

The number of veterans' care cases showed an increase of 27, the total at the end of the fiscal year being 198. The issue of orthopædic and surgical appliances has been maintained with a slight increase. The number of pensioners who have been granted relief was 12,303 in 1931-32, as compared with 8,811 in 1930-31, 5,548 in 1929-30 and 4,647 in 1928-29. The expenditure in 1931-32 was \$2,082,052, as compared with \$907,010 in 1930-31, \$517,947 in 1929-30 and \$367,231 in 1928-29. During the year, 36 cases were taken on for vocational training and 6 for probational training.

The provision under which the Department assumes responsibility in respect of accidents sustained by pensioners of 25 p.c. and upwards while engaged in industry has been continued. During the fiscal year under review, the number of claims was 200, being 8 more than during the previous year. The expenditure was \$49,878, as against \$45,142 in 1930-31. This expenditure is largely governed by the number of fatal and serious accidents.

The following is a summary statement of the manner in which the funds appropriated by Parliament have been dealt with and also sets forth the costs of administration and the adjudication of pensions in amount and percentage.

#### COST OF ADMINISTRATION, FISCAL YEAR 1931-32.

Direct payments to men and dependants.....	\$ 54,833,059.55	
Payments for services to men and dependants.....	4,472,353.90	
Capital expenditures.....	36,868.41	
Payments to outside organizations.....	67,049.98	
Recoverable expenditures.....	185,816.42	
		\$ 59,595,348.26
Revenue—Insurance premiums.....	\$ 1,643,456.53	
“ Casual.....	186,744.54	
		1,830,201.07
		\$ 61,425,549.33
Administration expenses.....	1,511,594.90	
		\$ 62,937,144.23
Expense of Board of Pension Commissioners, Veterans' Bureau, Pension Tribunal and Pension Appeal Court.....	1,058,126.24	
		\$ 63,995,270.47

#### DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE.

General departmental administration.....	\$ 1,511,594.90
Percentage departmental administration.....	2.362 p.c.

#### ADJUDICATION OF PENSIONS.

Board of Pension Commissioners.....	\$ 480,850.29	
Veterans' Bureau.....	205,894.85	
Pension Tribunal.....	329,908.15	
Pension Appeal Court.....	41,472.95	
		\$ 1,058,126.24
Percentage—Adjudication of pensions.....		1.653 p.c.
Total administration and adjudication expense.....	\$ 2,569,721.14	
Percentage—All expense.....		4.016 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, 1932, shows an increase of 9,209 as compared with those in force a year previous and of 18,882 as compared with the figures for 1930, being due, in the main, to the reinstatement, as provided