

from \$7,273,728, or an average of \$282 per pension, to \$30,825,049, or an average of \$487 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 1924 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 \$360,000 is shown down to the close of the fiscal year 1923.

PENSIONS IN FORCE AS AT MAR. 31, 1918-1924.

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
1924.....	19,971	12,037,843	43,300	18,787,206	63,271	30,825,049

VI.—MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATION.

1.—The Soldier Settlement Board.

The Canada Year Book, 1921, contains, on pages 809 and 810, a statement regarding the establishment and early proceedings of the Soldier Settlement Board.

At the end of the calendar year 1924, the number of returned men placed on farms by the Soldier Settlement Board was 30,604. Of these, 24,148 have been granted loans amounting to \$103,150,099, and the remainder are on free soldier grants without loans. The moneys were disbursed for the following purposes:

For the purchase of land.....	\$ 59,800,229
For removal of encumbrances on land owned privately by settlers.....	2,559,260
For permanent improvements.....	10,608,980
For stock and equipment.....	29,782,431
Disbursed to Indian settlers through Indian Department	399,199
Total.....	\$ 103,150,099

Since the spring of 1924 new applications have been limited to the following classes:

1. Soldier settlers who apply to purchase farms already owned by the Board.
2. Those who are owners of land upon which they could have applied for a loan but had not done so, loans in such cases to be limited under section 25 of the Soldier Settlement Act to 50 p.c. of the value of the land for removal of encumbrances and a total of \$5,000 for all purposes.