

of Commissionaires. Employers generally have come to recognize the advantages of older men, particularly veterans, for many jobs that are unattractive or unsuitable for younger men.

A 'team-work' procedure has been developed between the Department, the National Employment Service and local veterans associations, to help fit every older veteran into a job he can do, or otherwise to ensure his means of maintenance. Collectively, about 50,000 cases a year are handled.

**Assistance Fund.**—New Assistance Fund Regulations were made by Order in Council P.C. 3730, dated Aug. 6, 1952, following the passage of the revised War Veterans Allowance Act. A veteran or a widow receiving an allowance under the Act, with no other income, may, if considered to be in need under the Regulations, be granted up to \$120 per annum from the Fund. Assistance is paid in the form of a continuing monthly grant in cases where income is insufficient to meet the cost of rent, fuel, food and health needs calculated according to the prescribed formula. In other cases, a single grant may be given to meet an emergency.

Applicants are helped to obtain financial assistance from any other source to which they may be entitled, and to utilize all available community health and welfare resources. Increased monthly allowances under the War Veterans Allowance Act of 1952, made retroactive to Jan. 1, 1952, plus the granting of Old Age Security to War Veterans Allowance recipients at age 70, reduced applications to the Assistance Fund. From Aug. 6, 1952, to Mar. 31, 1953, the reported number of applicants was 2,554, of which 2,190 were assisted.

**Education Assistance.**—Assistance for the university training of veterans is provided under the Veterans' Rehabilitation Act as outlined in the 1948-49 Year Book, pp. 321-322. Since veterans were obliged to commence their university training within 15 months after discharge, the number entering training has dropped very sharply. In the academic year 1952-53, approximately 1,400 veterans in universities were receiving assistance through the Department of Veterans Affairs, compared with about 8,000 in 1951-52, 15,000 in 1949-50 and 24,000 in 1948-49. Since the commencement of the training program, 9,000 veterans have had insufficient qualifying service to carry them through to graduation but 6,068 of them qualified for continued assistance by securing scholarship standing. The distribution of the 1,400 veterans enrolled in 1952-53, by academic years, was: first year 97; second year 120; third year 142; fourth or subsequent year 660, and post-graduate 381. Since the inception of the rehabilitation program in 1941, 54,600 veterans have received university training. This includes 50 men who served with the Special Force in Korea.

The Children of War Dead (Education Assistance) Act, 1953, became effective July 1, 1953. The purpose of this legislation is to make it financially possible for pensioned sons and daughters of men who have died as a result of war service to proceed with educational training beyond the secondary school level. An eligible student may receive a monthly allowance of \$25 while actually in full-time intramural attendance at an educational institution in Canada requiring high-school