

**The Pension Act.**—Previous issues of the Year Book contain information on the development of Canadian pension legislation together with yearly statistics of numbers and liabilities. The Pension Act has not been amended since 1961.

Disability pension is payable to former members of the Armed Forces who suffered "the loss or lessening of the power to will and to do any normal mental or physical act" as a result of military service in the Canadian Navy, Army or Air Force since the commencement of World War I. The place of residence and economic circumstances of the recipient have no bearing on the amount that may be paid, pension being payable in accordance with the degree of disability found to exist on medical examination from time to time. Similarly, pension to a widow whose husband's death was incurred on or attributable to service is not affected by her place of residence or economic situation.

The annual rates for a 100-p.c. disability for all ranks up to and including that of Colonel and equivalent are:—

	\$
Pensioner.....	2,160
Wife.....	720
One child.....	324
Two children.....	564
Each additional child.....	192

For assessments lower than 100 p.c., the awards are proportionately less. The rate of personal pension is higher if the pensioner held a rank higher than Colonel or equivalent rank at the time the disability was incurred, but the additional pension for wives and children remains the same for all ranks.

Attendance allowance, which is payable to a pensioner who is totally disabled, helpless and in need of attendance, and which varies from a minimum of \$480 to a maximum of \$1,800 depending on the degree of attendance required, is paid in addition to pension. Although a pensioner must be totally disabled to receive this allowance, the disability resulting in the need of attendance may be non-pensionable.

The annual rate of pension for widows and children of all ranks up to and including that of Colonel and equivalent rank are:—

	\$
Widow.....	1,656
One child.....	648
Two children.....	1,128
Each additional child.....	384

Rates for widows are higher if the deceased veteran held a rank higher than that of Colonel or equivalent rank, but those for children remain the same for all ranks.

The Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act, Parts I to X, 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; these include merchant seamen, saltwater fishermen, auxiliary services personnel, ferry pilots of the RAF Transport Command, firefighters who served in Britain, etc.

### 1.—Pensions in Force under the Pension Act as at Dec. 31, 1963

Service	Disability		Dependant		Disability and Dependant	
	Pensions in Force	Liability	Pensions in Force	Liability	Pensions in Force	Liability
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
World War I.....	39,111	36,533,382	14,334	22,904,405	53,445	59,437,787
World War II.....	106,655	85,186,666	16,623	22,655,114	123,278	107,841,780
Peacetime.....	1,770	1,126,537	559	1,053,441	2,329	2,179,978
Special Force.....	1,779	1,227,205	185	281,341	1,964	1,508,546
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>149,315</b>	<b>124,073,790</b>	<b>31,701</b>	<b>46,894,301</b>	<b>181,016</b>	<b>170,968,091</b>