

Special Vocational Training Classes.

Separate vocational training classes have been established by the Repatriation Department in connection with the technical colleges at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin. Discharged soldiers will receive there intensive training of from five to seven hours per day, and sustenance will be paid to the trainees. The classes are well equipped with machinery, tools, motor-cars, &c., and special attention is being given to the practical part of the work. The principal subjects being taught are commercial (book-keeping, correspondence, and general office practice), engineering (mechanical, motor mechanics, and electrical), and woodwork (cabinet-making and carpentering).

Boot-factory.

Arrangements have been completed by the Repatriation Department for the establishment of a model boot-factory at Auckland, where discharged soldiers (including disabled men) will receive practical training in every branch of the boot- and shoe-making industry. A very complete plant of up-to-date machinery is being installed, and competent tradesmen engaged as instructors. It is anticipated that after, say, six months' training men will be quite competent to earn the full wage as laid down under the Arbitration Court award. In connection with this factory a room has been provided where lectures will be given on the theory of boot and shoe making, anatomy of the foot, &c.

Text-books.

District Repatriation Boards and Local Committees are authorized to make a grant up to a maximum of £5 5s. to discharged soldiers who have been approved for educational training, for the purpose of purchasing text-books actually necessary for their studies.

Apprenticeship.

In the case of an apprentice whose training has been interrupted by war service, sustenance during the time the apprentice is completing his apprenticeship at a rate which will bring his income, inclusive of any pensions, up to £3 per week. Any member of the Military or Naval Forces has a statutory right to revive his contract of apprenticeship so as to complete his term.

Vocational Training in Workshops, &c.

Financial assistance in the case of applicants approved by an Industrial Committee and receiving training in private workshops, &c.

Other Training.

Payment of such fees as are necessary in order to provide for the vocational or professional training of a discharged soldier.

Soldiers' Widows.

Training facilities in useful occupations for soldiers' widows without child, and sustenance whilst undergoing such training at such rate as will bring their income (inclusive of pensions) up to £1 15s. per week.

Purchase of Business and Plant.

Soldiers who desire financial assistance for the purchase or establishment of a business, or the purchase of plant and equipment, should apply in writing to the District Repatriation Officer or Secretary of Local Committee, as the case may be.

Assistance by way of loans not exceeding £300 may be granted with or without security for a term not exceeding ten years. No interest is chargeable on the first £50, but the remainder will be subject to 5 per cent. interest per annum.