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### GREAT BOON TO WEST.

Many Returned Soldiers Are Going  
on the Land.

Reports from the various Soldier Settlement administration centres in the West indicate that possibly five thousand applications made by returned men have been approved. At 160 acres each this means the taking up of 800,000 acres of land. But the movement is only beginning to get under way. If the scheme is not too badly "knocked" by mistaken critics it is reasonable to suppose that between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 acres will, in this way, be taken up. Think of what it means to have this addition to permanent settlement in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Twenty-five thousand such settlers getting an average loan of \$4,000 would mean \$100,000,000 put out in three provinces.

Speaking at Regina recently Major Ashton, of the Soldier Settlement Board, pointed out the possibilities of the scheme to Saskatchewan. Probably about 30,000 soldiers, he said, would return to that province, and the records show that 75 per cent of them were either farmers or farm laborers. If three-fifths of them, or 18,000 took advantage of the Soldier Settlement scheme and had an average loan of \$4,000 it would mean the advancing of \$72,000,000 for farm development work in Saskatchewan alone. To date one-third more applications have been approved from Alberta than from Saskatchewan, so it is easy to see what the West has to gain through the successful working out of the Soldier Settlement scheme.

If the loan companies were to put out \$50,000,000 this year on farm loans in the prairie provinces what a wonderful thing it would be considered. With any appreciable measure of success, the Soldier Settlement Board will do better than that. Compared with anything that the western provinces have done in the way of assisting agriculture through loans, even now the Soldier Settlement scheme is a great success. During the two years that the Saskatchewan Farm Loans Board has been in operation it has not loaned much more than \$2,000,000, and Manitoba has probably not loaned more than \$3,000,000. Still, both of these provinces are claiming a great deal of credit for what they have done, and rightly so. Their work in this respect goes to show that the possibilities before the Soldier Settlement Board as a means of promoting permanent settlement are wonderful.

### Using the Libraries.

During 1918 more than 120,000 books classified as "Useful Arts" were lent by the public libraries of the Province of Ontario to the schools. An inestimable amount of good was done by the libraries in assisting men and women in vocational study.

The libraries are entitled to be rated as an essential part of the technical educational system of the province. The libraries reach a larger number of people with technical books than will ever be reached by technical schools. They can also provide books on subjects that are not commonly taught in technical schools and can supplement the work of instruction given in technical schools. The libraries can also serve men and women who can not attend a technical school.

During the same year the Canadian National Library for the Blind circulated 5,101 books in the province. The total membership for the year was 572.

Libraries were established in all the military camps in the province for the use of the soldiers-in-training. Each camp was visited by a representative of the Public Libraries Board, for the purpose of studying conditions and of arranging for the reception of the books and for their circulation. The purchase of the books, their preparation for use, shipping, etc., were all done within a few weeks. About 8,000 volumes were purchased and 2,500 were received as gifts. The libraries sent out ranged from 250 to 2,500 volumes each.

Libraries were sent to the following camps: Petawawa, Niagara Camp, Deseronto, Leaside (R.A.F.), Fort Henry Camp, Camp Borden (R.A.F.), Camp Mohawk (R.A.F.), London Camp, Beamsville (School of Aerial Fighting), Armour Heights (R.A.F.), and Brockville Camp.

The following hospitals also secured libraries: Whitby Convalescent Hospital, St. Andrew's Convalescent Hospital, Davisville Orthopaedic, Guelph Military Hospital, Mowat Sanitarium, Kingston, Wellington Street Barracks, Ottawa, Imperial Munitions Board, Beamsville; Soldiers' and Sailors' Settlement, Kapuskasing; Soldiers' and Sailors' Training School, Montreal; Freeport Hospital, and Fort Henry Hospital.

The circulation of travelling libraries greatly increased.

### Ontario's Largest Family.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schingh, of Ottawa, became the parents of a bouncing baby boy on May 31. It was their 21st child, probably the largest family in Ontario. Mr. Albert Schingh, father of the 21st, is now in the employ of the Ottawa Electric Railway as a conductor. Both he and Mrs. Schingh are in their 44th year, and will celebrate the silver anniversary of their wedding in August.

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