

mistake on his part meant death to his comrades as well as to himself. In a big advance—how often have the papers chronicled this; “An enemy machine gun nest suddenly opened fire on the flank of his platoon—threatening the lives of all. Pte. A., who was nearest the menace, recognizing the danger, charged the emplacement single handed, armed only with rifle and bayonet.” That is to say, Pte. A’s devotion to his community was such that he deliberately placed his life in hazard with the chances one thousand to one against him. This has been the nature of his training and this is the type of man who is coming back to us three hundred thousand strong.

It is because their training to serve us places them under a temporary handicap in their re-entry into civilian life, and because once re-established they are the very sheet anchor of our safety in whatever storm the future may hold, that Canada must bend all her energies in the great task of re-absorbing these gallant fellows.

### **A Method Proved Successful**

When the Department of Soldiers’ Civil Re-Establishment was recently created it took over as one of its branches and continued the work of the old Military Hospitals’ Commission, which was established in 1915. One of its important functions is the retraining for industry of all veterans so disabled that they cannot resume their pre-war occupations. The fact that this work is necessary for only a small proportion even of those who have been disabled means that a close analysis of the working