

It is probable that in Canada, as on the other side of the Atlantic, a few soldiers, anxious to return to their homes, will refuse to accept the treatment and vocational training offered to them. All Canadians, soldiers and others, should understand that disabled men who refuse to take advantage of the opportunities for treatment and for training offered to them do so at grave cost to themselves. A man who unreasonably refuses to accept the treatment and training made desirable by his disability penalizes himself; by his own choice he remains less capable of supporting himself than he might be. Moreover, such a man cannot expect to be pensioned for the entire disability existing in him; but only for that portion of the disability which would exist were he to accept reasonable treatment. He cannot expect to be pensioned for a disability remaining unnecessarily great because of his unreasonable refusal to accept simple treatment, any more than he could expect to be pensioned for a disability arising from a wilfully self-inflicted wound. In France, indeed, it is anticipated by many that the acceptance of appropriate treatment and of appropriate vocational training will be made a military necessity for disabled men. While such a thing could scarcely come about in Canada, it should be clearly understood by all Canadians that appropriate, and often prolonged, medical treatment, the provision of artificial appliances, vocational training and assistance in obtaining employment, are all just as much a part of Canada's attempt to rehabilitate a disabled man as is the pension granted to him. Of these things the pension is, indeed, immeasurably the least important.

Many plans have been proposed and are being followed in finding employment for disabled men. Each of the nations in making appointments to positions controlled by the government is giving preference, other things being equal among competent applicants, to men disabled by military service. France has opened a special bureau for the purpose of finding employment for disabled soldiers; in Canada, the Provincial Soldiers' Aid Commissions are serving a similar purpose.