

**Assistance Fund.**—Supplementary assistance is available to recipients of war veterans allowances living in Canada whose incomes are lower than a stated maximum and who are in need. Such assistance is given as continuing monthly grants based on the monthly costs of shelter, fuel, food, clothing, personal care and certain health needs or as single grants to meet emergencies. The following statement summarizes activity during 1962 and 1963; as monthly grants may be continued from year to year, the number assisted in a given period is greater than the number applying.

<i>Item</i>		<i>1962</i>	<i>1963</i>
Persons assisted.....	No.	18,264	19,664
Persons applying during year.....	"	5,719	6,212
Applicants assisted.....	"	5,013	5,506
Proportion of applicants assisted.....	p.c.	88	89
Fund expenditures during year.....	\$	3,105,042	3,416,734
Proportion of expenditures given in monthly grants.....	p.c.	90	92
Persons in receipt of continuing monthly grants.....	No.	14,230	14,743

**Education Assistance to Children of War Dead.**—Help with the cost of post-secondary education for the children of those whose deaths have been attributed to military service is provided by the Children of War Dead (Education Assistance) Act. Assistance is confined to the cost of training in Canada at any educational institution which requires secondary school graduation, matriculation or equivalent standing for admission, including, in addition to universities and colleges, such facilities as hospital nursing schools and provincial technological institutes. From its inception in July 1953 to the end of 1962, expenditures totalled \$3,747,349 of which \$1,814,907 was spent in allowances and \$1,932,442 in fees. By the end of 1963, 1,198 children of Canada's war dead had been assisted to obtain university and other advanced education degrees and diplomas; 146 had obtained degrees in arts and science, 134 in education, 65 in engineering and applied science, 19 in social work, 12 in medicine, 11 in law, 52 in other university faculties, 296 registered nurses, 161 school teachers and 101 in administrative and technological fields. At the same date there were 759 university undergraduates and 267 students in non-university courses receiving assistance.

**Returned Soldiers Insurance.**—The Returned Soldiers Insurance Act (SC 1920, c. 54, as amended) provided eligibility to contract for life insurance with the Federal Government up to a maximum of \$5,000 to any one veteran of World War I. No policies have been issued since Aug. 31, 1933. Of 48,319 policies issued in the amount of \$109,299,500, there were 7,557 with a value of \$16,126,704 in force at the end of 1963.

**Veterans Insurance.**—The Veterans Insurance Act (RSC 1952, c. 279 as amended) is the World War II counterpart of the Returned Soldiers Insurance Act and enabled veterans following discharge and widows of those who died during service to contract with the Federal Government for a maximum of \$10,000 life insurance. Veterans with active service in Korea are also eligible for this insurance. The period of eligibility to apply for this insurance ends Oct. 31, 1968. Up to Dec. 31, 1963, 52,114 policies in the amount of \$168,978,500 had been issued and 29,835 with a value of \$94,309,561 were still in force.

### 3.—Death Claims Intimated to Dec. 31, 1963

Year	Returned Soldiers Insurance		Veterans Insurance	
	No.	\$	No.	\$
1921-57.....	11,469	23,819,439	1,576	4,419,236
1958.....	486	902,324	254	687,145
1959.....	436	835,327	283	806,546
1960.....	462	928,255	357	1,096,010
1961.....	422	867,230	364	947,148
1962.....	435	839,709	394	1,185,463
1963.....	445	863,174	398	1,068,246