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SURVEY OF GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEES

I. Cabinet Committee on Demobilization and Re-establishment:

(Established December 8, 1939, by P.C. 4068.  
Scope widened February 17, 1941, by P.C. 1218.)

Terms of Reference: All matters relating to demobilization and re-establishment in civil life of members of the armed forces, and general questions of post-war reconstruction and the establishment of government facilities to deal with these questions.

Action to Date: Establishment of General Advisory Committee on Demobilization and Rehabilitation, and Advisory Committee on Reconstruction.

Personnel: Hon. Ian Mackenzie, Minister of Pensions and National Health, (Convenor); and the Ministers of Labor, Agriculture, Trade and Commerce, National Defence and Public Works.

II. General Advisory Committee on Demobilization and Rehabilitation:

(Established August 10, 1940, by P.C. 5421.)

Terms of Reference: To act as general co-ordinating agency among various government departments in matters of demobilization and rehabilitation, and to bring before the Cabinet Committee on Demobilization and Re-establishment recommendations for legislation in respect of these matters.

Action to Date: Steps taken to assist ex-members of the armed forces in civil re-establishment include the following legislative measures:

Revision of the Pension Act, 1941.  
Compulsory Re-instatement Act, 1942.  
Vocational Training Co-ordination Act, 1942.  
Veterans' Land Act, 1942.  
The extension by Order-in-Council of Civil Service preference to veterans of the present war, 1942.  
The Post-Discharge Order-in-Council, 1941.

A Welfare Division, including educational and training services, has been established under the direction of the Associate Deputy Minister, Department of Pensions and National Health.

A questionnaire has been submitted to approximately 350,000 members of the armed forces as to their educational background and previous occupational history. (See Appendix A for a summary of existing provisions in the matter of post-discharge rehabilitation benefits for members of the armed forces.)

Sub-Committees Now Operating: These sub-committees are - Employment, Post-Discharge Pay, Administration of Special Funds, Retraining of Special Casualties, Demobilization (Priorities and Methods), and Special Problems of Discharged Women.