

**Purchase of Furniture, Tools, Equipment, &c.**

The Department may grant a discharged soldier or soldier's widow financial assistance by way of loan (without interest) of an amount not exceeding £50 in each case for the purchase of furniture, tools of trade, and professional instruments, or such other articles of personal equipment as is deemed necessary to the applicant in exercising his calling.

**Vocational Training of Disabled Soldiers.**

The Repatriation Department makes full provision for the training in new trades and industries of discharged soldiers who, by reason of physical disabilities due to active service, are unable to follow their pre-war occupations. Particulars of the financial assistance granted during this period of training are set out in the preceding paragraphs. Any discharged soldier who is in need of retraining should state his case to the Repatriation Committee nearest to his home.

**Public Service Medical Examination.**

Fees for medical examination of returned soldiers accepted for Public Service appointments are paid by the Repatriation Department.

**Obtaining Employment.**

An important function of the Repatriation Board is the finding of employment for soldiers. Every District Board and Local Committee is an employment agency, which will always use every endeavour to find a suitable opening for any unemployed soldier who applies for work. If the soldier has to travel to his employment second-class fare is paid.

**Transportation.**

The Department may also grant a free passage beyond New Zealand to an incapacitated soldier, or the widow of a deceased soldier, if satisfied that such a change of location is desirable or necessary.

**EDUCATION IN FARMING.****Courses at State Farms.**

Many returned soldiers seek a change of occupation on resuming civil life, and the most important new sphere for their activities is on the land; but knowledge is necessary for success, and the Agricultural Department is placing its resources at their disposal. It will provide, free of charge, instruction in the following subjects:—

- Stock breeding and management.
- Fattening of stock for butchering.
- Management of dairy herds, and the routine work of dairy-farming.
- Sheep-breeding and sheep-farming.
- Horse breeding and management.
- Pig breeding and management.
- General principles of agriculture.
- Preparation of land for crops.
- Sowing procedure and harvesting of grain crops.
- Preparation of land for pasture, laying down pasture, and management.
- Selection and application of manures suitable for various classes of soil.
- Practical farming generally.

Instruction is obtained by staying on the Department's farms at either Ruakura, near Hamilton, in the Waikato, or at Weraroa, in the Manawatu. The soldier pupil is maintained free while on the farm, or a grant towards his maintenance may be made if he has to board away from the farm. This subject of grants while learning a new occupation is dealt with more fully under the chapter dealing with the facilities offered by the Repatriation Board.

Accommodation at Ruakura is specially reserved for soldiers who through wounds, sickness, &c., are unable to undertake the hardest manual labour. They have facilities for learning the lighter occupa-