

The allowances, which are tax free, are paid by cheque monthly at the following rates:—

Children under 6 years of age.....	\$5
Children from 6-9 years of age.....	\$6
Children from 10-12 years of age.....	\$7
Children from 13-15 years of age.....	\$8

The allowances are reduced after the fourth child as follows: one dollar reduction for the fifth child, two dollars each for the sixth and seventh child and three dollars for each additional child.

It is expected that a gross disbursement of over \$250,000,000 will be distributed annually under the Family Allowances Act. The net additional cost to the country is estimated at \$200,000,000. For statistics of family allowances, see Appendix III at the end of this volume.

**Unemployment Insurance.**—In 1940, by an amendment to the British North America Act, the Dominion Government was given complete jurisdiction in the field of unemployment insurance and since that time a national system of unemployment insurance administered by the Unemployment Insurance Commission has been in operation. (See Labour Chapter, pp. 768-771.)

**Veterans Allowances.**—In addition to war pensions, allowances are paid to certain non-pensionable veterans at 60 years of age, or earlier if the veteran is permanently unemployable, or eligible veterans who, having served in a theatre of actual war, are incapable and unlikely to become capable of maintaining themselves because of economic handicaps combined with disabilities. (See pp. 872-873.)

**Dependants Allowances.**—The Dependents' Allowance Board is charged with the payment of allowances to dependants of members of the Armed Forces, the main purpose of which is to promote the well-being and efficiency of His Majesty's Forces by relieving financial anxieties with respect to the domestic welfare of their dependants.

The Board consists of a civilian chairman and representatives from the three Armed Forces and the Treasury, and administers all allowances. Where investigation is necessary, it is carried out through the field staffs of the Department of National Health and Welfare, the Soldier Settlement Board, provincial welfare services, and private welfare organizations such as Children's Aid Societies and Family Welfare Bureaus.

A special Family Welfare Section has been instituted by the Board to administer allowances when the recipient is infirm or where domestic difficulties necessitate the intervention of a third party. In some cases the wife of a service man may request administration of her allowance in case of illness or of her financial affairs becoming involved. The Section maintains the closest co-operation with the various welfare agencies.

**Supplementary Grants Fund.**—A Dependents' Board of Trustees has been set up to administer this fund, which is designed to give supplementary assistance in special cases of difficulty and hardship where it can be shown that the regular allowances are inadequate. The Board operates with the assistance of Regional Dependents' Advisory Committees that have been established in the chief cities of the Dominion.