

### War Veterans Allowances and Civilian War Allowances

**War Veterans Allowance Board.**—The War Veterans Allowance Board administers the War Veterans Allowance Act and Part XI of the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act and reports to Parliament through the Minister of Veterans Affairs. The Board, consisting of eight members, including a chairman and a deputy chairman, appointed by the Governor in Council, is a quasi-judicial body and is independent as far as its decisions are concerned. A detailed outline of the Board's functions and responsibilities is given in the 1961 Year Book, p. 302.

**War Veterans Allowances.**—The War Veterans Allowance Act provides an allowance to eligible veterans, widows and orphans who, because of age or incapacity, are unable to follow an occupation from which they may derive maintenance and ensures that their income does not fall below the stated scale. The Act came into force on Sept. 1, 1930 and has been amended 11 times, the last time in 1961. Restrictions governing income, personal property limits and real property and the monthly rates of allowances are as shown in the 1962 Year Book, p. 289. Application for an allowance must be made to the District Authority of the regional district in which the applicant resides. The functions and responsibilities of the District Authorities, of which there are 19, are described in the 1963-64 Year Book, p. 325.

During 1963, the War Veterans Allowance Board reviewed 2,332 recipients' cases comprising referrals by District Authorities, Treasury Officers and others. In addition, the Board conceded service eligibility for 540 applicants for War Veterans Allowance from allied veterans; 946 appeals were adjudicated of which 512 were disallowed, 228 allowed and the remainder deferred or withdrawn; the eligibility of certain classes of applicants for widows allowance was ruled upon, 166 of which were allowed and 36 disallowed. The District Authorities considered 12,780 applications, approving 8,933; and, to ensure continued eligibility, 80,611 recipients were either interviewed or had their financial circumstances checked. At Dec. 31, 1963, there were 81,682 recipients of War Veterans Allowances made up of 55,165 veterans, 26,232 widows and 285 orphans; 436 of the total resided outside Canada. The annual liability for all recipients was \$83,462,923.

**Civilian Pensions and Allowances.**—Part XI of the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act provides an allowance to certain civilians with service in a theatre of actual war during either World War I or World War II and to pensioners under Parts I to X of the Act. The service requirements of these civilians are outlined in the 1963-64 Year Book, p. 326. The restrictions governing income, the personal property and real property limits and the monthly rates of allowances are identical to those in the War Veterans Allowance Act shown in the 1962 Year Book, p. 289.

During 1963, the War Veterans Allowance Board reviewed 81 cases referred by District Authorities, Treasury Officers and others, dealt with 84 appeals allowing 49, and conceded service eligibility to 357 applicants. The District Authorities considered 553 applications, approving 308, interviewed 1,134 recipients in connection with continued eligibility, and checked 97 other cases. As of Dec. 31, 1963, there were 783 recipients of Civilian War Allowances comprising 625 civilians, 156 widows and two orphans; 12 recipients resided outside Canada. The annual liability for the total number was \$908,098.

### Veterans' Bureau

The Veterans' Bureau, which is a branch of the Department of Veterans Affairs, assists former members of the Armed Forces and their dependants and former members