

have been modified and consolidated so that there is now a comprehensive and uniform plan in operation throughout Canada.

Veterans are being trained in approximately 100 specially organized institutes or training centres, operated by the Dominion-provincial organization known as Canadian Vocational Training. Use is being made of facilities provided by private, provincial and municipal schools and training institutions.

Of the total number of veterans receiving vocational training under the Rehabilitation program as at Jan. 31, 1946, 71.1 p.c. were receiving full-time training in schools and institutions; 26.5 p.c. were being trained on the job in industrial and commercial establishments; 2.3 p.c. were receiving assistance by way of fees for correspondence or part-time courses; and 0.1 p.c. were blind veterans being trained for suitable occupations under the auspices of the National Institute for the Blind.

Training is provided for approximately 100 occupations in the schools and training centres throughout the Dominion, but training on the job is provided in over 400 different trades and occupations.

The following table, showing the number of training allowances paid to veterans receiving vocational training in each month since November, 1941, indicates the growth of the program since its inception. The numbers remained very small during 1942 and 1943, due to the relatively small numbers being demobilized and the demand for workers in war industries at high rates of pay.

5.—Number of Veterans Receiving Vocational Allowances, by Months, 1941-46

Month	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January.....		138	275	573	1,892	21,998
February.....		218	264	646	2,407	27,511
March.....		271	246	764	3,081	29,756
April.....		258	202	763	3,330	32,184
May.....		247	181	814	3,651	34,157
June.....	-	202	224	774	3,962	35,598
July.....		171	310	863	3,990	-
August.....		193	271	950	4,145	
September.....	-	172	330	1,083	4,332	
October.....		211	335	1,360	5,980	
November.....	12	263	394	1,596	8,523	
December.....	77	287	459	1,700	16,457	

The regulations provide for a maximum training period of twelve months subject to extension up to, but not exceeding, the period of active service. Those who served less than twelve months may receive training allowances for only as many months as they served on active rates of pay.

The average length of vocational training courses is approximately six months. In the case of highly skilled trades, veterans approved for advanced technical courses and those indentured as apprentices in highly skilled trades may receive assistance by way of grants or subsidies for two years or more, provided they have served the necessary period to establish entitlement. Where veterans are trained on the job the employer is expected to pay wages on a graduated scale commensurate with the earning capacity of the trainee and subject to the limitations of the Act. The Department of Veterans Affairs subsidizes these wage rates up to approximately 80 p.c. of the amount the trainee will receive from the employer on completion of the subsidized training period.