier on a parity with the physically fit, having regard to the pension which he received for his disablement.

(E) Your committee also recommends the establishment and maintenance by the Federal Government at suitable centres throughout the Dominion of general clearing-house bureaux, where information respecting all matters affecting returned soldiers would be given. This should include information respecting pay, separation allowances, pensions, hospital treatment, re-education and vocational training. Such bureaux might also act as federal employment agencies, and should have power to advance transportation expenses to the proposed place of employment and act in conjunction with the various Provincial Aid Committees, War Veterans' Associations, local bodies, heads of municipalities, manufacturers and employers of labour in their district. These should be responsible to the Federal Government for finding such employment.