

considered to end on the day that peace is officially declared, and to avoid any embarrassment in consequence of such a condition I am taking the liberty of asking the Government, without waiting for the consent of the Executive, to extend our Act to cover an additional twelve month period. Should this action on my part fail to secure the approval of the Executive at our next meeting, the Bill could doubtless be withdrawn, but it is advisable that its introduction should not be delayed until after the meeting.

Now although the number of families on our roll is decreasing and our monthly expenditure growing less, there is every probability that, even at the end of the year, we shall have a residue of families still in need of assistance, and the problem of providing for these must be faced at an early date. Four methods have been suggested:- (1) The formation, by Act of Parliament, of a subsidiary organization to carry on, in perpetuum, along similar lines in order to render relief and Social Service to the dependents of soldiers, whether discharged or not. (2) The transfer of our remaining cases to some other organization which is continuing its after-war activities. In this connection it has been suggested that the Red Cross Society would take up Social Service and assume this responsibility. (3) The formation of a National Social Service Committee composed of representatives from all the war philanthropies that should supervise relief work for soldiers families throughout the Dominion. (4) That we should before passing off the stage, provide, by way of annuities,