

time through veterans' organizations and to study and resolve the individual veteran's employment and general welfare. Activities continue with all associated bodies in the field of housing and recreation, co-ordinated with medical and professional services with respect to domiciliary care and rehabilitation. Counselling is given older veterans to "plan their retirement in advance", arrange their housing, insurance, etc., in relation to expected reduced incomes upon cessation of regular employment.

Close co-operation is maintained with the Corps of Commissionaires, an efficient, privately controlled older veterans' employment agency. Government departments utilize about half of the nearly 6,000 employed Commissionaires but private employers are increasingly recognizing their worth and lately a number of municipalities have entered into contracts with the Corps to use Commissionaires as auxiliaries to police in controlling traffic, parking, etc.

Assistance Fund.—In 1955 revision of the War Veterans Allowance Act was followed by changes in the Assistance Fund. The main effect of new regulations (Order In Council dated Apr. 4, 1955) was to enlarge the formula used in determining need for a continuing monthly grant. Clothing and personal allowances were added to those for rent, fuel, food and health needs. As before, single grants may be given to cover emergency needs not included in the monthly formula. Maximum assistance from the Fund is \$120 to \$144 per annum respectively to single and married recipients of War Veterans Allowances.

Field work for the Fund is done almost entirely by the Welfare Services Branch which, through counselling and referral, also assists applicants in other ways. Since a monthly grant can continue as long as the original need is unchanged the number of people assisted in any year is greater than the number applying during that period. Some statistical comparisons of Fund activity during the years ended Mar. 31, 1954 and Mar. 31, 1955 are as follows:—

<i>Item</i>		<i>Mar. 31, 1954</i>	<i>Mar. 31, 1955</i>
Persons assisted.....	No.	4,440	5,681
Persons applying during year.....	No.	3,526	3,618
Applicants assisted.....	No.	3,189	3,294
Proportion of applicants assisted.....	p. c.	90	91
Fund expenditures during year.....	\$	347,461	478,015
Monthly grants given.....	\$	192,127	303,628
Proportion of expenditure given in monthly grants.....	p. c.	55.3	63.5
Average expenditure per person assisted.....	\$	78.26	84.14

Education and Training.—The university training program for veterans authorized by the Veterans Rehabilitation Act is drawing to a close. Most of those now receiving assistance are Korean veterans and disability pensioners. At the end of the 1954-55 academic year, of the 377 being assisted 71 were veterans of the Korean Force; of the 346 taking vocational training, 159 were veterans of the Korean Force.

The Pensioners Training Regulations, established in 1954 by Order in Council, provide training under the terms of the Veterans Rehabilitation Act for members of the Regular Forces who are discharged with entitlement to disability pensions. During the 1954-55 fiscal year two veterans were approved for university training and two for vocational training.

The Children of War Dead (Education Assistance) Act provides assistance for the higher education of children of deceased members of the Armed Forces and of other persons whose deaths have been attributed to war service by the Canadian Pension Commission. This assistance is available to eligible children who are undertaking courses of education for which graduation from a secondary school or its equivalent is a requirement of admission.

The Assistance is in the form of a monthly living allowance of \$25 to each student during the academic year and the payment of tuition and other admissible fees not exceeding \$500 in any academic year. The assistance may not be continued beyond four academic years or 36 months, whichever is the lesser. The benefits of this Act are available in Canada only and may not be paid beyond the academic year in which the student achieves his or her 25th birthday.