

During the past year a close liaison has been maintained with other Departments and organizations concerned with the welfare of ex-servicemen. In particular there has been close co-operation with the Rehabilitation Department and the Disabled Servicemen's Re-Establishment League in supplying information and advice regarding the rehabilitation and special training of ex-servicemen.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR

Administration costs for the year in respect of war pensions and allowances totalled £16,802.

Medical treatment of war pensioners (including the cost of treatment of pensioners resident in overseas countries) amounted to £248,465, compared with £65,565 for the previous year. The marked increase in this item is due to increased hospital charges and payment to Hospital Boards of arrears of maintenance charges in respect of 1939-45 war personnel.

Railway concessions to ex-members of the Forces pensioned for total and permanent disablement and those with locomotor disabilities on permanent pensions in excess of 50 per cent. cost £7,029, compared with £6,404 for the previous year.

Loading on life-insurance policies due to war-service disabilities of war pensioners was paid by the Department, and amounted to £819, compared with £597 for the previous year.

Medical fees and travelling-expenses of pensioners cost £31,864, compared with £37,920 for the previous year.
