

Canada at the time of enlistment for the War of 1914-18, provided they were incapable of maintaining themselves on attaining the age of 60 or at any age, if permanently unemployable.

Various amendments to the Act now enable the Board to grant war allowances to the following:—

- (1) A veteran of the North West Field Force.
- (2) A veteran of the South African War.
- (3) A veteran of the War of 1914-18.
- (4) A veteran of the War of 1939-45.
- (5) A member of the South African Military Nursing services, domiciled and resident in Canada prior to becoming a member and who has served any place outside Canada.
- (6) A person domiciled and resident in Canada certified by the Under Secretary of State for External Affairs as having been enrolled by the United Kingdom authorities for special duty in war areas during the War of 1939-45.
- (7) A veteran who is not eligible to receive an allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act and who has not served in a "theatre of actual war", but was either: a former member of the C.E.F. (War of 1914-18) and has served in the War of 1939-45, or a former member of His Majesty's Forces who was domiciled in Canada when he joined the said Forces of the War of 1914-18, and who served in the Canadian Forces during the War of 1939-45, may be granted a Dual Service pension under the Dual Service Pension Order. Regulations as to other qualifications, rates, exemptions, etc., are identical as to those governing the War Veterans' Allowance Act.
- (8) Widows and orphaned children of the above veterans.

The War Veterans' Allowance Act and amendments now provide for three classes of veterans:—

- (1) The veteran who has attained the age of 60 years.
- (2) The veteran of any age who, because of physical or mental disabilities, is permanently unemployable.
- (3) The veteran, regardless of age, who served in a "theatre of actual war" and is, in the opinion of the Board, incapable of maintaining himself and unlikely to become capable due to a combination of reasons or handicaps, physical, mental or economic.

Classes (1) and (2) must have served in a "theatre of actual war," or be in receipt of pension or have received a final payment by agreement in commutation of pension. Class (3) applies only to veterans who served in an actual theatre of war. Widows and orphans of veterans are admitted to the benefits of the Act and amendments, providing the veteran himself was eligible during his lifetime.

While the amount of any allowance payable is discretionary with the Board, the maximum permissive income from all sources (including War Veterans' Allowances) for a single veteran is \$365 per annum and \$730 for a married veteran or widower with dependent children. The basic allowance under the Act is \$20 and \$40 per month to single and married veterans, respectively. However, amending legislation in January, 1944, provided for a supplementary allowance of \$10.41 per month in the case of a single veteran and \$20.83 per month in the case of a married veteran or widower with dependent children; but the maximum permissive income from all sources remains as outlined above.

Provision has been made for (veterans' care) treatment for recipients of War Veterans' Allowances other than widows.

Provision has been made for the continuation of an allowance on behalf of a child until the age of 19 years, for educational purposes.