

erected with the view to being staffed and maintained by the Department. In Vancouver, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg and Halifax, negotiations are under way with the universities and the provincial mental health authorities for the staffing and running of this type of centre. Preliminary arrangements state that the Department would erect and equip the buildings and turn them over to the proper provincial authority for administration, with the proviso that the Department would retain priority on that number of beds required to meet departmental needs.

The problem of providing service to the neuro-psychiatric case, of which large numbers have been discharged from the Services, has been actively dealt with. A special unit designed on the pattern of the Neurosis Centres in Great Britain, was set up at Scarboro Hall (the Guild of All Arts) about fifteen miles from Toronto. In addition, the psychiatric services in all departmental hospitals have been supplemented as completely as the short supply of trained psychiatrists will permit.

Subsection 2.—Prostheses and Surgical Appliances

The Orthopædic and Surgical Appliances Division of the Department of Veterans Affairs, set up in August, 1918, has, as its first responsibility, the provision of prostheses and surgical appliances. It operates a main manufacturing centre at Toronto and eleven district depots from coast to coast with facilities for measuring, fitting, altering and repairing artificial limbs, orthopædic boots, splints, braces and artificial eyes. In addition, minor orthopædic appliances such as trusses, glasses, elastic hosiery, etc., are supplied through purchase from private manufacturers.

Under P.C. 4465 the Division supplies prostheses and surgical appliances free of charge to veterans who are eligible and also supplies, on a repayment basis, other Government Departments [such as the Department of National Defence and the Department of Mines and Resources (Indian Affairs)] the Canadian National Railways and, under P.C. 2311, provincial Workmen's Compensation Boards.

The Division carries out considerable research on prostheses, co-operates in this work with the National Research Council, and keeps abreast of developments in other countries. Glass for artificial eyes had been a pre-war German monopoly, but glass of equal quality has been developed which has adequately replaced the formerly imported product.

The Division previously supplied the prosthetic needs of veterans of the War of 1914-18, including 2,411 leg amputations and 967 arm amputations. This number has been increased by more than 1,700 amputation casualties of the present war. The total number of patients receiving prosthetic attention is in excess of 30,000 per year.

The Division is also the liaison office between the Department and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, which gives care to blind veterans, of whom over 70 cases have been reported from the present war. The Division also maintains liaison and co-operates with the National Institute for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing, and the War Amputations of Canada.

Subsection 3.—Dental Services

Like the parent Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment, the Dental Branch of this Department was created following the War of 1914-18 in order that ex-members of the C.E.F. might be given this all-important service during the transitional period of their return from army life to civilian occupations.