

opportunities for veterans and also relieved the strain on many of the pre-employment schools. Special publicity has been given through bulletins to employers as well as radio and newspaper publicity, and the National Employment Service has co-operated most effectively in finding suitable training opportunities.

Subsection 2.—Vocational Training of Veterans*

The rehabilitation training program procedure in dealing with discharged persons who made application for training benefits previously came under the Post Discharge Re-establishment Order. This Order has now been replaced by the Veterans' Rehabilitation Act and the regulations and procedures governing training have been modified and consolidated so that there is now a comprehensive 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, 1947, 69.7 p.c. were receiving full-time training in schools and institutions; 21.5 p.c. were being trained on the job in industrial and commercial establishments; 4.9 p.c. were receiving assistance by way of fees for correspondence or part-time courses; 0.1 p.c. were blind veterans being trained for suitable occupations under the auspices of the National Institute for the Blind; and 3.8 p.c. were receiving matriculation training prior to the vocational training.

Training is provided for approximately 300 occupations in the schools and training centres throughout the Dominion, and training-on-the-job is provided in over 250 trades and occupations, many of which are included in the 300 previously quoted.

Table 16 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.

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16.—Veterans Receiving Vocational Allowances during Each Month, 1942-47

Month	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January.....	138	275	573	1,892	21,998	39,134
February.....	218	264	646	2,407	27,511	38,909
March.....	271	246	764	3,081	29,756	37,385
April.....	258	202	763	3,330	32,184	31,871
May.....	247	181	814	3,651	34,157	29,527
June.....	202	224	774	3,962	35,598	26,115
July.....	171	310	863	3,990	36,165
August.....	193	271	950	4,145	35,827
September.....	172	330	1,083	4,332	36,882
October.....	211	335	1,360	5,980	39,057
November.....	263	394	1,596	8,523	40,422
December.....	287	459	1,700	16,457	39,630