

The Minister further recommends that the said Committee be authorized to engage such officers, clerks and employees as may in their view be necessary and subject to the approval of Your Excellency in Council to create such further organizations and agencies as may in their judgment be required to effectually discharge the duties and carry out the work hereby assigned to them.

The Minister further recommends that all expenditures incurred by the Committee be charged to the War Appropriation Vote.

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendations, and submit the same for approval.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

II. The Problem of Repatriation

The Order-in-Council which created the Repatriation Committee suggests that there are two problems to be dealt with:

- (1) The absorption into civil life and occupation of discharged soldiers: and
- (2) Industrial labour conditions which may arise from industrial dislocation and readjustment.

These, however, are not two separate and distinct problems; they are merely two related aspects of the one great problem of Reconstruction.

Reconstruction is the term which is used to include all that is involved in the transition FROM WAR TO PEACE. It is difficult to define with precision and concreteness. Its exact content varies with each individual, reflecting his complacency with existing institutions or his ardor for fundamental change. Certain implications of the word, however, are clear. It implies that a world upheaval has occurred and that the old social, political and economic system has been more or less shaken. It implies that a re-building must occur. Whether that will involve simply a putting-together-again of the old bricks according to the old plan or whether new bricks will be added and the old plan revised to harmonise with the new ideals of the age—that is the point on which men differ. All moderate men are agreed, however, that we cannot go back to conditions as they were before the war. "The whole world must be re-made," says Lloyd George in a characteristic sentence. Hon. Mr. Rowell, in a recent address to fraternal organizations, says that we cannot go back to the old conditions, if we would, and that we ought not to, even if we could. From these opinions, no man who has grasped the meaning of the