

**Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act.**—This Act extends pension legislation to a number of civilian groups whose work was closely associated with the World War II war effort, including merchant seamen, auxiliary services personnel, fire fighters who served in the United Kingdom, special constables with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, overseas welfare workers, etc.

**Veterans' Bureau.**—The Veterans' Bureau, staffed by Pensions Advocates, most of whom are lawyers, was established in 1930 to assist those seeking war disability or dependant's pension in presenting their claims to the Canadian Pension Commission (*see* 1947 Year Book, p. 1142). This service is also given to persons applying for pension under the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act. There are District Pensions Advocates in all district offices of the Department. The service is free of charge and most applications for pension are handled in this way. At Mar. 31, 1953, the Veterans' Bureau had 6,644 active claims in hand.

### Section 4.—Rehabilitation of Veterans

The Veterans Welfare Services Branch of the Department of Veterans Affairs is responsible for the administration of benefits available to discharged members of the Forces under the terms of the Veterans' Rehabilitation Act, the War Service Grants Act, and the Veterans Benefit Act of 1951.

The Department renders assistance to veterans and advises them in social problems through the Social Service Division of the Veterans Welfare Services Branch. At the same time, it does not duplicate any service that is already available to a veteran as a citizen. The rehabilitation of women veterans has been conducted along with that of the male veterans and no particular problems have been encountered.

**War Service Grants.**—The amounts expended as gratuities under the War Service Grants Act up to Mar. 31, 1953, are shown in Table 1.

#### 1.—Gratuity Payments under the War Service Grants Act, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1945-53

Year and Service	Navy	Army	Air Force	Miscellaneous	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1945—					
Forces .....	973,958	14,663,621	3,468,852	—	19,106,431
1945-46—					
Forces .....	27,277,979	121,003,582	64,157,016	—	212,438,577
Canadian Fire Fighters.....	—	—	—	161,760	161,760
Auxiliary Services.....	180	58,646	36,116	—	94,942
1946-47—					
Forces .....	17,766,529	170,658,329	32,949,430	—	221,374,288
Auxiliary Services.....	365	254,616	98,475	—	353,456
1947-48—					
Forces .....	940,778	11,386,313	1,372,651	—	13,699,742
Auxiliary Services.....	—	315,046	Cr. 5,198	—	309,848
1948-49—					
Forces .....	140,907	589,132	226,686	—	956,725
Auxiliary Services.....	—	35,563	—	—	35,563
1949-50—					
Forces .....	37,595	133,117	168,582	—	339,294
Auxiliary Services.....	—	9,483	—	—	9,483
Netherlands, The.....	—	—	—	91,737	91,737
1950-51—					
Forces .....	21,318	76,348	344,717	—	442,383
1951-52—					
Forces .....	9,708	128,058	124,366	—	262,132
Special Force.....	1,340	18,208	—	—	19,548
1952-53—					
Forces .....	—	—	—	—	112,437
Special Force.....	600,036	2,769,829	26,567	—	3,396,432
<b>Total.....</b>	...	...	...	...	<b>473,294,778</b>