

departmental staff deals with the other branches: the Veterans' Land Act Administration; the Rehabilitation Branch; the Canadian Pension Commission; the War Veterans' Allowance Board; General Administration; etc.

The Department has 17 District Offices and two Sub-District Offices in Canada, and maintains a District Office at London, England. The Administration of the Veterans' Land Act also maintains District and Regional Offices in readily accessible locations. Travelling rehabilitation units operating in certain of the more isolated parts of the country have greatly assisted the rehabilitation of many veterans who otherwise would have been unable to take advantage of their rights and privileges or, if they did, would have incurred excessive expense to both themselves and the Department.

## Section 2.—Discharge Gratuities and Re-Establishment Credits

Gratuities granted under the War Service Grants Act were nearly all paid by the end of the fiscal year 1946-47. In the year ended Mar. 31, 1948, the amount paid covered veterans who became qualified under the Allied Veterans Benefits Act for the payment of gratuities at Canadian rates, and also amounts paid in the settlement of estates in the case of those who were killed in action or who died during service.

### 1.—Gratuity Payments Under the War Service Grants Act, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1945-48

Year and Service	Navy	Army	Air Force	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>1945—<sup>1</sup></b>				
Forces.....	973,957	14,663,621	3,468,852	19,106,430
Auxiliary Services.....	Nil	Nil	Nil	—
<b>1945-46—</b>				
Forces.....	27,277,981	121,003,583	64,157,015	212,438,579
Auxiliary Services.....	180	58,646	36,115	94,941
<b>1946-47—</b>				
Forces.....	17,766,165	170,585,767	32,926,652	221,278,584
Auxiliary Services.....	730	327,176	121,253	449,159
<b>1947-48—</b>				
Forces.....	891,968	11,191,667	1,310,435	13,394,070
Auxiliary Services.....	Nil	309,823	Cr. 5,198 <sup>2</sup>	304,625
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>46,910,981</b>	<b>318,140,283</b>	<b>102,015,124</b>	<b>467,066,388</b>

<sup>1</sup> January, February and March only. from 1946 to 1948.

<sup>2</sup> This credit is the result of a bookkeeping adjustment

**Re-Establishment Credits.**—During the fiscal year 1947-48 the amount of re-establishment credit authorized for use by veterans was slightly over \$67,100,000, some \$29,000,000 less than the amount authorized in 1946-47 when disbursements reached a peak of more than \$96,500,000.

The percentage of re-establishment credit used for the various purposes remained relatively static. The purchase of furniture continued to be the main purpose, although it dropped from 74 p.c. of the total credits used up to Mar. 31, 1947, to 57 p.c. at Mar. 31, 1948. It is interesting to note that, by Mar. 31, 1948, of the approximately \$192,000,000 re-establishment credit authorized for veterans, about