

definition of "dependents" of men undergoing re-education, in a satisfactory way. Under the Order in Council (copy attached) a scale of payments for men undergoing re-education, and for their dependents, is provided.

Payments under these regulations are continued for one month after the completion of vocational training, whether the man has secured employment or not.

3. PROVINCIAL CO-OPERATION IN SECURING EMPLOYMENT.

At present the question of securing employment for the returned soldier is left largely in the hands of the various Provincial Soldiers' Aid Commissions.

In Ontario, by the Soldiers' Aid Commission, of which the Hon. W. D. McPherson, Provincial Secretary, is Chairman.

In Quebec, by the Soldiers' Employment Bureau, of which the Hon. Geo. A. Simard is Chairman.

In Nova Scotia, by the Returned Soldiers' Employment Committee, of which the Hon. R. M. McGregor is Chairman.

In New Brunswick, by the Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission, of which Mr. Thos. S. Bell is Chairman.

In Prince Edward Island, by the Returned Soldiers' Committee, of which the Hon. J. A. Mathieson is Chairman.

In Manitoba, by the Provincial Returned Soldiers' Commission, of which Sir Daniel McMillan, K.C.M.G., is Chairman.

In Saskatchewan, by the Returned Soldiers' Employment Commission, of which the Hon. Mr. Justice Elwood is Chairman.

In Alberta, by the Provincial Central Committee of the Military Hospitals Commission, of which Mr. Howard Stutchbury is Secretary.

In British Columbia, by the Returned Soldiers' Commission, of which Dr. H. E. Young, Victoria, B.C., is Chairman.

These provincial bodies were created as a result of the Inter-provincial Conferences with the Military Hospitals Commission, held in Ottawa, on the 19th and 20th October, 1915, at which it was agreed *inter-alia*:

"That each province should assume the responsibility of finding employment for discharged soldiers, who, upon their return to Canada, are physically or otherwise fit to assume such employment, and all expenditures necessary in undertaking this duty are borne by the Province."

At this Conference, however, it seems to have been made plain that the question of finding employment for the physically fit returned soldier concerned only the problems which were those pressing for the moment, and not the provision of securing employment for the whole forces on demobilization.

Up to the present time the various Provincial bodies above enumerated have, through their branches in the several Provinces, assumed the responsibility of providing employment for the returned soldier, and the evidence given before your Committee satisfies it that they have found employment for all returned soldiers desiring such, and within a reasonable time from their application therefor.

Of those members of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, who have returned from overseas and sought re-employment through the above agencies, only a small percentage have expressed a desire to follow an agricultural occupation; this would appear to be partly due to the fact that those who have already returned are mostly members of the earlier divisions enlisted, and consequently were composed to a large extent of the urban population of Canada. It is probable, however, that a larger percentage of those returning in future will express a desire to go upon the land, and your Committee would recommend that all reasonable efforts be made to have returned soldiers take up farming, or market gardening, as an occupation, where there is a reasonable probability