

The rates of pension for disability and pensioned widows are statutory and adjustments were made by Treasury Branch without reference to the Commission. The amounts payable to parents, however, are not fixed and a review of some 7,400 cases was necessitated.

Attendance allowance, which is payable to a pensioner who is totally disabled 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. While a pensioner must be totally disabled, helpless and in need of attendance to receive this allowance, the cause may be non-pensionable. The disability for which pension is in payment may be a minor one and not related to the need of attendance. The rates for the various classifications under which awards are made are set by the Commission. These rates are reviewed from time to time and such changes made as may be considered advisable. In line with this policy, early in the year the rate of attendance allowance for total blindness was increased from \$1,440 to \$1,680 per annum, with effect from Apr. 1, 1961, and adjustments made where applicable.

The Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act 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.

8.—Pensions in Force under the Pension Act, as at Dec. 31, 1961

Service	Disability		Dependant		Disability and Dependant	
	Pensions in Force	Liability	Pensions in Force	Liability	Pensions in Force	Liability
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
World War I.....	43,771	41,141,070	14,568	23,148,424	58,339	64,289,494
World War II.....	105,848	84,573,334	17,056	22,910,454	122,904	107,483,788
Peacetime.....	1,495	958,201	533	1,032,359	2,028	1,990,560
Special Force.....	1,688	1,147,368	173	267,408	1,861	1,414,776
Totals.....	152,802	127,819,973	32,330	47,358,645	185,132	175,178,618

Section 6.—War Veterans Allowances

War Veterans Allowance Board.—The War Veterans Allowance Board is a statutory body responsible to the Minister of Veterans Affairs for the administration of the War Veterans Allowance Act. The Board consists of eight members including a chairman and a deputy chairman. A detailed outline of the Board's functions and responsibilities will be found on p. 302 of the 1961 Year Book.

War Veterans Allowance Act.—The War Veterans Allowance Act provides for allowances to be paid to veterans with service eligibility who are no longer capable of maintaining themselves by reason of age or disability. A male veteran under the age of 60 and