

Another striking figure is the number of discharged persons who, having entered insured employment, qualified for the payment by the government of the insurance contributions covering their period on military service. Up to July 1945, we had paid these unemployment insurance contributions for no fewer than 28,123 discharged persons, the aggregate amount of the contributions being \$933,248. As a result of these payments, the persons affected are entitled, in the event of interrupted employment, to insurance benefits for periods based on the assumption that their military service was time spent in insured employment.

The number of veterans granted assistance under the various other provisions of the Post-Discharge Re-establishment Order, from November 1, 1941, to July 31, 1945, is as follows:—

Out-of-work	8,176
Vocational training	10,690
Awaiting returns	1,574
Temporary incapacity	2,807
Education	2,057
Total	<u>24,304</u>

Compiled statistics are always in arrears, but I am glad to be able to say that in recent weeks the number of applications for educational and training benefits has shown a sharp increase, facilitated, no doubt, by the service policy of expediting the discharge of those who contemplate entering or return to university. I am informed today that the number of ex-service personnel attending university in Canada is more than five thousand.

The number of pensions in payment for death or disability arising out of the recent war had reached a total of 33,535 at the end of July. The annual liability with respect to these awards stood at \$17,114,346.

It may be of interest in this connection to note that the highest figure reached, representing annual pension liability, arising out of the former war was \$41,858,377. That figure was reached in 1932, which was 14 years after the end of the war. There has been a decline since 1932, and the present annual liability for pensions arising out of the First World War stands at \$37,147,677.

The annual liability for pensions from the recent war is increasing at the rate of approximately one million dollars a month, and the appropriation for which we have asked this year is \$20,000,000.

Some detail about awards may be of interest.

Dealing only with male members of the forces, the number of awards arising from service outside Canada is 28,080, and for service within Canada 4,813.

Referring again only to the same group, the number of disability pensions in force is 19,012, and the number of awards to dependants is 13,881.

There have been 108 awards with respect to women members of the forces, and 462 awards for the various civilian classes who have been granted the protection of the Pension Act. Although the numbers have been small, some members of every one of these civilian classes have received awards. The figures are as follows—

Mariners	396
Fishermen	22
Auxiliary services	5
Civil government employees	6
R.C.M.P. special constable guards	7
Civil defence	5
Fire fighters	21
Total	<u>462</u>