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Hon. Mr. McPherson, in assenting to the motion for a return, intimated that the question of returning men from England was entirely within the control of the British authorities.

"I am not aware that any Imperial requests for evacuation of British hospitals have not received the attention of the Military Hospitals Commission here," said the Provincial Secretary.

In outlining the arrangements made with the Military Hospitals Commission for the use of Whitby asylum and Guelph Reformatory buildings, Mr. McPherson stated that certain of the industrial buildings at Guelph were being turned over and will be used for the training of convalescent soldiers. The Minister also described the work done in giving soldiers vocational training. There were now 554 soldiers receiving instruction in the various classes. These men were being trained in a dozen or more vocations, receiving pay and allowances while being trained.

Mr. McPherson informed the House that about 5,400 men had returned to Ontario. He felt confident that the Soldiers' Aid Commission, with its branches, could take care of twice the number of men coming now. Little difficulty was met with in finding work for returned soldiers, although it was sometimes necessary to find several positions for men before they were finally settled.

"We have found a first-rate sentiment in the community," said Mr. McPherson. "The Federal Government and many municipalities are giving preference to returned soldiers and employers are generally anxious to help former soldiers."

#### Debate Adjourned.

When the second reading of the Department of Agriculture Bill was called, Mr. Rowell raised a general objection to the principle involved. The importance of the agricultural industry demanded the placing of the department under a Minister who was a recognized authority on agriculture. He characterized as "makeshifts" the appointment of a commissioner, giving but part of his time to the work, and the naming of two deputies. Commenting upon the later phase of the bill, which is really intended to make C. F. Bailey Deputy-Minister instead of assistant Deputy-Minister, as he is at present, Mr. Rowell remarked that it was the situation into which the Government had chosen a man like the late C. C. ment in the first place of a man as Deputy-Minister who had no agricultural training. If the Government had chosen a man like the late C. C. James it would not now be resorting to makeshifts.

George A. Henry, of East York, rose to reply to Mr. Rowell, but the debate was adjourned before he got started.

## Conservatives Favor Votes for Women?

The Conservatives held a prolonged caucus at the Parliament Buildings yesterday, and it is quite on the cards that the Government will grant the vote to women. The fact that they took means to snuff out Mr. Rowell's amendment to the Address, calling for the enfranchisement of women, is taken as a sure indication that they intend to grant the women's just demands, and take full credit to themselves for doing so.