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Plans for Meeting Post-Demobilization Problems—What Sir J. Loughheed Says—Many of Administrative Features Contingent on Decisions Reached at Premier's Conference

Ottawa, Nov. 21.—"Canada will not fail in the task that now confronts her—the repatriation and industrial re-absorption of her citizen army," confidently asserted Sir James Loughheed, Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and a member of the new Repatriation Committee of the Cabinet in an interview. Sir James said that well-developed plans for dealing with the problems which would follow the demobilization of Canada's army have been prepared not only by his own department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, but

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also by the other departments which are to co-operate under the Repatriation Committee. A series of announcements dealing with these plans, he intimated, would be forthcoming shortly. Upon the decisions reached at the conference of provincial premiers with members of the federal government, he said, would depend many administrative features.

"Insofar as the placement of the individual soldier is concerned," the minister stated, "the basis of procedure is quite simple. The men are to be surveyed with a view to ascertaining their industrial and professional training and experience, together with the province and, when possible, town or county in which they wish to live. Similarly the whole country is to be surveyed with a view to listing the opportunities and openings in every line of industrial occupation. The distribution of labor will follow the conditions thus disclosed, and efforts will be made to create work for any balance left over.

"A scheme has been devised which will enable the committee to obtain this essential information easily and expeditiously. Neither survey presents serious difficulties, and both can be done quickly by the scheme which is being evolved.

"The care of invalided men has already proceeded far enough in the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment during the past two or three years to give assurance that this phase of the situation will be adequately met. The medical branch has during the past few months augmented its professional staff considerably by the appointment of representatives in thirty or forty of the principal cities and towns. These medical men are charged with the duty of attending discharged soldiers suffering breakdown in health due to their military service, or experiencing recurrence of disability caused or aggravated by service. It is aimed to have these repre-

sentatives within reach of discharged soldiers throughout the country, no matter where they reside.

"The vocational branch has its organization ready, so that it will not be overwhelmed by any possible influx of additional work with the speedy return of the 40,000 invalids who have accumulated in England since the submarine menace for hospital ships became acute.

"Lieut.-Colonel F. P. Hesley, who succeeded S. A. Armstrong as Deputy Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment a short time ago, has devoted his attention especially to the problem of the fit men returning after the war, and Thomas A. Stevenson, of the Toronto Trades and Labor Council, and Major Lawrence L. Anthes, have been appointed a committee to advise with him. Their special study will be the replace-

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ment of soldiers in industry." Sir James said that Canada would have faced an influx of four or five hundred thousand European immigrants during a pre-war year with delight as indicating a great increase to her wealth and productive power. The difficulties of absorbing a similar number of young English-speaking members of the male sex, already familiar with the country, and most of them skilled in some of the national industries should be much less, he affirmed.

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