

may obtain life insurance from the Government for the protection of their dependents and as a savings plan for themselves.

The insurance is non-participating and is available in multiples of \$500 up to \$10,000 in a variety of plans ranging from ten payment life, to life paid up at 85. In all but exceptional cases the insurance may be purchased without medical examination. Widows of former members of the Forces are also eligible.

Policy No. 1 was issued on Apr. 1, 1945, and up to Mar. 31, 1946, a total of 4,107 policies had been issued for a total amount of insurance in force of just over \$12,000,000, the average policy being for approximately \$3,000.

Of this total, 63 policies for insurance in force of \$362,500 had been issued to veterans residing outside Canada and 45 of these veterans took advantage of the amended War Service Grants Act, which enables them to use their re-establishment credit to pay the premiums for this insurance as they fall due. Fifty-five of these policies for \$303,500 of insurance had been issued to veterans residing in the United States, and eight for \$59,000 worth of insurance were issued to veterans residing in the United Kingdom.

The following statement indicates the several plans available and the monthly premiums for each plan, per \$1,000 of insurance, at various ages:—

MONTHLY PREMIUMS PER \$1,000 INSURANCE PAYABLE AT AND TO CERTAIN AGES

Age	Payable for—			Payable to Age 65	Payable to Age 85
	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
20 years .....	2-89	2-12	1-74	1-20	1-14
25 " .....	3-18	2-34	1-93	1-39	1-30
30 " .....	3-53	2-60	2-15	1-64	1-51
35 " .....	3-93	2-91	2-42	1-98	1-78
45 " .....	4-98	3-73	3-16	3-16	2-59
55 " .....	6-45	5-01	4-40	6-45	4-03

### Section 7.—Special Committee on Veterans Affairs

At the First Session of Canada's Twentieth Parliament in September, 1945, a Special Committee on Veterans Affairs, comprising 60 ex-service and active service members of the House of Commons, was set up to review and consolidate all legislation and Orders in Council affecting veterans of the two world wars. The Committee first went into session on Oct. 9, 1945, and submitted to Parliament recommendations concerning the legislation of the War Service Grants Act, Post Discharge Re-establishment Order and the Veterans' Land Act.

Altogether about a dozen amendments were made to the War Service Grants Act (1944); the most outstanding change was that giving wide powers to a Board of Review to pay gratuities and re-establishment credits to persons discharged for reasons of misconduct. This Board is empowered to investigate the circumstances under which the veteran was discharged and, after due consideration, to award the benefits of the Act if, in the opinion of the Board, it would be inconsistent with "the true spirit and interest of the Act to deprive the veteran" of its benefits.

Other amendments include an enlargement of the definition of "business" to include any trade, industry or profession a veteran might be entering and to include former members of the Canadian Women's Army Corps for all benefits