

Brief statistics are appended to illustrate the growth of the activities of the Board of Pension Commissioners. The total number of pensions in force increased from 25,823 to 63,057 during the fiscal years 1918 to 1923, and the total liability from \$7,273,728, or an average of \$282 per pension, to \$30,421,766, or an average of \$482 per pension. While pensions paid to dependants during the six-year period practically doubled in number, those paid on account of disabilities showed an increase of nearly threefold. Liability under dependants' pensions during the same period showed a threefold increase, while disabilities' pensions had increased in 1923 to practically six times their 1918 total, a comparatively greater rate of increase than that shown in the case of pensions paid to dependants. It will be noticed that, following the increase of pensions liability to a total of \$31,184,838 at the close of the fiscal year 1921, a decrease of some \$700,000 is shown down to the close of the fiscal year 1923. Total expenditure on pensions on account of the late war for the period Aug. 4, 1914, to Mar. 31, 1923, amounted to \$151,751,591.

## PENSIONS IN FORCE AS AT MAR. 31, 1918-1923.

Years.	Dependants.		Disabilities.		Total.	
	No. of Pensions.	Liability.	No. of Pensions.	Liability.	No. of Pensions.	Liability.
1918.....	10,488	\$ 4,168,602	15,335	3,105,126	25,823	7,273,728
1919.....	16,753	9,593,056	42,932	7,470,729	59,685	17,063,785
1920.....	17,823	10,841,170	69,203	14,335,118	87,026	25,176,288
1921.....	19,209	12,954,141	51,452	18,230,697	70,661	31,184,838
1922.....	19,606	12,687,237	45,133	17,991,535	64,739	30,678,772
1923.....	19,794	12,279,621	43,263	18,142,145	63,057	30,421,766

## 18.—Number of Pensions in Force on March 31, 1923, by Relationship of Dependants and Rank of the Disabled, and Annual Liability incurred thereon.

Pensions to Dependants.			Pensions for Disabilities.		
Classification.	Number of Pensions.	Yearly Liability.	Classification.	Number of Pensioners.	Yearly Liability.
Widows.....	8,268	\$ 7,710,376	Privates.....	36,509	15,306,619
Mothers.....	5,726	2,504,150	Sergeants.....	3,947	1,610,215
Children.....	2,719	813,180	R.S.M's.....	167	62,811
Parents (both).....	1,232	523,742	W.O's.....	44	17,737
Fathers.....	1,082	347,915	Lieutenants.....	1,206	496,870
Orphans.....	620	329,482	Captains.....	711	318,505
Brothers and Sisters.....	84	24,324	Majors.....	327	159,142
Grandparents.....	43	19,274	Lt.-Colonels.....	105	67,239
Orphan Brothers and Sisters...	10	3,348	Colonels.....	11	8,831
Others.....	10	3,840	Brig. Generals.....	8	8,508
			Nurses—Lieuts.....	226	85,368
			Nurses—Capts.....	2	300
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>19,794</b>	<b>12,279,631</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>43,263</b>	<b>18,142,145</b>
			<b>Total Annual Liability</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>30,421,776</b>