

civilian war allowances, by wars and by categories on strength as at March 31, 1964, with the total annual expenditure. May I have your permission to do this?

The CHAIRMAN: Agreed.

Mr. HERRIDGE: These will be included in the minutes?

The CHAIRMAN: That is right.

Mr. CROMB: The tables read as follows:

Table Showing Numbers of Recipients of War Veterans Allowances, by Wars, on Strength as at 31 March 1964

With Total Annual Expenditure

	Veterans	Widows	Sec. 5(1)	Orphans	Total
N.W.F.F.	2	27	—	—	29
South Africa	383	464	28	—	875
W.W. I	40,267	21,788	1,276	93	63,424
W.W. II	13,154	2,423	272	185	16,034
Dual Service	1,223	368	29	4	1,624
Special Forces	129	7	—	4	140
Section 4	22	1	—	—	23
Totals	55,180	25,078	1,605	286	82,149

Annual Expenditure: \$82,285,504.17.

Table Showing Numbers of Recipients of Civilian War Allowances, by Wars and by Categories on Strength as at

31 March 1964

with Total Annual Expenditure

		Civil-ians	Widows	Sec. 5(1)	Orphans	Total
Voluntary Aid Detachment,	WW I	4	—	—	—	4
Merchant Seamen	WW I	148	45	3	1	197
Merchant Seamen	WW II	393	87	11	1	492
Canadian Fire Fighters	WW II	6	1	—	—	7
Welfare Workers	WW II	3	—	—	—	3
Trans-Atlantic Air Crew	WW II	—	—	—	—	—
Newfoundland Foresters	WW II	130	17	1	2	150
Civilian War Pensioners	WW II	4	1	—	—	5
Totals		688	151	15	4	858

Annual Expenditure: \$921,593.63.

I do not propose to make a lengthy statement, but I would like to make a very brief one. Not long ago, of course, I had the privilege of appearing before you. But very briefly I might give you an explanation of the task for which I am responsible.

The war veterans' allowance board is a statutory body and it reports to parliament through the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Members of the board are appointed by the governor in council. The board is a quasi-judicial body, and it is independent so far as its decisions are concerned. The board is charged with the responsibility of administering legislation contained in the act and regulations. The minister is charged with administration of the act. At the present time the board consists of 6 members, all of whom are on salary. There are also two other members appointed by the governor in council who are not on salary.