

schools are under construction at Halifax, Yarmouth, Winnipeg and Vancouver, the last named at a cost of over \$1,500,000. In Quebec, 16 new schools or additions to existing schools have been constructed and are already in operation.

Up to Mar. 31, 1949, the end of the fourth year of this agreement, federal expenditures on the construction and equipment of new vocational schools have amounted to approximately \$4,022,925. During the same period federal contributions towards maintenance and operating costs of vocational schools, both municipally and provincially owned, amounted to approximately \$6,560,945.

Training of Military Personnel.—Although no specific schedule of the Vocational Training Agreement provided for the training of Navy, Army and Air Force personnel, that type of training was again carried out quite extensively during 1948. Canadian Vocational Training, in co-operation with the provinces, has been training army personnel as motor mechanics, vehicle mechanics, sheet metal workers, welders, machine tool operators, draftsmen, radio mechanics, clerks, kitchen organizers and in various building trades.

Training of Discharged Members of the Forces.—During 1948 the training of discharged members of the Forces was carried on under the Vocational Training Agreement, which was in effect in all provinces. As in previous years, training was carried out in co-operation with the provincial authorities, and was given to those veterans who were approved for it by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Throughout the year close relations were maintained with the Department of Veterans Affairs and with the National Employment Service, both at head office and in the field.

The training of veterans was a steadily diminishing responsibility of the Training Branch during 1948. At Mar. 31, 1948, 4,993 veterans were undergoing training; by Mar. 31, 1949, the number had been reduced to 424. The Vocational Training Program for veterans had been practically completed by the middle of 1949 without any serious complaints from veterans or from the employers of veterans who were trained under the Program. The number of veterans trained by the Department of Labour up to Mar. 31, 1949, totalled 134,444. The expenditures made by the Federal Government, which bore the full cost of Veteran Training, amounted, up to the same date, to \$25,462,502.

Subsection 2.—Vocational Training of Veterans*

The vocational training of veterans which was authorized under the provisions of the Veterans Rehabilitation Act and under which more than 90,000 veterans were approved for training to assist in their rehabilitation in civil life, has, apart from some types of long-term training, come to a close. From a peak of 40,422 veterans in training in November, 1946, the numbers have shown a steady decline until, at the end of May, 1949, only 4,076 veterans were in training.

By Order in Council 5983, dated Dec. 29, 1948, authority was granted to provide vocational training under the Veterans Rehabilitation Act, Sect. 7, to certain young men under 30 years of age, who had served in the Merchant Marine and who had not been effectively rehabilitated. By June 30, 1949, some 269 persons had been approved for training and 85 had actually commenced their training under this authority.

* Revised under the direction of the Deputy Minister, Department of Veterans Affairs.