

minus their former possessions and advantages. It must not be inferred, however, that reimbursement is suggested; there is now only one plan advocated, which is that of Re-establishment.

Mental and commercial disabilities incurred and aggravated by service are the chief factors which have to be dealt with and provided for by Re-establishment. In these real disabilities, the mental strain of service and the complete severance from former activities of occupation and livelihood, lies the great handicap which has to be overcome upon discharge into civil life, and their extent can only be gauged by the length and nature of the service rendered.

It is only fair to estimate, therefore, that the earlier in the Great War a person enlisted, the more he has lost touch with his former occupation and the greater his difficulty of Re-establishment; and, so much longer will it take him to recover the former mental and commercial equilibrium which has been lost, during which period of citizen-reconstruction he must struggle with a handicap until his former status and earning capacity have been regained. It is also only fair to estimate that the person who served as an actual combatant suffered a far greater mental and physical strain than one whose service never came within that category; in other words, service in France should claim greatest consideration, with England next, and Canada last. Hence there must be recognized three distinct grades of service, namely: (1) Canada, (2) England, (3) France (meaning services rendered in any country during the Great War, upon whose soil actual hostilities were conducted.

THE PLAN OF RE-ESTABLISHMENT. INTERPRETATION.

1. "Re-establishment" shall mean a condition of reinstatement at the expense of the State, available to all ex-members of the Forces as described herein, and to the dependent next-of-kin of deceased ex-members of such Forces, whom under this plan are shown to be qualified applicants, by means of the Free Grant of Financial Aid as governed by the Basic Table of Re-establishment.

2. "Financial Aid" shall mean the free grant of cash or its equivalent, distributed individually on an equality basis to all qualified applicants, regardless of rank, governed by the Basic Table of Re-establishment and to be drawn from a special fund set aside for the purpose by the Government of the Dominion of Canada, to encourage re-establishment into civil life of ex-members of the Canadian Overseas Military, Naval, Mercantile Marine and Air Forces; of qualified ex-members of the Canadian Permanent Military, Naval, Mercantile Marine and Air Forces as hereinafter specified, and of qualified ex-members of the Military, Naval, Mercantile Marine and Air Forces of Great Britain and her Allies; and to the qualified dependent next-of-kin of deceased ex-members of the Forces herein described.

3. "Beneficiary" shall mean any person, male or female, coming within the qualifications of service or dependency.

4. "Basic Table of Re-establishment" shall mean that classification of service with corresponding award of Financial Aid, by periods, to qualified applicants, and such Table shall be the standard governing all awards.

5. "Canada," as referred to in the Basic Table of Re-establishment shall include that zone of land and sea as contained within the 20th Meridian of Longitude west of Greenwich westerly, to the 180th Meridian of Longitude, and north of the Equatorial Line.

6. "England," as referred to in the Basic Table of Re-establishment, shall include the British Isles, but (for Naval and Mercantile