

The rates of allowances payable and income ceilings now in effect are as follows:—

Recipient	Monthly	Annual
	Maximum Allowance	Income Ceiling
	\$	\$
Veterans and widow(er)s, single status.....	70	1,080
Veterans and widow(er)s, married status.....	120	1,740
Veterans with blind spouse.....	120	1,860
One orphan.....	40	720
Two orphans of one veteran.....	70	1,200
Three or more orphans of one veteran.....	85	1,440

The number of veterans and others in receipt of allowances at the close of each of the fiscal years 1952-58 and the amounts of allowances paid are as follows:—

As at Mar. 31—	Veterans in	Others in	Total in	Expenditure
	Receipt of Allowances	Receipt of Allowances	Receipt of Allowances	
	No.	No.	No.	\$
1952.....	29,137	9,602	38,739	23,544,760
1953.....	30,005	10,607	40,612	27,114,849
1954.....	30,650	11,737	42,387	26,486,988
1955.....	32,471	12,883	45,354	27,702,077
1956.....	37,930	14,257	52,187	38,648,988
1957.....	39,691	15,502	55,193	40,975,483
1958.....	42,705	17,242	59,947	47,763,671

During the 1957-58 fiscal year, 63,078 cases were reviewed by the 18 District Authorities across Canada, and 19,794 by the War Veterans Allowance Board in Ottawa, so that changes in the financial, physical or domestic circumstances of the recipients concerned might be reflected in the allowance being paid. Of the 366 decisions appealed during the year, 49 were allowed and 317 disallowed.

Section 8.—Veterans Commissions and Boards

Canadian Pension Commission.—The Canadian Pension Commission is a statutory body charged with the administration of the Pension Act and the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act. The members of the Commission are appointed by the Governor in Council who may also impose upon the Commission duties in respect of any grants in the nature of pensions, etc., made under any statute other than the Pension Act. It reports to Parliament through the Minister of Veterans Affairs.

It is the responsibility of the Commission to adjudicate on claims for injury or disease resulting in disability or death, incurred during service with the Canadian Navy, Army or Air Force during war or peacetime. The Commission may also supplement certain awards of pension made by the British or Allied Governments (*see* 1956 Year Book, p. 304).

The Commission's representatives, called Pension Medical Examiners, are located in most of the district offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs across the country.

War Veterans Allowance Board.—The War Veterans Allowance Board is a statutory body responsible for the administration of the War Veterans Allowance Act. The members are appointed by the Governor in Council and the Board reports to Parliament through the Minister of Veterans Affairs.

The administration of the Act has been almost completely decentralized through 18 District Authorities located in the district offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs across Canada. These Authorities make the initial decisions on WVA applications and arrange for the necessary investigations to be made by officers of the Veterans Welfare Services Branch.