

CHAPTER XXII.—POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION AND THE REHABILITATION OF EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL

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In Chapter XXI of the 1943-44 Year Book the foundation that had been laid for exploring the field of Reconstruction by the Dominion and Provincial Governments was described, and the various Parliamentary and other committees that had been established to advise Dominion and Provincial Governments were dealt with in some detail. Out of this extended preliminary work, which was co-ordinated to a large extent through the Advisory Committee on Economic Policy (see p. 743 of the 1943-44 Year Book), there has emerged a program for the immediate period following the victory over Germany. In April, 1945, a White Paper* on Employment and Income was presented to Parliament by the Minister of Reconstruction which set forward an important over-all statement of policy that has resulted from two or more years study of the problems involved. This Paper is, in fact, a statement of the objectives and working plans of the Department of Reconstruction and, because of its bearing on the ways by which it is proposed to face the anticipated problems of the next few years, a summary of the most important points is given below.

PART I.—RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS OF THE DOMINION AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS

Section 1.—Dominion Government Machinery for Post-War Reconstruction and Rehabilitation

Summary of the Government White Paper on Employment and Income

The ultimate aim of all reconstruction policies is the extension of opportunity, welfare and security.

* Employment and Income with special reference to the Initial Period of Reconstruction, April, 1945, King's Printer, Ottawa.