

Section 6.—Returned Soldiers' Insurance

The Returned Soldiers' Insurance Act is under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Pension Commission which acts as agent in this respect for the Minister of Finance. Collections are made through the Department of Pensions and National Health and payments are made by a representative of the Treasury, who is located in the Department. Several extensions have been made from time to time of the date to which applications could be received.

10.—Operations Under the Returned Soldiers' Insurance Act, Fiscal Years 1939-43

Item	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Policies re-instated..... No.	907	852	832	812	608
Policies surrendered for cash.....	521	546	335	261	212
Policies in force..... "	22,939	22,016	21,287	20,600	19,981
Amounts of insurance..... \$	48,450,034	46,262,798	44,574,841	43,054,472	41,737,352
Amounts of premium income..... \$	1,160,253 ¹	1,088,227 ¹	1,022,716	919,711	785,322
Expenditures..... \$	890,417 ¹	918,776	777,728	823,628	807,595
Death claims in year..... No.	293	277	293	325	321
Death claims from commencement of operations..... "	4,652 ¹	4,929 ¹	5,222	5,547	6,055 ²
Amounts of death claims in year... \$	602,032	513,679	583,850	590,061	623,343
Amounts of death claims from commencement of operations..... \$	11,259,642	11,773,321	12,357,171	12,947,232	13,568,774 ³
Balances on hand..... \$	17,783,544	18,683,091	19,683,919	20,574,042	21,383,159

¹ Revised since the publication of the 1942 Year Book.

² Includes 187 claims not reported in yearly totals.

³ Includes deductions amounting to \$1,801 spread over earlier years.

The general Advisory Committee on Demobilization and Rehabilitation gave consideration to the subject of Returned Soldiers' Insurance in their report submitted to the convener of the Cabinet Committee on Sept. 25, 1943. The House of Commons Committee also recommended that Returned Soldiers' Insurance be provided to veterans of the present war on a similar basis to the Returned Soldiers' Insurance provided after the War of 1914-18. The Canadian Legion and a number of other bodies have also made representations favouring the extension of the principle of Returned Soldiers' Insurance to ex-servicemen of the present war. The Act, as at present administered, was passed in 1920, after the War of 1914-18 was well over, and the general Advisory Committee on Demobilization and Rehabilitation felt that since new life tables would require to be prepared by the Department of Insurance, the consideration of details should be left to a more appropriate time although little change would be needed in the form of the Act itself. This Committee considered that the legislation should be extended to cover members of the Navy and the Air Force and also members of the Women's Corps. A sub-committee has been established to study the various proposals and formulate a working program.