

or carry on any new business without the permission of the National Efficiency Board, and the Board is thus able to control the opening of businesses likely to compete with those of absent soldiers. Where a proposed new business does not affect any existing soldier's business the permit is granted as a matter of course, but where the new business will compete with the protected business of a soldier the license is issued subject to such conditions as the Board may consider necessary to ensure that the person starting the new business will not profit by the absence of the soldier on military service.

AFTER DISCHARGE.

War Gratuities.

The Government has decided to pay a war gratuity to soldiers of the Expeditionary Force, or to their dependants in case of death. As final arrangements had not been made at the time of publication it was impossible to include details in this edition.

War Pensions—Eligibility.

By the War Pensions Act, 1915, and subsequent amendments, provision is made for the payment of pensions to the following:—

- (1.) Any disabled member of the New Zealand Forces.
- (2.) Any dependant of a disabled, deceased, or missing member of the New Zealand Forces.

“Members of the Forces” may include—

- (a.) A member of any New Zealand Expeditionary Force raised for service beyond New Zealand in the present war.
- (b.) A member of any New Zealand Naval Force raised for service beyond New Zealand in the present war.

- (c.) A member of the New Zealand Army Nursing Service who, while domiciled in New Zealand, has served beyond New Zealand in the present war and was in the pay of the New Zealand Government.
- (d.) A member of the New Zealand Defence or Naval Forces temporarily attached to any other portion of His Majesty's Forces who has served beyond New Zealand in the present war and was in receipt of pay from the Imperial Government.
- (e.) Any person, not being a member of any New Zealand Expeditionary or Naval Force, who, while domiciled in New Zealand, has served beyond New Zealand in the present war and was in receipt of pay from the New Zealand Government; and
- (f.) Any person in the pay of the New Zealand Government who has been engaged on active military service in any capacity in New Zealand in connection with the present war.

The war-pensions scheme may, by Order in Council, be extended to apply to the officers and men of transports, mine-sweepers, and other vessels controlled by the New Zealand Government for the purpose of carrying on the war.

Applications.

Forms of application for pensions may be obtained from the local Registrar of Pensions, or from the Commissioner of Pensions at Wellington.

Dependants.

In the case of dependants the definition is a wide one, including, in addition to wife, child, parent, step-parent, grandparent, brother, sister, and mother-in-law, the cases of those persons, not necessarily relatives, who satisfy the War Pensions Board that they have suffered material loss of income or property by