

NOTE.—This sum will be further reduced by payments of principal, with the result that a large proportion of the moneys advanced by the Dominion will eventually be repaid.

5. *Soldiers' Insurance*—

Policies in force, 2,371.  
 Premiums received, \$95,000.00.  
 Liability on claims made, \$121,000.00.  
 Liability on policies in force, \$7,074,000.00.

NOTE.—The liability on policies in force will be largely reduced by premiums to be received.

6. *Transportation of dependents from Overseas*—

Expenditure (exclusive of administration cost) . . . . . \$2,800,000.00

7. *Redemption of Sterling Funds at par*—

Amount redeemed to date (cost not yet ascertained) . . . . . \$14,400,000.00

8. *Preferment in appointments to Government Service*—

Permanent appointments, 8,000.  
 Temporary appointments, 29,000.

9. *Summary of Expenditures*—

Gratuities . . . . .	\$164,000,000.00
Pensions . . . . .	91,000,000.00
Re-establishment . . . . .	102,300,000.00
Land Settlement . . . . .	82,600,000.00
Transportation . . . . .	2,800,000.00
Total . . . . .	\$442,700,000.00

As already mentioned, the above is by no means a complete accounting of the expenditure on behalf of the returned man. It can be stated with confidence that there has been expended to the end of the last fiscal year, that is to March 31st, 1921, from four hundred and fifty to five hundred millions, and in those figures no allowance is made for the sum voted for the Federal Housing project or for the moneys disbursed by Provinces and Municipalities or through the various Veterans' Associations, the Patriotic Fund, Red Cross and other voluntary societies.

It is not so easy to forecast the future Federal yearly liability; much will depend upon a return to normal conditions throughout the country at large. The Pension bill, including cost of administration, will hardly be less than \$33,000,000.00; the other activities of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment may total a like amount, while it is possible further large advances will be required to finance the Soldier Settlement Board. A conservative estimate of our annual expenditure in this behalf would not be less than \$75,000,000.00.

#### INTRODUCTORY

Turning now to the Order of Reference under which your Committee was convened, there are indicated three distinct branches of inquiry, viz.: Insurance, Pensions and Re-establishment. With the exception of the first named, Insurance—which was for the first time fully considered last Session—the subjects named have been continuously under review by Special Committees of the House of Commons, and by the House itself, during every Session of the present Parliament. The question of Pensions indeed occupied the attention of a previous Parliament, and Special Committees sat thereon during the Sessions of 1916 and 1917. It is not surprising, therefore, to find as a result of those previous inquiries, that a fund of information has been acquired and that it is the exception to have any wholly new problem sub-