

(b) Acting as intermediary between these returned and discharged soldiers or their dependents, and the various Governmental and other agencies which are operating for their benefit. (c) Establishment of Branch Bureaux in various centres throughout Canada to act in an advisory capacity and to provide information to returned and discharged soldiers and their dependents. (d) Acting in an advisory capacity, generally, to, and co-operating with the Departments and agencies particularly concerned, and to the Government of Canada and to Provincial Governments, with regard to all proposed measures designed to improve the condition of discharged soldiers and to assist them in re-entering civil life. (e) Supervision of Voluntary Organizations of and on behalf of, returned soldiers.

(2) That the officials of this National Bureau should be, as far as possible, selected from returned officers and men who have served Overseas in the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

This view is favoured by the following members of your Committee: Messrs. McCurdy, Middlebro, and Sutherland.

The alternative is the proposal for the creation of a new Governmental Department, or sub-department, under a Minister of the Crown, directly charged with the oversight of all measures dealing with the returned soldier on and after his arrival in Canada as more fully described on pages 14 and 15 of this report. This view is held by the following members of your Committee: Messrs. Ames, Pardee, Bennett, Murphy, Marcil and Ross.

If neither of the above alternatives be acceptable and the *status quo* is maintained, in the opinion of your Committee, the best interests of the returned soldiers will be served by conferring upon one and the same authority full, complete and undivided control over the administration of the hospitals and homes where such soldiers are placed and the employment of the medical and nursing staff of these institutions.

FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS.

On the following recommendations, your Committee is agreed:—

1. CARE AND TREATMENT OF WOUNDED, SICK AND DISABLED MEN:

(a) In view of the alarming evidence as to the prevalence of tuberculosis among enlisted men, and the natural inference that similar, if not worse, conditions obtain amongst the civilian population, your Committee recommends that the Federal Government, and the several Provincial Governments, be urged to take up without delay more effective measures to check the spread of this disease.

(b) In respect of the care and treatment of helplessly insane soldiers, your Committee supports the view that it is in the best interest of the soldier himself, and of his friends, that he be not regarded as belonging to a class apart, but that he be cared for at the expense of the Federal Government in provincial institutions under the same conditions as fellow-citizens similarly afflicted.

(c) Your Committee feels constrained to call the attention of Parliament to the serious condition disclosed by the evidence of the military authorities upon the matter of venereal disease and the danger of spreading syphilitic infection, and recommends that any returning soldier likely to transmit disease of this character be quarantined and confined at the port of arrival in Canada until cured.

(d) That orthopaedic institutions be provided at suitable centres throughout Canada in addition to the one located in Toronto. That a sufficient number of disabled returned soldiers be induced to learn and follow the occupation of