

### 8.—Operations Under the Returned Soldiers' Insurance Act, Fiscal Years 1938-41

Item		1938	1939	1940	1941
Policies reinstated.....	No.	1,051	907	852	832
Policies surrendered for cash.....	"	441	521	546	335
Policies in force.....		23,880	22,939	22,016	21,287
Amounts of insurance.....	\$	50,677,796	48,450,034	46,262,798	44,574,841
Amounts of premium income.....	\$	1,250,516	1,152,924	1,083,663	1,022,716
Expenditures.....	\$	843,813	870,525	918,776	777,728
Death claims from commencement of operations.....	No.	4,361	4,654	4,931	5,222
Amounts of death claims.....	\$	531,619	1,133,651	513,679	583,850
Balances on hand.....	\$	16,826,686	17,783,544	18,683,091	19,683,919

### Section 6.—Soldier Settlement of Canada\*

Under the Soldier Settlement Act of 1919, 25,017 soldier settlers were granted loans and established on the land. On Dec. 31, 1941, there were 7,661 soldier settlers and 6,374 civilian settlers who had taken over lands relinquished by former soldier settlers. At the end of 1941 the Soldier Settlement of Canada had 16,999 properties under administration, representing a net investment of \$27,904,661. There were 1,633 farms on hand, of which 1,548 were leased; 4,776 settlers had repaid their loans in full in cash, and 2,903 properties had been transferred to municipalities and provinces under Sect. 21A of the Soldier Settlement Act.

Under the 3,000 British Family Scheme, by the agreement negotiated with the British Government in 1924, 3,346 families came forward for settlement. Of these 2,082 had withdrawn as at Dec. 31, 1941, 64 had repaid their loans leaving 1,200 families still operating their farms. Under the New Brunswick Family Settlement Agreement 359 families came forward; of these 11 had repaid their loans, 217 had withdrawn and 131 remained on the land.

The following numbers of settlers had applied for the benefits of the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act; 4,381 soldier settlers, 1,984 civilian settlers and 1,554 British and New Brunswick Family settlers. The disposal of these applications was as follows: soldier settlers 4,276 cases involving indebtedness of \$15,374,695—a reduction of \$6,750,836; civilian cases 1,938 with a debt of \$6,267,538—a reduction of \$2,619,405; British Family settlers, 1,544 cases involving indebtedness of \$7,140,167—a reduction of \$3,737,976.

The supervision staff of the Department has made land appraisals and reported on the applications of farmers (other than those under the Soldier Settlement of Canada) under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act. To Dec. 31, 1941, 16,467 land appraisals and reports had been made in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and the Maritime Provinces.

Other investigational and appraisal services conducted during the year were: investigations for the Department of Mines and Resources, 864; in rural districts with respect to applications under the War Veterans' Allowance Act of 1930, 5,550; for the Department of Pensions and National Health and the Canadian Pension Commission with respect to applications for relief allowances and special investigations of pension cases in rural districts, 1,006; and for the Dependents' Allowance Board 9,787. Land appraisals for the Department of National Defence, 360.

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