



with providing employment and in otherwise assisting the replacement of returned soldiers in civilian life. The part played by the Red Cross Societies, and by the whole-hearted coöperation and assistance of private persons whose position has enabled them to help, can not be omitted from a recital of the measures by which the well-being of our disabled soldiers and sailors is being secured.

The powers of the Military Hospitals Commission are exceedingly broad. To it have been confided most matters concerning the welfare of disabled and discharged soldiers with the exception of pensions and the provision of employment. That it is realizing its responsibilities actively is apparent to everyone who reads its Bulletins; copies of them may be obtained on application to the Secretary of the Commission in Ottawa.

To the Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada has been confided the responsibility of administering the legislation by which Canada gives to her disabled men pensions of unequalled generosity.

By their personal influence, no less than by their professional services, the medical men of Canada can do much to assist these bodies, and the many semi-official, official and private bodies coöperating with them, in securing adequate provision for returning Canadian soldiers. For the convenience of presentation, the processes by which a wounded, or otherwise disabled soldier or sailor, is cared for and returned to his home may conveniently be described in five divisions: they are—

1. Active medical and surgical treatment.
2. Functional reëducation.
3. The provision of artificial appliances.
4. Vocational reëducation, and
5. Establishment in civilian life.

Although these five divisions are named, they are not, in reality, separate processes; nor can strict lines be drawn between them. All are intimately inter-connected and must often be active coincidentally during the progress of a disabled man from active service to reinstatement in civilian life.

Active medical and surgical treatment is secured to Canadian soldiers requiring it by the Canadian Medical Service. The exigencies of war make it impossible for Canadian soldiers always to be cared for by members of the Canadian Army Medical Corps. Injured soldiers are cared for, first of all, by the Medical Corps unit responsible for the area in which they have received their injuries. So it happens that Canadian soldiers often receive first aid, and