

of premiums, 93 cents were paid out in benefits, which amounted to approximately \$26.98 per person covered. In 1955, benefit payments had been \$41,400,000, representing 89 cents of the premium dollar and amounting to only \$13.17 per person.

Profit-making private companies wrote \$119,700,000 of premiums for health protection in 1964; they paid out \$92,000,000 in claims.

PART V.—VETERANS SERVICES*

The Department of Veterans Affairs administers most of the legislation known collectively as the Veterans Charter and also provides administrative facilities for the Canadian Pension Commission, which administers the Pension Act and Parts I to X of the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act; for the War Veterans Allowance Board, which administers the War Veterans Allowance Act and Part XI of the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act; and for the Secretary General (Canada) of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The principal benefits now available to veterans are medical treatment for those eligible to receive it, land settlement and home construction assistance, educational assistance for the children of the war dead, veterans insurance, general welfare services, unused re-establishment credit, disability and widows pensions and war veterans allowances. The work of the Department, except the administration of the Veterans' Land Act, is carried out through 17 district offices and five sub-district offices in Canada and one district office in England; the benefits of the Veterans' Land Act are administered through seven district offices and 25 regional offices across Canada.

As part of the Department's continuing policy to cherish the memory of Canada's war dead, ceremonies were held in France in June-July 1966, commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of Canadian participation in the Battles of the Somme 1916, and honouring the dead of these and other battles. June 11-17 in Centennial Year will be Veterans Week, during which the Government and veterans organizations across Canada will conduct activities to feature the contributions, achievements and sacrifices of the Canadian citizen-in-arms.

Section 1.—Pensions and Allowances

Disability and Dependants Pensions

Canadian Pension Commission.—The Canadian Pension Commission administers the Pension Act (RSC 1952, c. 207, as amended) and Parts I to X of the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act (RSC 1952, c. 51, as amended). Its members are appointed by the Governor in Council and it reports to Parliament through the Minister of Veterans Affairs. The Commission has district offices in principal cities across Canada with a Senior Pension Medical Examiner in charge and also is represented by a Senior Pension Medical Examiner in London, England, located in the district office of the Department of Veterans Affairs in that city. (See also p. 131.)

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 makes provision for the payment of pensions in respect of disability or death resulting from injury or disease incurred during or attributable to service with the Canadian Navy, Army or Air Force in time of war or peace. Provision is also made for supplementing, up to Canadian rates, awards of pension to or in respect of Canadians for disability or death suffered as a result of service in the British or Allied Forces during World War I or World War II, or payment of pension at Canadian rates in cases where

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