

Under the terms of amendments enacted during the year 1944 these benefits are also available to ex-members of the North West Field Force (1885 Rebellion) and to veterans of the present war.

The allowance is provided for three classes of veterans:—

- (1) The veteran who has attained the age of 60 years.
- (2) The veteran of any age who because of disabilities is permanently unemployable.
- (3) The veteran who served in a theatre of actual war, and who is incapable of maintaining himself because of economic handicaps combined with physical or mental disability or insufficiency.

Classes (1) and (2) must have served in a theatre of actual war, or be in receipt of pension or have received a final payment in commutation of pension. Class (3) applies only to veterans who served in an actual theatre of war.

Other conditions of eligibility are as follows:—

- (1) Applicants must have been domiciled in Canada for the six months immediately preceding date of commencement of allowance.
- (2) Allowance is not payable outside the Dominion of Canada.
- (3) Old Age Pension and War Veterans Allowance cannot be paid at the same time.
- (4) Reduction in allowance may be made when the recipient is admitted to an institution for treatment.

The amount of allowance payable is discretionary with the Board, but may not exceed:—

- (1) Twenty dollars per month to a single veteran, whose total income, including the allowance, must not exceed \$365 per annum.
- (2) Forty dollars per month to a married veteran or a widower with children, whose total income including the allowance must not exceed \$730 per annum.

*NOTE.—Application for the allowance should be made to the nearest district office of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Final decisions are made by the War Veterans' Allowance Board, Ottawa, but applications must be made through the nearest office of the Department.*

In addition to the above rates, the amending legislative measures of 1944 authorize supplementary allowances up to \$10.41 per month in the case of single men, and \$20.83 in the case of married beneficiaries. These supplements, when there is no income from other sources, bring the total income to \$365 and \$730, respectively, per annum.

Legislative measures were enacted in 1944 authorizing similar allowances to veterans' widows and veterans' orphans on practically the same basis as to rates and the condition of eligibility in these cases is that the veteran himself was eligible during his lifetime.

Under the terms of another legislative measure, the veterans who do not meet the requirements of eligibility in respect of military service in either the War of 1914-18 or the present war but who have served in both wars may be admitted to similar benefits as those described above; likewise, their widows and their orphans.

Since the enactment of the legislation a total of 37,275 awards have been made by the War Veterans' Allowance Board.

As at Feb. 28, 1945, the annual liability was \$10,096,139 and the number of beneficiaries under the above legislation was 26,262, made up as follows: veterans of the N.W.F.F., 89; veterans of the South Africa War, 533; veterans of the War 1914-18 (C.E.F.), 23,494; veterans of the present war, 15; widows, 2,098; orphans, 12; and pensioners under Dual Service Pension Order, 21. Of the total number, 15,018 have been awarded a supplementary allowance.