

their war service gratuity, also from others, who while still employed claimed they were not receiving sufficient remuneration to provide their families with the necessities of life.

It was not intended to repeat the relief measures during the winter of 1920-21, but owing to the large amount of unemployment, two Orders in Council were passed under which authority was granted to the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment to grant medical and surgical treatment to unemployed former members of the Forces and relief to former members of the Forces who were pensioners or who had received vocational training on account of disability, until March 31, 1921. It was found that some extension of the latter relief was necessary and a further Order in Council was passed granting such extension to these classes of returned soldiers who had dependants, until April 23, 1921.

The monthly amount of relief granted during 1921 was as follows: Man and wife to March 31, \$75, to April 23, \$65; First child under 16 (girl 17), to April 23, \$12; 2nd child under 16 (girl 17) to April 23, \$10; Single man without dependants (maximum allowance) to March 31, \$50; Single man with dependants, same as married man.

The relief given in 1919-20 was in cash, that in 1920-21 in kind only. The expenditure during the past winter for relief amounted to about \$1,500,000.

LOANS TO VOCATIONAL AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

In November, 1919, on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Committee on Pensions and Re-Establishment, which had recently concluded its sittings, an Order in Council was passed authorizing the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment to make loans to certain classes of former members of the Forces.

The Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment was authorized at its discretion to advance by way of loan to those disabled men who have been re-trained and who are in need of same, a sum not exceeding \$500 for the purchase of tools and equipment necessary to establish them in their new occupation, such loans to be repayable within five years from date of issue without interest. Further the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment was given authority at its discretion to advance by way of loan to those men who are disabled and who are in need of same, a sum not exceeding \$500, to enable them to pursue any course of training or education that was substantially interrupted by war service, providing in all cases that the disability was of such a nature as to make assistance necessary, and provided further that such men are not entitled to or have not taken training under the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment; all such loans to be repayable in five years without interest.

In order to carry on this work a special division of the Vocational Branch was created and special officers were appointed in the various units. Before the granting of a loan, careful inquiry is made into the reasons advanced and into the prospects of successful operation. A chattel mortgage, where possible, is secured and arrangements