

In 1948-49 an intensive educational campaign was conducted to create for the tuberculous veteran a background of understanding with prospective employers and fellow employees.

Among the agencies working with the Department in its program for the rehabilitation of disabled veterans are the National Employment Service, the Canadian Vocational Training organization, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the War Amputations of Canada, the National Society for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing, and the Canadian Paraplegic Association.

Subsection 5.—Rehabilitation of Women

The rehabilitation of women veterans has continued side by side with that of the male veterans and no particular problems have been encountered.

A high percentage of the women veterans have taken advantage of the provisions for training under the Veterans' Rehabilitation Act and up to Mar. 31, 1949, more than 13,600 approvals for training allowances were made. Other women veterans were established under the Veterans' Land Act and to Mar. 31, 1949, 328 had been settled.

In their use of the re-establishment credit women veterans have used more than 93 p.c. of the total amount approved for purposes directly connected with the home. To Mar. 31, 1949, a total of \$5,582,806 in re-establishment credits had been authorized for expenditure.

Citizens committees, women's clubs and organizations have been invaluable in helping the ex-service woman to fit into and take part in community life. Full co-operation with the Department of Veterans Affairs has been given, particularly in the matter of finding accommodation for the women who have moved to other centres to take training or employment.

Subsection 6.—Rehabilitation of Older Veterans

The welfare of the older veteran remains one of the more challenging functions of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Continuous study has been made of employers' objections to the hiring of older workers and of the merits of this class in the productive and social economy of the country. Appropriate educational publicity has been maintained in co-ordination with the Department of Labour and other government and private agencies. A nation-wide campaign was sponsored by the Department on behalf of the Corps of Commissionaires. This organization now employs several thousand older veterans in watchmen and security-guard work at established wage rates.

At Mar. 31, 1949, 8,901 older veterans were registered for employment with the National Employment Service offices; during the year 44,600 registrations were made and at Mar. 31, 1949, 8,586 remained unplaced. Thus, during the year, 44,915 older veterans were assisted into employment or other means of maintenance.