

The Annual Report for the fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1931, shows an increase in the number of ex-members of the forces who received in-patient hospital treatment, the number being 15,519 as against 12,939 in 1929-30 and 12,147 in 1928-29. The Department maintains eight hospitals which are situated in the following centres: Halifax, Saint John, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Toronto, London, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver. The sheltered employment workshops are still operated at Hamilton, Montreal, Halifax and Vancouver, and one shop by the Red Cross Society at Victoria.

The Pension Division of the Department is responsible for the administration of returned soldiers' affairs under the Pensions and National Health Act, and the War Veterans' Allowance Act. It also is responsible for all payments under the Pension Act.

The following is an epitomized statement of the manner in which the funds appropriated by Parliament have been dealt with, and also sets forth the cost of administration and the adjudication of pensions in amount and percentage.

Direct payments to men and dependants.....	\$ 50,491,852
Payments for services to men and dependants.....	4,858,955
Capital expenditures.....	128,438
Payments to outside organizations.....	53,123
Recoverable expenditures.....	231,947
Revenue—Insurance premiums.....	\$ 1,791,542
Casual.....	112,535
	<u>\$ 1,904,078</u>
	\$ 57,668,393
Administration expenses.....	1,444,868
	<u>\$ 59,113,261</u>
Expense of the Board of Pension Commissioners, Federal Appeal Board, Veterans' Bureau, Pension Tribunal and Pension Appeal Court.....	713,156
	<u>\$ 59,826,417</u>

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE.

General departmental administration.....	\$ 1,444,868
Percentage—Departmental administration.....	2.415 p.c.

Adjudication of Pensions.

Board of Pension Commissioners.....	\$ 412,884
Federal Appeal Board.....	99,209
Veterans' Bureau.....	76,173
Pension Tribunal.....	108,990
Pension Appeal Court.....	15,897
	<u>713,156</u>
Percentage—Adjudication of pensions.....	1.192 p.c.
Total administration and adjudication expense.....	\$ 2,158,024
Percentage—All expense.....	3.607 p.c.

The Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada.—The Board of Pension Commissioners is responsible for the adjudication and award of pensions in respect of disabilities connected with military service and the award of pensions to the dependants of those who have died. It consists of three members and operates under the authority of the Pension Act.

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

The number of disability awards in force at Mar. 31, 1931, shows an increase of 9,673, being due, in the main, to the reinstatement, as provided by the 1930