

**NEW SLEEPING CARS.**

The management of the Canadian National Railways announce that they are placing on service immediately 150 sleeping cars of a new type, specially adapted to the transportation of troops over long distances. The cars are entirely built of steel, and represent the first attempt of the kind made by any railroad to furnish equipment calculated to meet the exacting requirements of military transport. Each car will "sleep" 54 passengers, and the total car capacity will be 8,000 for each trip of 150 cars. The designing and ordering of these cars of this type is the first official action taken towards the organization of the Canadian National. The necessities of the case have been emphasized and the loyalty and co-operation of the builders is asked in order that the cars may be put into commission faster than was expected.

**AIR SERVICE ASSOCIATION.**

Temporary headquarters and club rooms of the Air Service Association of British Columbia have been established at 821 Pender Street West, Vancouver, B.C. The association holds a somewhat similar position to the ex-members of the Air Force and other Air Services as the Great War Veterans hold to the returned man. The secretary and members of the association are anxious to render any assistance to overseas members of the Air Services who are returning to B.C. The Air Service Association is exclusively for service men, and R.A.F. men in England and France who are returning home should communicate with the Association or call at the Club Rooms in Vancouver when they go back to Western Canada.

**MAILS BY AEROPLANE.**

The "Vancouver World" announces that, in co-operation with the Aerial League of Canada, it is promoting an aerial flight across the Rocky Mountains. The plans include a flight from Vancouver to Calgary by way of Crow's Nest Pass, then to Edmonton and return by way of the Yellowhead Pass and Kamloops, with a preliminary flight to Victoria and return. It is stated that only Canadian and British airmen are eligible to compete, using machines of Canadian or British make. The flight is to be under the control of a Committee of the Aerial League and the "Vancouver World," and trophies and a purse will be awarded. The flight is to demonstrate "the practicability and reliability of an aerial mail service." The flight is to take place as soon as possible.

**HIGHER EDUCATION IN CANADA.**

The recognition of the honour degrees of the Western University of London, Ontario, for specialists' certificates, which has been granted by the Department of Education for Ontario, not only removed a long-existing handicap, but is also the culmination of a considerable series of advance steps taken by this institution during recent years, in spite of the unfavorable conditions created by the war, among these being the acquisition of a 200-acre site about 1/2 mile from the present location for the medical school building, to be erected during the present year; a 40,000-volume library, as well as large additions to the previously existing libraries, the installation of two new science laboratories in addition to those formerly

in existence. It is evident that in view of these notable improvements and the rich and prosperous district in which it is situated, the Western University has every prospect of advancing rapidly to a still higher place among the universities of Canada.

**THE DISCHARGED SOLDIER.**

By an agreement reached with a retail lumber concern the Soldier Settlement Board will offer soldiers settling on farms in Saskatchewan, lumber at much reduced prices. An agreement has also been entered into with a number of the large agricultural machinery manufacturing firms to obtain machinery at reduced prices.

**HOUSING LOANS FOR SOLDIERS.**

Twenty-three municipalities have applied to the Ontario Government for £1,400,000, in loans to build working men's houses. The Ontario Government under their housing scheme is advancing the money at 5 per cent. interest. Returned soldiers can borrow the whole cost of a house up to £600 which they are building for their own occupation.

**MISSIONARIES.**

Nearly a dozen women will occupy places in the Presbyterian Mission fields in Western Canada this summer. From the Toronto Deaconess Training School two are assigned to Saskatchewan and three to Manitoba. Queen's University will send three to the prairie provinces, and from the Gordon Bible Training School of Boston, one is assigned to Saskatchewan and one to Alberta.

**Blighty Bids Goodbye-ee to Mick and Mac.**

