

This procedure has proved eminently satisfactory for claims arising out of the War of 1914-18. Not only is the applicant made fully aware of the reasons which preclude entitlement to a pension, but he is given adequate expert assistance by the Veterans' Bureau or by the service bureaus of ex-service men's organizations in the preparation of his claim. It has resulted in bringing to a finality many claims in which applicants have realized that the evidence of continuity with service of the condition causing disability or death was insufficient.

The procedure affecting cases of the War of 1939-45, however, has been revised. Under P.C. 9553 of December, 1944, the time limits for the preparation and presentation of applications for current cases was suspended for the duration of the War and one year afterwards. When a claim has not been wholly granted, the applicant is advised of his right, under the new legislation, to renew his application without the imposition of any time limits and, when he is ready, he may inform the Commission of his intentions relating to the further prosecution of his claim, either by renewed application or by appeal. The procedure followed is very much in line with that followed in cases of the War of 1914-18 other than that there is no time limit imposed and an applicant may by-pass the "renewal hearing" and take his case before an Appeal Board sitting in his district.

The Canadian Pension Commission is also responsible for the administration under the Pension Act of a number of Orders in Council which provide for awards to merchant seamen, salt-water fishermen, civil defence workers, Corps of Civilian Fire-Fighters, Auxiliary Service personnel, Dominion Government employees and Special Constable Guards of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

1.—Pensions in Force as at Mar. 31, 1941-46

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1918-40 are given at p. 871 of the 1945 Year Book.

Year Ended Mar. 31—	To Dependents		For Disability		Totals	
	Pensions	Liability	Pensions	Liability	Pensions	Liability
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
War of 1914-18—						
1941.....	17,941	10,539,876	79,204	29,058,304	97,145	39,598,180
1942.....	17,730	10,484,192	77,971	28,194,967	95,701	38,679,159
1943.....	17,549	10,457,012	76,625	27,354,865	94,174	37,811,877
1944.....	17,242	10,389,778	75,244	26,595,094	92,486	36,984,872
1945.....	17,221	10,597,308	73,863	26,543,361	91,084	37,140,669
1946.....	16,982	10,006,707	72,396	26,523,887	89,378	37,130,594
War of 1939-45—						
1941.....	319	262,592	319	76,682	638	339,274
1942.....	929	695,465	1,291	409,556	2,220	1,105,021
1943.....	2,748	1,949,128	3,917	1,362,110	6,665	3,311,238
1944.....	5,332	3,794,258	7,231	2,693,855	12,563	6,488,113
1945.....	11,419	8,333,406	15,506	5,382,842	26,925	13,716,248
1946.....	16,957	12,014,666	38,796	11,953,662	55,753	23,968,328

Payment of Pecuniary Grants for Gallantry Awards.—Certain gallantry awards, such as the Victoria Cross, Military Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Distinguished Conduct Medal, Conspicuous Gallantry Medal and Distinguished Flying Medal, carry with them pecuniary grants, which were formerly paid by the United Kingdom Government. To these were added, during the War of 1939-45, the Distinguished Service Medal and the Military Medal which formerly were not accompanied by pecuniary benefits. By Order in Council, P.C. 4736 dated June 17, 1943, the Canadian Government, through the Canadian Pension Commission, assumed the payment out of Canadian funds for all awards arising out of the War of 1939-45 and the United Kingdom was reimbursed for such awards already paid.