

ADMINISTRATION

War Pensions.—A Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada, consisting of three members, was created by Order in Council of June 3, 1916, with exclusive jurisdiction and authority to deal with the granting and payment of naval and military pensions and other allowances to persons in the Canadian Naval Forces and the Canadian Expeditionary Force and to their dependents. There is no appeal from the decisions of the commission, but applicants may appear in person or by counsel before the commission to present complaints. The scale of pensions was revised by Order in Council of October 22, 1917. Under the new scale twenty classes are provided ranging from five p.c. disablement up to one hundred p.c., or total disablement. The pensions range for the rank and file, according to the class of disablement, from \$30 up to \$600 per annum, and for disablement from \$600 for rank and file up to \$2,700 for persons of and above the rank of commodore or brigadier-general. A further annual allowance is made for each child, which, for all men below the rank of commander or lieutenant-colonel, ranges, according to class of disablement, from \$6 up to \$96. Married men, not above the rank of naval sub-lieutenant or lieutenant of militia, receive an additional allowance which ranges, for all ranks, from \$4.80 up to \$96. Men of these same ranks may also receive an addition not exceeding \$300 if totally disabled and helpless. In the case of dependents of deceased sailors and soldiers, payments to widows are made only until re-marriage, and to dependent parents and brothers and sisters only when there is no widow or child. The age limit for the payment of pensions to children is 16 for boys and 17 for girls. This scale of pensions, which is set out in tabular form in Tables 25 and 26, replaces that which was recorded in the Canada Year Book, 1915, pp. 650 and 651. The total amount of the European war pensions paid by the Canadian Department of Militia and Defence and the Board of Pension Commissioners from May, 1915, to March 31, 1917, is \$2,148,033.77

25.—Scale of Annual Pensions granted to Dependents of Deceased Sailors and Soldiers of the Canadian Naval Forces and the Canadian Expeditionary Force, as amended to October 22, 1917.

| Rank or Rating. | Widows or Dependent Parents. | Each child or each dependent Brother or Sister. |
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| All ratings below Petty Officer (Naval); Rank and File (Militia). | \$ cts. 480.00 | \$ cts. 96.00 |
| Chief Petty Officer and Petty Officer (Naval); Squad. Battery or Company Sergt.-Major and Q.-M. Sergt., Sergt. including Staff-Sergt. and Col.-Sergt. (Militia) | 510.00 | 96.00 |
| Naval Cadet and Midshipman (Naval); Master Gunner not Warrant Officer, Regimental Sergt.-Major, not W. O., Regimental Q.-M. Sergt. (Militia). | 620.00 | 96.00 |
| Warrant Officer and Chief Warrant Officer (Naval); Warrant Officer (Militia) | 680.00 | 96.00 |
| Sub-Lieutenant (Naval); Lieutenant (Militia). | 720.00 | 96.00 |
| Lieutenant (Naval); Captain (Militia). | 800.00 | 96.00 |
| Lieutenant Commander (Naval); Major (Militia). | 1,008.00 | 96.00 |
| Commander and Captain under three years' seniority (Naval); Lieutenant-Colonel (Militia). | 1,248.00 | 120.00 |
| Captain (Naval); Colonel (Militia). | 1,512.00 | 120.00 |
| Commodore and higher ranks (Naval); Brigadier-General and higher ranks (Militia) | 2,160.00 | 120.00 |