

**Awaiting Returns Allowance.**—This Allowance has been instrumental in assisting, up to Feb. 28, 1948, about 54,489 veterans who, in order to become settled in civilian life, have attempted to take up an occupation on their own account.

**7.—Veterans in Receipt of Awaiting Returns Allowances, Classified by Sex, by Months, April, 1946, to March, 1948**

Year and Month	Men	Women	Total	Year and Month	Men	Women	Total
	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.
<b>1946—</b>				<b>1947—concluded</b>			
April.....	10,654	36	10,690	April.....	10,878	<sup>1</sup>	10,878
May.....	14,757	48	14,805	May.....	13,089	71	13,160
June.....	19,766	58	19,824	June.....	14,207	67	14,274
July.....	23,558	69	23,627	July.....	14,336	76	14,412
August.....	24,762	72	24,834	August.....	13,825	67	13,892
September.....	18,840	60	18,900	September.....	11,874	56	11,930
October.....	16,428	61	16,489	October.....	7,163	37	7,200
November.....	13,534	64	13,598	November.....	2,658	24	2,682
December.....	12,447	62	12,509	December.....	2,019	21	2,040
<b>1947—</b>				<b>1948—</b>			
January.....	12,285	60	12,345	January.....	1,896	20	1,916
February.....	11,986	64	12,050	February.....	2,044	20	2,064
March.....	12,162	60	12,222	March.....	2,189	24	2,213

<sup>1</sup> Included with men.

The occupational distribution of these veterans is interesting and is shown in Table 8; 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.

**8.—Applications Approved for Awaiting Returns Allowance, by Geographic Areas and by Nature of "Own Account" Business, as at Feb. 28, 1948**

(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.	No.	No.
Charlottetown, P.E.I.....	458	408	221	66	428	1,581
Halifax, N.S.....	684	304	437	40	1,376	2,841
Saint John, N.B.....	782	336	92	24	458	1,692
Quebec, Que.....	145	253	33	8	558	997
Montreal, Que.....	211	457	Nil	Nil	1,901	2,569
Ottawa, Ont.....	269	266	"	"	1,131	1,666
Kingston, Ont.....	212	397	11	6	867	1,493
Toronto, Ont.....	454	554	3	4	1,845	2,860
North Bay, Ont.....	151	114	2	Nil	150	417
Hamilton, Ont.....	142	215	6	"	533	896
London, Ont.....	631	832	11	5	1,373	2,852
Winnipeg, Man.....	2,387	1,989	39	5	2,040	6,460
Regina, Sask.....	4,480	546	Nil	Nil	580	5,606
Saskatoon, Sask.....	4,349	1,250	2	1	647	6,249
Calgary, Alta.....	1,705	873	Nil	Nil	1,629	4,207
Edmonton, Alta.....	3,528	1,780	5	"	1,327	6,640
Vancouver, B.C.....	1,033	644	228	5	3,553	5,463
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>21,621</b>	<b>11,218</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>20,396</b>	<b>54,489</b>

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, and declining to approximately 2,064 veterans receiving the Allowance in February, 1948.