

## 6.—Pensions in Force, as at Mar. 31, 1918-39.

Year.	Dependants.		Disabilities.		Totals.	
	Pensions.	Liability.	Pensions.	Liability.	Pensions.	Liability.
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
1918.....	10,488	4,168,602	15,335	3,105,126	25,823	7,273,728
1919.....	16,753	9,593,056	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.....	20,015	11,804,825	44,598	19,816,380	64,613	31,621,205
1926.....	20,005	11,608,530	46,385	21,456,941	66,390	33,065,471
1927.....	19,999	11,419,276	48,027	22,811,373	68,026	34,230,649
1928.....	19,975	11,209,351	50,635	24,374,502	70,610	35,583,853
1929.....	20,002	11,090,158	54,620	26,095,150	74,622	37,185,308
1930.....	19,644	10,742,518	56,996	27,059,992	76,640	37,802,510
1931.....	19,676	10,985,518	66,669	29,226,208	86,345	40,211,726
1932.....	19,308	10,859,806	75,878	30,998,571	95,186	41,858,377
1933.....	18,745	10,624,775	77,967	31,124,543	96,712	41,749,318
1934.....	18,236	10,339,971	77,855	30,453,454	96,091	40,793,425
1935.....	18,241	10,372,607	78,404	30,406,414	96,645	40,779,021
1936.....	18,175	10,381,121	79,124	30,473,353	97,299	40,854,474
1937.....	18,186	10,417,158	79,789	30,365,865	97,975	40,783,023
1938.....	18,105	10,411,095	79,876	30,270,960	97,981	40,682,055
1939.....	17,896	10,318,775	80,104	30,094,890	98,000	40,413,665

The number of medical examinations for pension purposes carried out during the fiscal year 1939 was 18,385, being a decrease of 4,278 as compared with the previous year.

**Pension Appeal Court.**—During the fiscal year 1938-39, 1,048 decisions were rendered on appeals. At the end of the fiscal year there were 211 appeals remaining unheard.

**Veterans' Bureau.**—Pursuant to legislation passed in 1930, a Veterans' Bureau was organized as a branch of the Department and came into active operation on Oct. 1, 1930. The duties of the Bureau are set forth at p. 945 of the Canada Year Book, 1932. Briefly stated, the Bureau was created and is operated to assist applicants for pension in the preparation and presentation of their cases. There is a Chief Pensions Advocate with his staff at Ottawa, and Pensions Advocates have their offices in all the principal cities of Canada. The bulk of the applications for pension are being brought to finality by thorough preparation, without the necessity of local hearings.

**War Veterans' Allowances.**—The War Veterans' Allowance Act was enacted in 1930 to provide for the maintenance of veterans who, because of age or disability, are incapable of providing for themselves. The Act provides for the payment of allowances to veterans with the requisite service, at the age of 60 years, or at any age if so disabled as to be 'permanently unemployable'.

In addition to providing for the veteran of 60 and the permanently unemployable veteran, provision is made in the Act for a further group, as a result of the deliberations of a Parliamentary Committee in 1936. This group is referred to in the Act as "those having served in a theatre of actual war who have attained the age of 55 and who, in the opinion of the Board, are incapable of maintaining themselves because of pre-ageing, disability and general unfitness".