

Federal Appeal Board is authorized to hear appeals against decisions of the Department or the Commission in respect to ineligibility for treatment or pension on the ground that the disability in respect of which pension is refused is not attributable to or was not incurred during military service.

The work of the Pensions division of the Department of Pensions and National Health covers a great many distinct operations, the most important of which are the maintenance of a medical service, which includes the operation of hospitals, treatment of patients in contract hospitals, the operation of medical out-patient departments; the employment of a specialist staff, tubercular, neuropsychiatric and surgical; the aftercare of the tuberculous, and dental treatment. The Department is operating eight hospitals and the patient strength in these institutions on Mar. 31, 1928, was 1,764. In addition, 1,466 were undergoing treatment in other institutions under the supervision of the Department. The number of patients who received in-patient treatment during the fiscal year was 11,030, and out-patient treatment was given in 102,580 cases.

The Department operates a central factory and nine fitting depots in connection with the manufacture of artificial limbs and other prosthetic appliances. The number of appliances, including repairs, issued during the fiscal year was 44,213.

Sheltered employment workshops are operated at Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal, Halifax, Winnipeg and Vancouver and are known as Vetreft Shops. In connection with the sale of products from these shops, a sales force is maintained. The Department manufactures the poppies and wreaths sold on Armistice Day.

Vocational training is still carried on to a limited extent, and in certain centres the Department maintains an employment service, while in others it co-operates with the Dominion-Provincial Service, particularly in the placement of handicapped men. A measure of relief is continued to pensioners who are out of employment.

Among the other activities of the Department may be mentioned the provision of veterans' care for indigent ex-members of the forces; general supervision of the activities of the Last Post Fund; payment of workmen's compensation in respect of pensioners of 25 p.c. and upwards; payment of compensation allowances to ex-members of the forces undergoing hospital treatment; co-operation with the trustees appointed under the Canteen Funds Act; aftercare of the blind, in co-operation with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind; and, by arrangement with similar departments in other countries and Dominions, the care of ex-members of the forces of those countries when in Canada. For the benefit of former Canadians who are now resident in the United Kingdom, an office is maintained in London, England.

The following is an epitomized statement of the manner in which the funds appropriated by Parliament were dealt with by the Department during the fiscal year:—

Direct payments to men and dependants.....	\$ 43,131,385.83
Payments for services to men and dependants.....	3,813,812.29
Capital expenditures.....	31,686.26
Stores purchased.....	436,371.16
Payments to outside organizations.....	94,243.67
Recoverable expenditures.....	528,282.16
Insurance premiums revenue.....	\$ 1,385,775.70
Casual revenue.....	207,289.67
	<u>1,593,065.37</u>
Administration expense.....	49,628,852.74
	<u>1,458,816.30</u>
	51,087,669.04
Expense of the Federal Appeal Board and the Board of Pension Commissioners.....	266,484.69
	<u>\$ 51,354,153.73</u>