

An Intern-Resident Program is maintained in the active-treatment hospitals and at the end of March 1957 some 253 interns and residents were in Departmental employ. In addition, training was provided for over 130 interns in occupational therapy, physiotherapy, psychology, laboratory and medical social services. These training programs are undertaken with the close co-operation of universities.

Members of the Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and sick mariners receive treatment in Departmental hospitals at the request and expense of the Departments concerned. In three of the active-treatment hospitals, special Armed Forces units staffed by National Defence personnel have been established as self-contained units within the hospitals. Any veteran may receive treatment in a Departmental hospital for a non-pensioned condition upon guarantee of full cost of hospitalization. During 1956-57 over 2,600 veterans were hospitalized under this plan. Certain veterans of limited income may receive treatment for non-pensioned conditions by payment of the costs on a sliding scale according to the adjusted income. The weekly average of those making some contribution was 280. In addition, a weekly average of 180 persons received free treatment.

Minor changes in veterans' legislation have been effected during the two years ended Mar. 31, 1957. Deductions from disability pensions for veterans under treatment as in-patients were eliminated. Authority was obtained to provide treatment for those who served with the United Nations Forces, other than those of Canada, in military operations undertaken by the United Nations to restore peace in Korea. Treatment is at the request and expense of the government concerned. The amount payable for overnight lodging for patients incurring this expense, when required by the Department or the Canadian Pension Commission to report for medical examination, was increased from \$3 to \$4.

Treatment for a non-pensioned neuropsychiatric disability was authorized on a sliding scale of payment according to income, so that treatment of these conditions is no longer available under more favourable circumstances than for other non-pensioned disabilities. Authority was obtained to provide treatment for non-pensioned disabilities and domiciliary care to members of the North West Field Force with recovery on a sliding scale basis. Minor changes were effected in funeral and burial grants. Certain amounts paid to veterans were exempted as income for all purposes of the Veterans Treatment Regulations including additions to pensions for attendance under Sect. 30 of the Pension Act; allowances for wear and tear of clothing and, under War Claims Regulations, compensation for maltreatment.

**Dental Services.**—Dental treatment is provided for those pensioned veterans whose disability would be alleviated by such treatment, for War Veterans Allowance recipients, and for other persons whose health care is the responsibility of the Department such as Royal Canadian Mounted Police personnel and members of the Canadian Forces. Treatment is also provided at the request of other governments.

The Department employs 37 full-time dentists, one half-time dentist and two dental consultants, specialists in their fields, on a part-time basis. Twenty-six dental clinics are maintained in Departmental hospitals or centres on a full-time or part-time basis. Elsewhere, the services of private dentists on a 'fee-for-service' basis are utilized.

Since 1948, 38 training courses for dental surgeons in various specialties of dentistry have been conducted by the Department. Many Departmental dentists have given instructional clinics at various national and regional conventions, participated in the research programs of their respective hospitals, and assisted the dental colleges by part-time lecturing.

Treatments provided by the Department in 1956-57 showed a slight increase over the previous year and all clinics and dentists were working well up to capacity. There were 18,105 courses of treatment given during the fiscal year, an increase of 987 cases and an increase of 5,009 in the total number of operations.