

If a pensioned widow remarries, her pension ceases but she is entitled to be paid one year's pension as a final payment. If her second husband dies within five years of the date of her marriage, leaving her in a dependent condition, she may make application to have the pension restored to her.

The Civilian War Pensions and Allowance Act.—This Act provides pension legislation for a number of civilian groups whose work was closely associated with the World War II war effort, including merchant seamen, auxiliary services personnel, fire-fighters who served in the United Kingdom, special constables with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, overseas welfare workers, etc.

Pensions in Force.—In previous issues of the Year Book information is given regarding the development of Canadian pension legislation as well as yearly statistics of numbers and liability. As at Mar. 31, 1955 pensions in force were as follows (excluding ex-members of the women's forces and miscellaneous pensions):—

Service	Disability		Dependent		Totals, Disability and Dependent	
	Pensions in Force	Liability	Pensions in Force	Liability	Pensions in Force	Liability
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
World War I.....	58,548	37,953,876	15,323	16,950,633	73,871	54,904,509
World War II.....	100,256	54,341,994	18,250	16,860,819	118,506	71,202,813
Peacetime.....	504	254,974	294	452,231	798	707,205
Special Force.....	1,128	493,970	145	177,600	1,273	671,570
TOTALS.....	<u>160,436</u>	<u>93,044,814</u>	<u>34,012</u>	<u>34,441,283</u>	<u>194,448</u>	<u>127,486,097</u>

Veterans' Bureau.—An amendment to the Pension Act in 1930 established the branch of the Department known as the "Veterans' Bureau", and provided for the appointment of pensions advocates to assist, free of charge, veterans seeking to establish entitlement under the Pension Act. The office of the Chief Pensions Advocate is in Ottawa and there are pensions advocates at Ottawa and in each of the 18 district offices of the Department. Most of the advocates are lawyers.

In carrying out their duties the pensions advocates participate in the preparation of claims made by former members of the Forces and their dependants, which are to be submitted to the Canadian Pension Commission. They also appear as counsel for applicants before the Appeal Boards of the Commission and sometimes before the Commission itself in earlier hearings of the claims.

The service is available to all former members of the Armed Forces and to former members of the various auxiliary organizations such as merchant seamen, fire fighters and others. Applicants for pension have the right to employ a private solicitor, a veterans' organization or other representative of their choice, but most applications under the Pension Act are prepared by pensions advocates on strength of the Veterans' Bureau. As at Mar. 31, 1955 the Bureau had 7,793 active claims in hand.

Section 4.—Rehabilitation of Veterans

The Welfare Services Branch of the Department of Veterans Affairs administers the rehabilitation benefits still available to veterans, including assistance by way of advice and guidance on a wide variety of personal, frequently intangible problems which from time to time confront the veteran, and the solutions to which often, directly or indirectly, play a large part in successful rehabilitation.

This aspect of the work involves among other things the closest collaboration with other government departments at all three levels, federal, provincial and municipal. National and local welfare organizations also play their part. It involves very close