

Cabinet Committee on Demobilization and Rehabilitation

(Established December 8, 1945, by P.O. 4058,
Scope widened January 11, 1946, by P.O. 1218.)

Terms of Reference: All matters relating to demobilization and
re-establishment of civilian life of members of the armed forces
and general questions of post-war reconstruction and the
establishment of government facilities to deal with these
questions.

Action to Date: Establishment of General Advisory Committee on
Demobilization and Rehabilitation, and Advisory Committee
on Reconstruction.

Personnel: Hon. Joe Mackenzie, Minister of Pensions and National
Health (Chairman); and the Ministers of Labor, Agriculture,
Trade and Commerce, National Defense and Public Works.

General Advisory Committee on Demobilization and Rehabilitation

(Established August 10, 1946, by P.O. 5251.)

Terms of Reference: To act as general co-ordinating agency among
various government departments in matters of demobilization
and rehabilitation, and to bring before the Cabinet Committee
on Demobilization and Rehabilitation recommendations for
legislation in respect of those matters.

Action to Date: Steps taken to assist ex-members of the armed
forces in civil re-establishment include the following legislative
measures:

- Revision of the Pension Act, 1941
- Compulsory Extermination Act, 1942
- Vocational Training Co-ordination Act, 1942
- Veterans' Land Act, 1942
- The extension by Order-in-Council of Civil Service
preference to veterans of the recent war, 1942
- The Post-Discharge Order-in-Council, 1941

A Welfare Division, including educational and training
services, has been established under the direction of
the Associate Deputy Minister, Department of Pensions
and National Health.

A questionnaire has been submitted to approximately
150,000 members of the armed forces as to their educational
background and civilian occupational history. (See
Appendix A for a summary of detailed results in the
matter of post-discharge educational facilities for
members of the armed forces.)

Sub-Committee for Government: General and Committee on
New, Post-War, and Special Services, Administration of Special
Services, and Special Services, Demobilization and
Rehabilitation, and Methods, and Special Programs of Discharged Women.