

CHAPTER XXVIII.—VETERANS AFFAIRS*

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NOTE.—The interpretation of the symbols used in the tables throughout the Year Book will be found facing p. 1 of this volume.

The basis of administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, established in October, 1944, is dealt with in the 1946 edition of the Year Book at pp. 1053-1054. The work of the Department as it had developed up to Mar. 31, 1947, is outlined at pp. 1134-1155 of the 1947 edition and is brought up to Mar. 31, 1949, in the present volume.

Veterans Insurance, which has previously appeared as Section 6 of this Chapter, has been transferred to the Insurance Chapter, see p. 1120.

Section 1.—The Department of Veterans Affairs

The work of the Department of Veterans Affairs continued to show, during the fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1949, the change which was becoming evident in the previous fiscal year. The immediate post-discharge rehabilitation phase continued to diminish and in its place a welfare phase began to develop. As a result benefits designed primarily as rehabilitation measures became less and less important.

Those phases of the Department's work showing increased importance during the year demanded greater effort. The number of disability pensioners increased as did the number of older veterans who were eligible for consideration under the War Veterans' Allowance Act. Because of a widening of the Regulations to allow veterans in receipt of war veterans allowances to receive hospitalization by the Department, the number being treated in departmental institutions increased.

Medical treatment and care for veterans, which occupies the time of more than 61 p.c. of the departmental staff, is provided by 31 institutions administered by the Department. Other institutions are under contract with the Department and their services are used where departmental facilities are not available. The remainder of the departmental staff deals with other branches: the Veterans' Land Act Administration; the Veterans' Welfare Services Branch; the Canadian Pension Commission; the War Veterans' Allowance Board; General Administration; etc.

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