

100,000 ALREADY RETURNED.

Soldiers, Dependents and British Brides Travelling Westward.

Major General Mewburn, Minister of Militia, Ottawa, has been speaking in the Canadian House of Commons on behalf of the men returning from overseas. It was not enough to give men back their old jobs, he said, but employers ought to see that the veterans were given sympathetic treatment until such time as they had settled down into civilian life.

"The men don't want coddling," declared Gen. Mewburn. "Now is the time for employers and superintendents of large workshops to take a personal interest in returned men. If a man during the period of readjustment becomes restive and throws up his job, that is the time to look after him and help him to get a better and clearer perspective of things."

The Government had established the Military Hospitals Commission early in 1916, the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and other branches that assist the soldiers back to health and comfortable employment.

Every effort was made by the Militia Department to provide transportation facilities to bring home as many men as possible, but lack of ocean tonnage and the fact that during the winter months the railways were declared to be unable to handle more than 30,000 men a month, were deterrent factors in the situation.

When the summer sets in they would be able to increase the number returning to 50,000 a month by utilising the ports of Montreal and Quebec.

"Everything is being speeded up, and it is hoped to have everyone home by early in August."

General Mewburn referred to the marriage of over 25,000 Canadian soldiers overseas, and said that all possible was being done to secure the maximum of comfort for the brides of the men. Special ships were provided for their transport and that of their husbands; nurses were placed aboard, and hospitals were established at the ports of debarkation to look after any wives of the men needing attention.

Since the signing of the Armistice in November, approximately 100,000 soldiers and their dependents had landed in Canada.

The demobilisation machinery was now working smoothly, and everything humanly possible was being done to meet the natural wishes of the men to be returned to their homes at the earliest possible date.

Turning to the problem of the re-establishment of the men in civilian life, Gen. Mewburn said that the Government alone was not able to do anything. The co-operation of the whole of the people was necessary to effect this successfully. If everybody did his bit to help the returned man no trouble would be experienced.

PROFESSOR EDWARDS MEMORIAL TABLET.

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30,000 MORE THIS MONTH.

"Olympic" Sailed on Saturday with 5,000.

The White Star liner "Olympic," which is capable of carrying upward of 5,000 troops per voyage, has been again placed at the disposal of the Canadian Government, and 5,000 Canadian troops sailed in her for home on Saturday last (March 15th).

Up to March 1st, 68,112 Canadian soldiers had been returned to Canada, the whole of which number were long-service men with the exception of 1,611 who sailed in the "Adriatic" on March 1st. These were fighting troops of the 3rd Canadian Division who had been through the four months of almost continuous battles which preceded the armistice.

An additional 30,000 Canadian Troops should sail for home before the end of the present month.

WELCOME TO BRITISH BRIDES.

From the beginning of the war to the end of 1918 subscriptions paid to the Toronto and York Patriotic Fund totalled \$8,522,734, of which \$5,793,000 were distributed among soldiers' dependents. The amount paid to the Red Cross was \$1,234,653, and cash on deposit totals \$1,321,957. The cost of administration for the whole period amounted to \$142,475, equalling 1.55 per cent. of the total subscribed. Following an invitation from the Government, the Committee has organised a welcome to soldiers' wives coming from England. All those arriving will be met at Toronto and transported to their homes. Those without homes would be placed in a hostel.

Further Adventures of Mick and Mac (Mick feels the Spring influence).

