

of the various auxiliary organizations, such as merchant seamen, firefighters and others, in preparing and presenting claims to the Canadian Pension Commission; it has been in operation for 33 years. The Chief Pensions Advocate, who heads the Bureau at Ottawa, is assisted by pensions advocates, most of whom are lawyers located in the departmental district offices. The pensions advocates appear as counsel for applicants before the Appeal Boards of the Commission and, in addition, advise pensioners and applicants upon any provision of the Pension Act or phase of pension law or administration that may have a bearing on pension claims. No charge is made for the services of the Bureau.

During 1963, the Veterans' Bureau submitted 6,228 claims to the Canadian Pension Commission for adjudication. These included 1,491 claims presented to appeal boards of the Pension Commission, of which 35 p.c. were wholly or partially granted. During the year, 1,198 straight entitlement claims were submitted to the Canadian Pension Commission, based on service in World War I and peacetime, of which 130 were wholly or partially granted; claims based on service in World War II and Korea numbered 2,760, of which 1,034 were wholly or partially granted; and of the 779 miscellaneous claims submitted, 493 were wholly or partially granted.

## Section 2.—Welfare Services

Federal welfare services for veterans are carried out by the Welfare Services Branch, the functions of which include the administration of assigned statutes; the conducting of field work and reporting for other branches of the Department, the Canadian Pension Commission, the War Veterans Allowance Board and Services Benevolent Funds; and the provision of a rehabilitation and welfare program of advice and counselling including referral where indicated to other public or private agencies, veterans organizations, etc.

**War Service Grants.**—Payments under the War Service Grants Act to veterans of World War II and the Korean War include war service gratuities now payable only in certain cases where delay of application is acceptable, and re-establishment credit for which eligible veterans may apply up to Oct. 31, 1968. Payment of the credit, except for a balance of \$50 or less, is not made in cash to the veteran but is released on his behalf for specific purposes. Up to the end of 1963, a total of \$314,671,229 had been paid out and unused balances amounted to \$9,031,028.

### 2.—Re-establishment Credits Paid, by Required Purpose, 1962 and 1963

Purpose	1962	1963	Purpose	1962	1963
	\$	\$		\$	\$
<b>Homes</b> .....	<b>602,974</b>	<b>208,355</b>	<b>Business</b> .....	<b>136,193</b>	<b>43,434</b>
Purchased under National Housing Act.....	2,793	93	Purchase of a business.....	333	498
Purchased other than under National Housing Act.....	13,270	6,638	Working capital.....	19,452	7,461
Repairs, etc.....	86,672	27,629	Tools and equipment.....	116,408	35,475
Furniture and equipment.....	487,907	168,364	<b>Miscellaneous</b> .....	<b>463,254</b>	<b>143,296</b>
Reduction of mortgage.....	12,332	5,631	Insurance, annuities, etc.....	194,210	32,038
			Special equipment for training.....	5,675	2,367
			Clothing.....	178,244	72,041
			Reimbursements.....	85,125	36,860
			<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>1,202,421</b>	<b>395,085</b>