

At the end of 1951, the Department had in operation 9,785 beds in 19 institutions. Of these, 12 were active treatment hospitals, two were health and occupational centres for convalescents, four were veterans homes and one was a special institution. Statistics of accommodation and movement of patients in these hospitals are given at pp. 250-251.

**Dental Services.**—The number of dental treatments given during the years ended Mar. 31, 1941-52 were:—

<u>Year ended Mar. 31—</u>	<u>Treatments</u>	<u>Year ended Mar. 31—</u>	<u>Treatments</u>
	No.		No.
1941.....	99,590	1947.....	2,700,052
1942.....	73,113	1948.....	1,191,218
1943.....	102,554	1949.....	218,173
1944.....	66,562	1950.....	158,149
1945.....	249,170	1951.....	128,206
1946.....	509,703	1952.....	103,242

**Prosthetic Services.**—The Prosthetic Services Branch of the Department of Veterans Affairs supplies, by manufacture or procurement, all orthopædic and surgical appliances prescribed by the Treatment Services Branch. The maintenance and renewal of such prostheses for all eligible cases is also the concern of the Branch. A large modern centre at Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, together with 11 district centres in the principal cities, extends the manufacturing, maintenance and fitting service across the country. This system ensures a standardization of parts of major prostheses, a control of quality of supplies and availability of service at all times.

A Research and Development Section at Toronto is constantly at work on improvements and, in co-operation with the manufacturing services, conducts the field-testing of new developments. Close contact is maintained with the National Research Council in Canada and with research committees in the United States and the United Kingdom.

During the year ended Mar. 31, 1952, 60,053 persons were supplied with appliances or accessories, compared with 55,854 during the previous fiscal year. Total issues during these two years numbered 113,530 and 104,936, respectively.

**Vetcraft Shops.**—The Department operates Vetcraft Shops at Toronto and Montreal as sheltered employment for disabled veterans. These shops manufacture poppy emblems and wreaths for sale by the Canadian Legion on Remembrance Day. An average of 60 veterans are employed. Production value was approximately \$235,600 for the 1951 campaign.

### Section 3.—Pensions and Allowances

**The Canadian Pension Commission.**—The Commission administers the Pension Act and the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act and reports to Parliament through the Minister of the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Head Office of the Commission is at Ottawa and representatives, known as Pension Medical Examiners, are located at each District Office of the Department.