

of amount of disability following an entitlement award, the degree of aggravation where the Pension Commission have ruled a disease or disability condition as pre-enlistment, the period of time prior to date of award which should be covered by retroactive pension, change in basis of entitlement, additional pension for dependents and many others.

Since its inception in 1930, the Veterans' Bureau has always served in a general way as "soldier's friend", and Advocates in all offices across Canada are daily called on to advise and assist in matters quite apart from war disability pensions.

Subsection 2.—War Veterans' Allowances

The War Veterans' Allowance Act was introduced in 1930 to make provision for the maintenance of veterans of the Canadian Expeditionary Force; veterans of His Majesty's Forces or the Forces of His Majesty's Allies who were domiciled in Canada at the time of enlistment for the First World War, provided they were incapable of maintaining themselves on attaining the age of 60 or at any age, if permanently unemployable.

The War Veterans' Allowance Act, 1946, was enacted in August, 1946 to replace the entire legislation. It enables the Board to grant allowances to the following:—

- (1) A veteran of the North West Field Force.
- (2) A veteran of the South African War.
- (3) A veteran of the First World War, 1914-18.
- (4) A veteran of the Second World War, 1939-45.
- (5) A member of the South African Military Nursing services, domiciled and resident in Canada prior to becoming a member and who has served any place outside Canada.
- (6) A person domiciled and resident in Canada certified by the Under Secretary of State for External Affairs as having been enrolled by the United Kingdom authorities for special duty in war areas during the Second World War.
- (7) Duly selected and approved supervisors of—
 - (a) Canadian Legion War Services Inc.
 - (b) The National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association of Canada.
 - (c) Knights of Columbus Canadian Army Huts, or
 - (d) Salvation Army Canadian War Services who served outside the Western Hemisphere.
- (8) Dual Service Veterans:
 - (a) Former members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force who served during the First World War and also served in the C.A.S.F. in the Second World War.
 - (b) Former members of His Majesty's Forces who were domiciled in Canada at time of enlistment in said Forces in the First World War and who also served in the Canadian Forces during the Second World War.
- (9) Widows and orphaned children of the above veterans.

The War Veterans' Allowance Act now provides 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 physical or mental disabilities, is permanently unemployable.
- (3) The veteran, regardless of age, who is, in the opinion of the Board, incapable of maintaining himself and unlikely to become capable due to a combination of reasons or handicaps, physical, mental or economic.

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 by agreement in commutation of pension. Widows and orphans of veterans are admitted to the benefits of the Act providing the veteran himself was eligible during his lifetime.