

11.—Summary of Operations Carried out under the Soldier Settlement Act, 1919, as at Dec. 31, 1946

Province	Applica- tions Made	Persons Established	Still in Scheme	Repaid in Cash	Repaid by Time Sale	Adjustment Cases
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Maritime Provinces.....	4,553	1,556	193	537	63	763
Quebec.....	2,796	494	23	105	23	343
Ontario.....	8,462	1,972	238	742	89	903
Manitoba.....	10,123	3,715	320	555	60	2,780
Saskatchewan.....	15,165	6,164	1,231	1,518	236	3,179
Alberta.....	15,285	7,158	1,220	1,787	367	3,784
British Columbia.....	11,131	3,734	427	1,013	301	1,993
Totals.....	67,515	24,793	3,652	6,257	1,139	13,745

Subsection 4.—Casualty Rehabilitation

The successful rehabilitation of seriously disabled veterans is one of the major responsibilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs. The objective of rehabilitation for the seriously disabled is their restoration to the optimum physical, mental, social, economic and vocational adjustment and usefulness of which they are capable.

Rehabilitation of casualties commences with medical treatment, and the process is not complete until the disabled veteran secures his place in a suitable job. Among the significant services are: medical treatment including physical rehabilitation; the provision and fitting of artificial devices such as limbs, braces and hearing aids; financial protection during the adjustment period; vocational guidance and general counselling; educational or vocational training; land settlement; assistance towards securing suitable employment; and medical and vocational after care. Specialists' services, such as those of psychologists and social workers are obtained as required.

All Divisions and Branches of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the details of whose operations are described elsewhere in this and other chapters (see Index) include the Canadian Vocational Training program and the National Employment Service of the Department of Labour which contribute in varying degree to the integrated process of rehabilitation.

Recognizing the individual needs of each disabled veteran, and that rehabilitation services must be applied to each case in a manner most likely to meet these needs it became apparent that individual and continuous attention is an essential element in their rehabilitation. For this reason, early in the fiscal year 1945-46, a Casualty Rehabilitation Section was created as a part of the Rehabilitation Branch. In the fiscal year of 1946-47 its services have expanded in quantity and quality. Qualified Casualty Rehabilitation Officers provide disabled veterans with vocational guidance and general counselling, assisting them in their employment placements, and maintain a service of vocational after-care, or post-employment adjustment. The Casualty Rehabilitation Officer's service to the disabled veteran commences soon after his admission to hospital, and continuous contact and service is maintained in each case until re-establishment ensues.

A staff of Casualty Rehabilitation Officers is attached to each Departmental District. Their duties include the making of contacts with employers and citizens as well as governmental and community agencies.