

The new rates result in the basic scale being the same for all ranks up to and including Lieutenant-Colonel and equivalent ranks. Slightly higher rates are provided for Colonel and higher ranks and, although these were not increased, a married disability pensioner who held one of these ranks will benefit by the increase in additional pension for a wife, which is the same for all ranks.

The rates for children were not increased and for 100 p.c. disability pensioners (all ranks) they are \$20 a month for the first child, \$15 a month for the second child and \$12 a month for the third and any subsequent children.

Helplessness allowance, which is payable to a pensioner who is totally disabled and in need of attendance and which varies depending on the amount of attendance required, is paid in addition to pension. The maximum has been increased from \$1,400 to \$1,800 per annum.

The widow of a Lieutenant-Colonel or lower rank is now entitled to \$115 a month for herself and monthly payments of \$40 for the first child, \$30 for the second child and \$24 for the third and any subsequent children.

While the rates of pension for disability and pensioned widows are statutory and adjustments were made by Treasury Branch without reference to the Canadian Pension Commission, amounts payable to parents and in respect of helplessness are not fixed and a review of many thousands of cases was necessitated.

The Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act.—This Act provides for the payment of pensions to, or on behalf of, persons who served in certain civilian groups that were closely associated with the World War II war effort, and who suffered injury or death as a result of such service. Among these groups are merchant seamen, salt-water fishermen, auxiliary services personnel, ferry pilots of the RAF Transport Command, firefighters who served in the United Kingdom, etc.

6.—Pensions in Force under the Pension Act as at Mar. 31, 1957

Service	Disability		Dependant		Disability and Dependant	
	Pensions in Force	Liability	Pensions in Force	Liability	Pensions in Force	Liability
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
World War I.....	54,409	35,979,827	15,040	16,980,655	69,449	52,960,482
World War II.....	102,514	56,619,776	18,199	17,219,087	120,713	73,838,863
Peacetime.....	821	395,886	389	592,030	1,210	987,916
Special Force.....	1,411	630,832	152	174,732	1,563	805,564
Totals.....	159,155	93,626,321	33,780	34,966,504	192,935	128,592,825

Section 7.—War Veterans Allowances

War Veterans Allowances are payable, in Canada only, to Canadian veterans of the Northwest Field Force, the South African War, World Wars I and II and the Korean Operation; and to veterans of Commonwealth and Allied forces who were domiciled in Canada at time of enlistment or, alternatively, have resided in Canada for 20 years. Allowances may also be paid to widows or orphans of eligible veterans. To be eligible for an allowance, a veteran must have served in both World Wars I and II and have been honourably discharged. Allowances are awarded subject to certain financial limitations to those whose age or physical and mental conditions meet the requirements of the Act.

The development of these allowances is reported in previous issues of the Year Book and the main provisions of the present Act are outlined in the 1956 edition at pp. 313-314.