

Since its inception, this Act has been amended on ten occasions. Each time, the provisions have been extended to meet additional needs of war veterans and their dependants. In 1943, provision was made to pay allowances to widows of veterans. In the following year, allowances were extended to orphans of veterans. In 1950, an amendment was passed setting up district authorities empowered to adjudicate applications which previously had been the responsibility of the Board (see p. 302).

The most recent legislative amendments became effective Aug. 1, 1960. A new and important principle provides for payments of allowances to recipients who take up residence outside Canada providing they were resident in Canada for 12 months immediately prior to their departure. This amendment permits many recipients to reside in other countries where the climate is less severe or to live with members of their families from whom they have been separated. Provision is also made for allowances to be paid to ex-Imperials and Allied Veterans of World War II who have been resident in Canada for a period of ten years; widows and orphans of these veterans also become eligible. Other details on eligibility are given in the 1959 Year Book, p. 298. The rates of allowances payable and the income ceilings have not changed since Nov. 1, 1957. Details are to be found in the 1959 Year Book, p. 299.

The numbers of veterans and others in receipt of allowances at the end of each of the years 1956-60, together with the amounts of allowances paid, are as follows:—

<i>As at Dec. 31—</i>	<i>Veterans in</i>	<i>Others in</i>	<i>Total in</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>
	<i>Receipt of</i>	<i>Receipt of</i>	<i>Receipt of</i>	
	<i>Allowances</i>	<i>Allowances</i>	<i>Allowances</i>	
	No.	No.	No.	\$
1956.....	39,543	15,193	54,736	40,853,773
1957.....	41,820	16,601	58,421	45,187,400
1958.....	45,466	18,659	64,125	53,970,728
1959.....	47,393	20,141	67,534	56,927,614
1960.....	48,521	21,421	69,942	58,207,130

During 1960, 72,836 cases were reviewed by the 19 district authorities across Canada so that changes in the financial, physical or domestic circumstances of the recipients concerned might be reflected in the allowance being paid; 20,654 cases were reviewed by the War Veterans Allowance Board at Ottawa to ensure uniformity in the application of the provisions of the legislation in all districts; and 576 appeals from adjudications were dealt with by the Board.

## Section 8.—Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Incorporated by Royal Charter in 1917 as the Imperial War Graves Commission, the name was changed by a Supplemental Royal Charter on Apr. 1, 1960 to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The Governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and Pakistan are members of the Commission and are represented by their High Commissioners in London.

The Commission is entrusted with the marking and maintenance, in perpetuity, of the graves of those of the British Empire and Commonwealth Armed Forces who lost their lives between Aug. 4, 1914 and Aug. 31, 1921, and between Sept. 3, 1939 and Dec. 31, 1947. The Commission erects memorials to commemorate those with no known grave. In many of the cemeteries and plots a central feature is the Cross of Sacrifice or the Great Stone of Remembrance. The Minister of Veterans Affairs is the Agent of the Commission in Canada and the office of the Secretary-General of the Canadian Agency is in the Veterans Affairs Building, Ottawa.