

# BEYOND WAR

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EDWIN BAKER AND ALEXANDER VIETS WERE BLINDED WHILE FIGHTING IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR. ALONG WITH CHARLES DICKINSON AND SCHERMANN SWIFT, THEY STARTED THE CANADIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND. IT BEGAN AS AN ORGANIZATION FOR VETERANS WHO'D LOST THEIR SIGHT IN THE WAR. BEFORE LONG, IT WAS HELPING ALL CANADIANS WHO WERE BLIND OR HAD PARTIAL SIGHT.



\*SOMEONE WHO INJURED AN ARM OR LEG SO BADLY THAT A DOCTOR HAD TO CUT IT OFF.



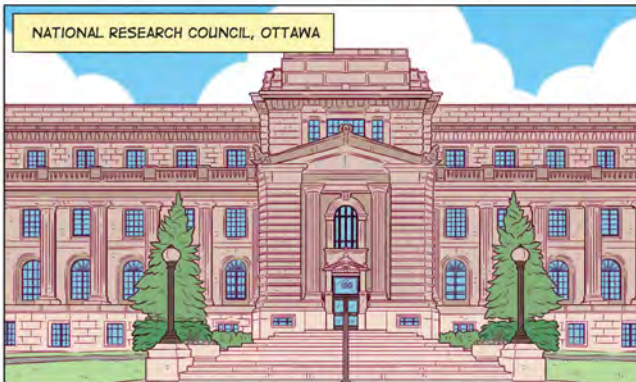
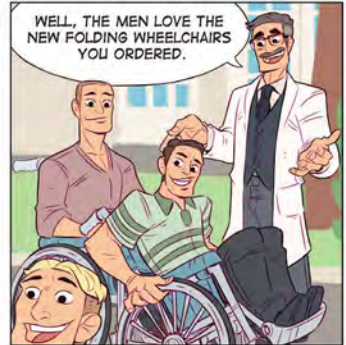






\*A PERSON UNABLE TO USE THEIR LEGS BECAUSE OF A SPINE INJURY







ALTHOUGH WE IMAGINED THEIR CONVERSATIONS, THE MEN WE NAMED ARE ALL REAL. AFTER BEING INJURED IN WAR, THEY CAME BACK TO CANADA AND STARTED GROUPS TO HELP OTHERS LIKE THEM. AT TIMES, THESE VETERANS WERE SEEN AS DESERVING HELP MORE THAN OTHERS WITH SIMILAR CONDITIONS WHO DIDN'T GET THE SAME HELP. BUT THE ORGANIZATIONS THEY CREATED HAVE MADE LIFE BETTER FOR THOUSANDS OF CANADIANS WITH DISABILITIES: THE CANADIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND (CNIB), THE CANADIAN PARAPLEGIC ASSOCIATION (NOW SPINAL CORD INJURY CANADA) AND THE AMPUTATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE GREAT WAR (NOW THE WAR AMPS).

