

Owing to the very large number of applications received it was necessary to give priority to the most urgent claims. Accordingly all applications were classified in the following general classification:—

1. (a) Applicants who were seriously ill and not in receipt of pension.  
(b) Death claims on behalf of widows, dependent children, dependent parents and other dependants, preference to be given to those without resources.
2. (a) Applicants in receipt of a small pension who are seriously ill from another injury or disease on account of which pension is not being paid and who are otherwise without resources.  
(b) Mental cases in institutions provided there are dependants without resources.
3. Minor disability cases not in receipt of pension.
4. Minor disability pensioners not included in Class 2 (a) above and all other entitlement applications including section 12 claims on account of disabilities usually considered to be of congenital origin.
5. Assessment, retroactivation and other claims of this nature (if within the jurisdiction of the Tribunal).

It was found that more than half of the applications dealt with belonged to Class 3, while Class 1 cases were next in order.

**War Veterans' Allowances.**—The War Veterans' Allowance Act, enacted in May, 1930 (Chapter 48), became effective Sept. 1, 1930.

The object of this legislation is to relieve from necessity the aged or totally incapacitated veteran whose resources or income are insufficient to provide for his adequate maintenance.

The recipient must have attained the age of sixty years or be permanently unemployable by reason of physical or mental disability, and have been domiciled in Canada for the one year immediately preceding date of application.

He must have served in a theatre of actual war or, in the alternative, be in receipt of a pension or have accepted a final payment in lieu thereof for a disability of 5 p. c. or more.

In the case of ex-members of the Imperial or Allied Forces, they must have been domiciled in Canada at the time of their enlistment.

The maximum payable to a single man or widower without children is \$240 per annum and for a married man or widower with dependent children who is residing with his family, \$480.

Any income in excess of \$125 per annum in the case of a single man or \$250 in the case of a married man is deductible from the allowance payable.

The Act, therefore, enables the committee to supplement the income of a single man up to \$365 per annum and that of a married man up to \$730 per annum.

The Veterans' Allowance Act provides for administration by an independent committee known as the War Veterans' Allowance Committee comprising a chairman and two other members.

Provision is also made in the Act for liaison with the Department of Pensions and National Health by authority enabling the deputy minister, or in his absence the assistant deputy minister, to act as an additional member.

Representation of the returned soldiers at large is also provided by authority for appointment of one other member, not on the staff of the Department. The General Secretary of the Canadian Legion has been appointed under this authority in an honorary capacity.

The Department, under the direction of the committee, furnishes medical examinations, investigations in the towns and cities, and the necessary quarters and