

The Branch is represented on the Associate Committee on Artificial Limbs, N.R.C. (Canada), the Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs, N.R.C. (United States) and maintains close liaison with the Standing Advisory Committee of the British Ministry of Pensions.

The number of persons supplied with appliances during the year ended Mar. 31, 1950, was 58,622 as compared with 47,007 during the previous fiscal year. Appliances supplied since Apr. 1, 1941, are as follows:—

<i>Year Ended Mar. 31—</i>	<i>Total Production Jobs</i>	<i>Stock and Purchases</i>	<i>Total Issues</i>	<i>Year Ended Mar. 31—</i>	<i>Total Production Jobs</i>	<i>Stock and Purchases</i>	<i>Total Issues</i>
	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.
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
1945.....	27,472	27,423	54,895	1950.....	32,007	64,944	96,951

The Branch also operates workshops for the employment of disabled veterans in the production of poppies and wreaths for sale by the Canadian Legion on Remembrance Day. About fifty to seventy veterans are constantly employed. The wages during the year ended Mar. 31, 1950, amounted to \$112,919.

Section 4.—Rehabilitation of Veterans

The Veterans Welfare Services Branch of the Department of Veterans Affairs is responsible for the efficient administration of benefits available to discharged members of the Forces under the terms of the Veterans' Rehabilitation Act and the War Service Grants Act. The functions of the Branch are to administer the following:—

- (1) Out-of-work allowances.
- (2) Unemployment insurance contributions of veterans.
- (3) Temporary Incapacity Allowances.
- (4) Awaiting>Returns Allowances.
- (5) The War Veterans Assistance Fund.
- (6) Vocational and university training.
- (7) The Veterans' Land Act.
- (8) War Veterans Allowances.

The Department also renders assistance to veterans and advises them in social problems through the Social Service Division of the Veterans Welfare Services Branch. A major function of this Division is to help the field staff apply sympathetic knowledge and skill in dealing with such problems. This is done by consultation on individual cases and by participation in formal training programs. The Department helps the veteran to make the fullest possible use of community social services in meeting his difficulties. At the same time, it does not duplicate any service which is already available to him as a citizen. For these purposes the Social Service Division maintains close liaison with other public welfare departments at all levels of government, private social agencies, community chests, and councils and schools of social work. The Division also participates in research and experimental work on welfare matters with which the Department is concerned.

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.