

**Preference at Ballots.**

In addition to the privileges extended by the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, the land laws of the Dominion have been amended so as to give preference at ballots to discharged soldiers, and applies to all ballots, whether under the Land Act or the Land for Settlements Act.

**Facilities to inspect Lands.**

A discharged soldier wishing to inspect land open for selection by discharged soldiers may obtain a refund of railway fare (second-class return) paid by him in going to inspect such land, provided that he becomes an approved applicant for the land inspected.

**Rebate of Rent.**

Soldiers settled under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act are entitled to the same rebate of rent on prompt payment as are ordinary Crown tenants.

**EDUCATIONAL.****Soldiers' Bursaries.**

The National War Funds Council has decided to utilize a large portion of its remaining funds, and to ask the public to make further subscriptions, for the purpose of providing educational bursaries for matriculated returned soldiers who wish to continue their education. Sixty-eight bursaries have already been granted to soldiers who had matriculated, and who now wish to continue their university education. The bursaries are for £50 per annum, to be granted for either four or five years, or such shorter period as may be necessary to enable the soldier to complete his course. The renewal will depend each year upon satisfactory reports as to conduct, industry, and proficiency. Reports are required from the Registrar of the college to which

the student has attached himself, or, in the case of men who have not been to college, from the headmaster of the primary or secondary school which he has attended. Grants are not made to students who can otherwise afford the cost of university education. Applications for bursaries should be made to the Secretary of the War Funds Council, Internal Affairs Department, Wellington.

The War Funds Council proposes, if funds are made available, to extend this system so as to benefit men with Sixth Standard certificates who are desirous of proceeding to matriculation or obtaining a higher educational status at technical or other colleges or evening classes, at the engineering school, or in other ways. The bursaries in these cases would vary in amount, the main object being to cover fees and necessary books and equipment.

**War Bursaries to Soldiers' Dependents.**

Bursaries are awarded to dependants of killed or disabled members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. To qualify for a war bursary a child must be eligible for—

- (a.) Free education at technical classes ; or
- (b.) A free place at a secondary school, district high school, or technical high school ; or
- (c.) A University or Education bursary at a university college.

A bursary entitles the holder to an allowance in addition to free tuition of £1 10s., or £3 per annum in the case of those qualified under (a), £5 for those under (b), or £10 for those under (c). Lodging-allowance is also payable to bursars who are obliged to live away from home to attend school at the rate of £15 per annum under (a), and £30 under (b) and (c); or, as an alternative, travelling-allowances ranging from £5 to £10 per annum are given where travelling is necessary.