

Peddling by Soldiers

Past wars have offered peddling as a source of livelihood to returned soldiers. To the credit of Canada this one has provided vocational training and opportunities by which a disabled soldier can have a chance for almost any variety of wage-earning that he may desire. Strenuous efforts have been made to prevent our disabled men to be used as peddlers by unscrupulous mercenary ones. Thinking soldiers have been made to see that while they might reap a harvest for a short time there would be a reaction when more and more poured into it, and then they would have lost the chance to use themselves for real employment.

But notwithstanding all this and the fact it has become illegal to employ khaki in this way, firms who profiteer by coining public sympathy for the soldier have not despaired. One firm has inserted an advertisement for soldiers' widows and feminine relatives to peddle their publications!

Truly Canadian literature is in a bad way when publishers have to resort to such tactics to sell their wares!