

Awaiting Returns Allowance.—This allowance has been instrumental in assisting, up to Feb. 28, 1947, about 42,250 veterans who, in order to become settled in civilian life, have attempted to take up an occupation on their own account. The occupational distribution of these veterans is quite interesting and is shown in Table 7; the district centre is the location of the Department of Veterans Affairs district office and the figures quoted cover the areas administered by these offices.

7.—Applications Approved for Awaiting Returns Allowance, by Geographic Areas and by Nature of "Own Account" Business as at Feb. 28, 1947

(V.L.A.=Veterans' Land Act)

District Centre for Area	Full-time Farming		Commercial Fishing		General Business	Total
	Not V.L.A.	V.L.A.	Not V.L.A.	V.L.A.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.		
Charlottetown, P.E.I.....	382	277	197	50	343	1,249
Halifax, N.S.....	588	214	346	18	984	2,150
Saint John, N.B.....	707	163	77	14	356	1,317
Quebec, Que.....	96	103	28	1	373	601
Montreal, Que.....	290	386	—	—	1,684	2,360
Ottawa, Ont.....	240	200	—	—	943	1,383
Kingston, Ont.....	142	285	8	6	678	1,119
Toronto, Ont.....	385	374	3	4	1,357	2,123
North Bay, Ont.....	111	60	1	—	85	257
Hamilton, Ont.....	138	115	4	—	459	716
London, Ont.....	735	370	11	4	1,088	2,208
Winnipeg, Man.....	2,393	1,389	22	4	2,078	5,886
Regina, Sask.....	3,383	227	—	—	390	4,000
Saskatoon, Sask.....	3,441	525	1	1	500	4,468
Calgary, Alta.....	1,487	437	—	—	1,354	3,278
Edmonton, Alta.....	2,409	1,207	4	—	1,106	4,726
Vancouver, B.C.....	846	159	109	3	2,254	3,371
Victoria, B.C.....	86	26	72	1	853	1,038
Totals.....	17,859	6,517	883	106	16,885	42,250

The value of the legislation authorizing this Allowance is best shown by the number of veterans utilizing the Allowance and by the results so far produced. Of the number of veterans who, up to Feb. 28, 1947, had discontinued the use of the Allowance about 83 p.c. had been satisfactorily established, and had drawn the allowance for an average of 24 weeks.

Because of the large number of veterans settling in agriculture, the payment of this Allowance has shown a decided seasonal variation, reaching a peak in August, 1946, when approximately 25,000 veterans received the Allowance during the month, and settling down to approximately 12,000 veterans receiving the Allowance in February, 1947. A considerable number of those who received the Allowance during the summer, while engaged on their own account, became employed in wage-earning occupations during the winter and will, it is believed, return to their farms in the spring.

Temporary Incapacity Allowances.—The number of veterans who have received assistance under this provision has been relatively small compared with the numbers utilizing the other allowances. To Feb. 28, 1947, some 3,916 veterans had received this Allowance. The number in receipt of the allowance at any given time has been quite small and has rarely exceeded 120 since the end of the War.