

Act. It is also responsible, by direction of the Canadian Pension Commission, for certain administrative duties under the Pension Act and the Returned Soldiers' Insurance Act. The Representative of the Treasury is responsible for all payments under these Acts.

The Annual Report for the fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1938, shows a decrease from the previous year in the number of ex-members of the Forces who received in-patient hospital treatment, the number being 11,443 as against 11,742 in 1936-37, and 12,835 in 1935-36. The Department maintains eight hospitals, situated in the following centres: Halifax, Saint John, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Toronto, London, Winnipeg, Calgary, and Vancouver. A sheltered employment workshop is operated at Montreal and one shop by the Red Cross Society at Victoria.

One of the features of the activities of the Department is provision in a departmental institution for pensioners who, through age or infirmity, are unable to care for themselves. The number of such cases showed an increase during the year, the total on Mar. 31, 1938, being 377 as against 299 a year previously, 286 in 1936, and 235 in 1935. In the issue of orthopaedic and surgical appliances there has been a slight decrease. The number of pensioners who were granted relief was 11,179 in 1937-38, as compared with 12,322, in 1936-37, and 12,083 in 1935-36. The expenditure on relief in 1937-38 was \$2,232,398; in 1936-37, \$2,435,285; and in 1935-36, \$2,365,579.

The provision under which the Department assumes responsibility in respect of accidents sustained by pensioners of 25 p.c. and upwards when engaged in industry has been continued. During the fiscal year under review, the number of claims was 317; in 1936-37, 260; in 1935-36, 279; and in 1934-35, 222. Expenditures were as follows: 1937-38, \$39,997; 1936-37, \$18,590; and 1935-36, \$27,138. Expenditures are 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; the costs of administration and of the adjudication of pensions are also shown.

NET PAYMENTS BY THE PENSIONS BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS
AND NATIONAL HEALTH, FISCAL YEAR 1938.

Net Cash Payments—

European War pensions.....	\$ 40,774,881
War veterans' allowances.....	3,903,007
Unemployment assistance.....	2,232,398
Sheltered employment.....	57,879
Hospital allowances.....	943,431
Probational training allowances.....	67,209
	\$ 47,978,805

*Net Cost of Services (Indirect Payments to and on behalf of Ex-members of the Forces
and their Dependents)—*

Hospital treatment.....	\$ 2,754,776
Employers' liability compensation.....	39,997
Last Post Fund.....	60,000
Canadian Legion.....	9,000
Transportation of pensioners, patients, etc.....	71,018
After-care of the blind and transportation of blinded ex-soldiers.....	6,094
	\$ 2,940,885