

incorporated into the ordinary pension under c. 49 of the Statutes of 1925, with the result that the permanent total disability pension for lieutenants and all ranks below is now \$900 for an unmarried person, with an addition of \$300 for wife, \$180 for first child, \$144 for second child and \$120 for each additional child. Rates of pensions for all ranks were published in tables on pp. 960-962 of the 1925 Year Book, to which the reader is referred.

Federal Appeal Board.—Under c. 62 of the Statutes of 1923, a Federal Appeal Board of not less than 5 nor more than 7 members was constituted, to hear appeals from the decisions of the Board of Pension Commissioners. As amended by c. 49 of 1925, the provision is as follows:—

“Upon the evidence and record upon which the Board of Pension Commissioners gave their decision an appeal shall lie in respect of any refusal of pension by the Board of Pension Commissioners on the ground that the injury or disease or aggravation thereof resulting in disability or death was not attributable to or was not incurred during military service.”

VI.—MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATION.

1.—The Soldier Settlement Board of Canada.

At the end of the calendar year 1926 the amount advanced to soldier settlers under the Soldier Settlement Act was \$107,812,933. From the inception of the scheme to Dec. 31, 1926, loans have been granted to 24,428 settlers, and 6,562 other settlers are on free government lands without financial assistance from the Board, making a total of 30,990 returned men established under the Act.

During the calendar year only 92 new loans were granted; these were to men who had made application for the benefits of the Act prior to Mar. 31, 1924, but who, owing to different circumstances, had been unable to complete their arrangements for taking up land until 1926.

The 24,428 loans granted were for the following purposes:—

Purchase of land.....	\$60,359,019
Removal of encumbrances.....	2,694,998
Permanent improvements.....	11,335,457
Stock and equipment.....	32,987,110
	\$107,406,584
Indian soldier settlement.....	406,349
Total loaned to settlers.....	\$107,812,933

In the calendar year 1926, \$4,328,287 was returned to the Treasury on account of loans, including loans repaid in full, prepayments, payments due, etc., making a total of \$28,124,042 paid into the Dominion Treasury on account of soldier settlement.

The last collection period will serve to illustrate the manner in which a large majority of the settlers who remained on the land are meeting their obligations. The total amount due at the close of the period (June 30, 1926) was \$4,306,828, and of this amount the settlers paid \$2,983,797 or 69.3 p.c.; in addition, prepayments were made of \$802,169, bringing the total amount repaid up to \$3,785,966. Of 17,281 settlers who had payments to meet, 15,359 or 89 p.c. did so in full or in part, while 4,541 made prepayments. The 1926-27 collection period is opening,