

The vocational training program, during the fiscal year 1947-48, showed a gradual decrease in numbers until at the month of March, 1948, there were less than half as many veterans in training as in March, 1947.

Of the total number of veterans receiving vocational training as at Mar. 31, 1948, 73.3 p.c. were receiving full-time training in schools and institutions; 17.7 p.c. were being trained on the job in industrial and commercial establishments; 7.9 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 1.0 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 18 indicates the growth and decline of the program since its inception. The numbers remained very small during 1943, due to the relatively small numbers being demobilized and the demand for workers in war industries at high rates of pay. The peak load was reached in November, 1946. Henceforward, there will be a very rapid decrease in numbers because few applications have been received since Jan. 1, 1948.

#### 18.—Veterans Receiving Vocational Allowances During Each Month, 1943-48

Month	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January.....	275	573	1,892	21,998	39,134	16,203
February.....	264	646	2,407	27,511	38,909	15,978
March.....	246	764	3,081	29,756	37,385	14,627
April.....	202	763	3,330	32,184	31,871	13,452
May.....	181	814	3,651	34,157	29,527	11,997
June.....	224	774	3,962	35,598	26,115	10,777
July.....	310	863	3,990	36,165	23,193	9,586
August.....	271	950	4,145	35,827	21,347	8,646
September.....	330	1,083	4,332	36,882	19,977	-
October.....	335	1,360	5,980	39,057	18,998	-
November.....	394	1,596	8,523	40,422	18,292	-
December.....	459	1,700	16,457	39,630	16,853	-

The regulations provide for a maximum training period of 12 months subject to extension up to, but not exceeding, the period of active service. Those who served less than 12 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 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