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ideal. It is understood that a committee of tuberculosis specialists, two of whom gave evidence before your Committee, is at present visiting the various sanatoria throughout Canada and investigating home conditions in the different provinces with a view, partially, to the preparation of a report dealing with the subject of after-care.

It is recommended that the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment together with the Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada should, after the receipt of the report referred to, prepare a definite scheme for the after-care of ex-members of the forces discharged from sanatoria and if so recommended include in such scheme the active co-operation of voluntary civilian organizations throughout Canada.

It is further recommended:

(a) That all cases receive a careful examination every six months by specialists in the service of the Board of Pension Commissioners;

(b) That at all times further free treatment be provided by the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment in cases of recurrence of activity in the disease; and

(c) That such supervision as may be possible be given to such cases by both of these organizations.

#### VIII. AMPUTATION AND HANDICAP CASES.

As in the case of the tuberculous man the sympathy of the Committee was aroused by the condition of those who have lost their eyesight or limbs or who are suffering from severe facial disfigurement.

So far as pensions are concerned a sub-committee composed of four medical members of the Committee carefully scrutinized the Table of Disabilities employed by the Pension Board and reported that the same appeared to deal fairly with these and other classes of disabilities. It is hoped the general increase in pensions suggested in this report may bring a measure of relief to those so sorely afflicted.

On the re-establishment side, the question is more difficult. As has been pointed out by the officers of the Patriotic Fund, the injection into the labour market of so many disabled workers renders their absorption into industrial or commercial pursuits both slow and precarious.

In the succeeding section mention is made of one method whereby the situation may be strengthened; your Committee feel however that employers of labour both large and small throughout the whole of Canada shall be urged to reserve for such men all the posts which might possibly be filled by the disabled.

Among other points raised during the enquiry the following suggestions were made:

*Suggestions.*—1. That a system be devised whereby a man could go to any limb maker and select his own artificial limb, which would be paid for by the Government.

2. That the handicap employment section of the Information and Service Branch be continued subsequent to the demobilization of that Branch for the purpose of finding employment for handicap or amputation cases.

3. That adequate provision be made by the Government for proven cases of actual need among single ex-soldiers unable because of amputation or disability due to illness to obtain employment of a nature sufficient to cover their actual needs, such provision to assume the form of a special fund provided by the Government and to be administered as the Government shall see fit.

4. That as a blinded soldier when travelling requires the services of an attendant for whom transportation must be purchased, a pass on the Government Railways be provided.