

**24.—Expenditure on Account of War Appropriation, for the Year ended
March 31, 1917—concluded.**

(B) BY OTHER DEPARTMENTS AS FOLLOWS:—concluded.

Public Works.....	\$ 142,751
Inland Revenue.....	783
War Purchasing Commission.....	33,078
Audit Office.....	21,254
Labour.....	85,981
Agriculture.....	12,432
Marine and Fisheries.....	2,158
Shell Commission.....	8,550
Interior.....	57,455
Insurance.....	542
Military Hospitals' Commission.....	1,378,078
Canadian Munition Resources Commission.....	11,123
National Service Commission.....	111,760
Total.....	8,197,784
Grand Total.....	306,488,815

War Pensions.—A Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada, consisting of three members, was created by Order in Council of June 3, 1916, (P.C. 1,334) with exclusive jurisdiction and authority to deal with the granting and payment of naval and military pensions and other allowances to persons in the Canadian Naval Forces and the Canadian Expeditionary Force and to their dependents. There is no appeal from the decisions of the commission, but applicants may appear in person or by counsel before the commission to present complaints. The scale of pensions has been revised by various Orders in Council up to January 2, 1919. Under the existing scale, twenty classes are provided ranging from five p.c. disablement up to one hundred p.c., or total disablement. The pensions range for the rank and file, according to the class of disablement, from \$30 up to \$600 per annum, and for disablement from \$600 for rank and file up to \$2,700 for persons of and above the rank of commodore or brigadier-general. Further annual allowances are made for children, which, for all men below the rank of commander or lieutenant-colonel, range, according to class of disablement, from \$6 up to \$144. Married men, not above the rank of naval sub-lieutenant or lieutenant of militia, receive an additional allowance which ranges,