

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE.

Treatment, Pensions and Returned Soldiers' Insurance.....	\$	1,458,816.30
Percentage—Departmental Administration.....	p.c.	2.855

ADJUDICATION OF PENSIONS.

Board of Pension Commissioners.....	\$	100,834.47
Federal Appeal Board.....		165,650.22
Percentage—Adjudication of Pensions.....	p.c.	266,484.69
		0.518
Total Administration and Adjudication Expenses.....	\$	1,725,300.99
Percentage of Administration and Adjudication Expense to All Expense.....	p.c.	3.359

Returned Soldiers' Insurance.—The Returned Soldiers' Insurance Act of 1920 was placed under the jurisdiction of the Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada. The Board confines itself, however, to supervision and adjudication on claims. All collections and payments are made by the Department. No applications under the Statute could be received after Sept. 1, 1923, but by c. 45 of the Statutes of 1928 the matter was re-opened, so that applications may be received until Aug. 31, 1929.

The total number of policies in force on Mar. 31, 1928, was 25,010, representing an insurance of \$54,892,529. During the fiscal year the premium income was \$1,386,350. Interest was \$212,247, making a total of \$1,598,597. Expenditure during the year in respect of death claims, cancelled insurance and surrendered policies, amounted to \$724,391. The total number of death claims to Mar. 31, 1928, was 1,740, amounting to \$4,921,140. The balance on hand as at Mar. 31, 1928, was \$5,964,247.

The Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada.—The Board of Pension Commissioners consists of three members and operates under the authority of the Pension Act. This Act was amended in certain directions during the fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1928, the principal amendment covering the Federal Appeal Board. The only other amendment of importance was the raising of the limit of time during which application for pension might be made from seven years to nine years after retirement or discharge from the forces.¹

The following statistics illustrate the growth of the activities of the Board of Pension Commissioners:—

PENSIONS IN FORCE AS AT MARCH 31, 1918-1928.

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	9,563,056	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
1925.....	20,105	11,804,825	44,598	19,816,380	64,703	31,621,205
1926.....	20,005	11,608,530	46,355	21,456,941	66,360	33,065,471
1927.....	19,999	11,419,276	48,027	22,811,373	68,026	34,230,659
1928.....	19,975	11,209,351	50,635	24,374,502	70,610	35,583,853

The total amount paid for Great War pensions during the fiscal year, including retroactive awards, was \$38,602,757.

¹By subsequent legislation passed during the session of 1928, this time limit for application was entirely removed.