

Assistance is available to officially qualified veterans in a third form. Agreements have been completed with the Governments of the three Prairie Provinces and are under discussion with other provinces respecting the settlement of veterans on provincial lands. Under such agreements the Director of the Act may grant to a veteran an amount not exceeding \$2,320 for the purchase of essential building materials and other costs of construction; clearing and preparation of the land for cultivation; the purchase of essential farming live stock and machinery; the purchase of live stock and machinery essential to forestry; the purchase of essential commercial fishing equipment; the purchase of fur-farming equipment, but not breeding stock; and the purchase of essential household equipment. Land tenure and the conditions under which title may be obtained are the subject of agreement between the veteran and the Provincial Government concerned.

A somewhat similar agreement has been reached with the Department of Mines and Resources covering the settlement of Indian veterans on Indian Reserves. The grants in both cases need not be repaid, but are subject to 10 years compliance with settlement conditions.

Eight District Offices—located at Vancouver, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, and Saint John, have been opened up; as well as 45 Regional Offices. The veteran's point of contact with the administration is the Regional Office. At each Regional Office an Advisory Committee is available to assist in assessing the qualifications of applicants and determining the suitability and value of lands.

Settlements under the Veterans' Land Act were purposely restricted, prior to the cessation of hostilities, due principally to shortages of farming equipment and building materials, and to good employment opportunities throughout the Dominion.

8.—Summary of Operations Under the Veterans' Land Act, 1942, as at Mar. 31, 1946

Item	Full-time Farming	Small Holding	Commercial Fishing	Provincial Lands	Total
Certificates for Qualification—					
Qualified.....No.	10,544	12,576	347	1,123	24,590
Qualification declined....."	1,866	959	169	77	3,071
Applications withdrawn or cancelled....."	309	998	10	2	1,319
Lands Appraised and Purchased—					
Approved.....No.	5,132	3,586	90	-	8,808
Purchased....."	3,226	2,628	44	-	5,898
Average price per acre.....\$	21.97	297.53	85.33	-	-
Applications for Financial Assistance—					
Approved (net).....No.	2,804	2,483	106	-	5,393
Average amount for land and permanent improvements.....\$	3,930	4,123	2,469	-	-
Average amount for stock and equipment.....\$	1,059	380	1,118	-	-
Applications for Financial Assistance—(Mortgage Loan)—					
Approved (net).....No.	42	9	-	-	51
Average amount for removal of encumbrance and permanent improvements.....\$	1,583	2,223	-	-	-
Average loan for stock and equipment.....\$	1,080	38	-	-	-
Applications for Financial Assistance (Provincial Land)—					
Approved (net).....No.	-	-	-	9	9
Average amount for permanent improvements.....\$	-	-	-	874	-
Average amount for stock and equipment.....\$	-	-	-	1,446	-