

Departmental reports covering the period from Sept. 1, 1939, to Mar. 31, 1947, show that 5,042 applications for Appeal Board hearing were filed in connection with First World War claims. Of these, 965 were granted and 3,728 refused. Withdrawal of claims and deferred decisions accounted for the rest. During the same period, 7,047 applications were filed by Second World War applicants and of these, 1,558 were granted and 3,886 refused. The Veterans' Bureau had approximately 9,480 pension claims under preparation, in varying stages of activity, as at Mar. 31, 1948.

### 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 former legislation, and it was further amended in June, 1948. 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 Incorporated;
  - (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) a person who served during the First World War and the Second World War as a member of His Majesty's Canadian Forces and was enlisted or obligated to serve in such forces without territorial limitation; or
  - (b) a person who served during the First World War as a member of His Majesty's Forces other than Canadian forces, was domiciled in Canada when he became a member of the said forces, and was a member of His Majesty's Canadian forces during the Second World War, enlisted or obligated to serve without territorial limitations, and who has been honourably discharged or has been permitted honourably to resign or retire from such forces;
- (9) a member of the U.S.A. Forces of the First World War domiciled in Canada at the time of enlistment and has again taken up domicile in Canada;
- (10) widows and orphaned children of the above veterans.

The War Veterans' Allowance Act 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.