

During the fiscal year 1948-49 several important changes were made in the accommodation of the district centres. At Toronto the centre was moved to Sunnybrook Hospital: at Winnipeg and Montreal the centres were moved to Deer Lodge Hospital and Queen Mary Veterans Hospital, respectively.

In the district centres research is continuously carried on to better the types of prostheses and appliances provided to the veterans. Recently an important development has been made in the design of special boots for arthritic cases.

The number of persons supplied with appliances during the year ended Mar. 31, 1949, was 47,007 as compared with 45,238 during the previous fiscal year. Appliances supplied since Apr. 1, 1940, have been as follows:—

Year Ended Mar. 31—	Total Production Jobs	Stock and Purchases	Total Issues	Year Ended Mar. 31—	Total Production Jobs	Stock and Purchases	Total Issues
	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.
1940.....	15,703	15,920	31,623	1945.....	27,472	27,423	54,895
1941.....	15,167	15,944	31,111	1946.....	36,484	61,327	97,811
1942.....	16,625	16,460	33,085	1947.....	37,947	84,958	122,905
1943.....	19,601	17,024	36,625	1948.....	32,626	59,924	92,550
1944.....	21,990	17,847	39,837	1949.....	32,854	67,502	100,356

Section 4.—Pensions and Allowances

Subsection 1.—The Pension System

A summary of the development of Canadian pensions legislation following the First World War is outlined at pp. 758-760 of the 1943-44 Year Book. A further review of the procedure and summary of the changes made after the Second World War may be found at pp. 1146-1149 of the 1948-49 Year Book.

The Canadian Pension Commission administers the Pension Act and the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act.

As at Mar. 31, 1949, there were in force 192,624 pensions with an annual liability of \$91,629,690; statistics from 1941 are provided in Table 3.

3.—Pensions in Force as at Mar. 31, 1941-49

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1918-40 are given at p. 871 of the 1945 Year Book.

Year Ended Mar. 31—	To Dependents		For Disability		Totals	
	Pensions	Liability	Pensions	Liability	Pensions	Liability
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
First World War—						
1941.....	17,941	10,539,876	79,204	29,058,304	97,145	39,598,180
1942.....	17,730	10,484,192	77,971	28,194,967	95,701	38,679,159
1943.....	17,549	10,457,012	76,625	27,354,865	94,174	37,811,877
1944.....	17,243	10,389,778	75,244	26,595,094	92,487	36,984,872
1945.....	17,221	10,597,308	73,863	26,543,361	91,084	37,140,669
1946.....	16,982	10,606,770	72,396	26,523,887	89,378	37,130,657
1947.....	16,799	10,647,524	70,803	25,957,054	87,602	36,604,578
1948.....	16,510	10,592,877	69,390	25,507,254	85,900	36,100,131
1949.....	16,272	12,839,080	67,821	31,335,621	84,093	44,174,701
Second World War—						
1941.....	319	262,592	319	76,682	638	339,274
1942.....	929	695,465	1,291	409,556	2,220	1,105,021
1943.....	2,748	1,949,128	3,917	1,362,110	6,665	3,311,238
1944.....	5,332	3,794,258	7,231	2,693,855	12,563	6,488,113
1945.....	11,419	8,333,406	15,506	5,382,842	26,925	13,716,248
1946.....	16,839	11,982,717	36,454	11,402,255	53,293	23,384,972
1947.....	17,600	12,027,726	70,633	20,676,689	88,233	32,704,415
1948.....	17,654	11,564,311	86,309	25,316,487	103,963	36,880,798
1949.....	17,693	13,129,054	90,838	34,325,935	108,531	47,454,989