

During the past two years many clinics were established and more have been authorized which will be fully equipped and manned when sufficient dental equipment and experienced personnel are available.

The following ex-members of the Canadian Armed Forces are eligible for free dental treatment:—

- (1) All who are shown to have dental requirements listed on examination by the Canadian Dental Corps at the time of discharge or retirement.
- (2) Trainees and those entitled to training or other benefits under the Post-Discharge Re-establishment Order who must have dental treatment in order to avoid any interference with their training because of an adverse dental condition.
- (3) Pensioners for direct dental injury or disease, gastric ulcer, duodenal ulcer, gastritis, and allied conditions; hand, and hand-and-arm amputees.
- (4) Pensioners hospitalized for pensionable disabilities.
- (5) Pensioners being treated as out-patients.
- (6) Non-pensioners with meritorious service.
- (7) Pensioners requiring institutional care.
- (8) Ex-members of the Armed Forces who served in the present war providing such treatment is authorized and commenced within one year of discharge.

Classes (1), (2) and (8) above refer only to ex-members of the Armed Forces and those of auxiliary units who served in the present war with the German Reich, while Classes (3) to (7) include ex-members of the C.E.F. and the Active Force.

## Section 4.—Pensions

### Subsection 1.—The Pension System as it has Developed in Canada

**Background of Canadian Pensions Legislation.**—The Pension Act of 1919 established a Board consisting of three members vested with exclusive power and authority to adjudicate upon pension claims and to award pensions for disability or death related to military service in the War of 1914-18. The statute, with appropriate amendments, has been made applicable to claims arising out of the present war.

The Canadian Pensions Legislation as it developed following the War of 1914-18 is outlined at pp. 759-760 of the 1943-44 Year Book. The machinery which then took form has been adapted and applied to present circumstances.

In 1941, Parliament appointed a select committee to consider the general provisions of the Pension Act and ex-service men's problems and to make suitable recommendations in regard thereto. After consideration of the Committee's report, which was framed to meet present-day conditions and based on experience gathered in the administration of the Pension Act since the War of 1914-18, Parliament decided to make the provisions of that statute, with appropriate amendments, applicable to claims arising out of the present war.

**Summary and Procedure in Regard to Application.**—The provisions of the Pension Act, as originally enacted in 1919, although wide and generous in their scope as compared with pension legislation in other countries, have been considerably