

4.—Applications Approved for Awaiting>Returns Allowance, by Geographic Areas and by Nature of Own-Account Business, as at Mar. 31, 1949

(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.	461	447	221	74	438	1,641
Halifax, N.S.	696	348	440	47	1,403	2,932
Saint John, N.B.	814	437	111	33	473	1,868
Quebec, Que.	145	339	34	15	562	1,095
Montreal, Que.	205	560	—	—	1,910	2,675
Ottawa, Ont.	247	361	—	—	1,173	1,781
Kingston, Ont.	276	470	11	6	901	1,664
Toronto, Ont.	440	666	3	4	1,872	2,985
North Bay, Ont.	142	153	2	—	156	453
Hamilton, Ont.	141	234	6	—	536	917
London, Ont.	640	968	11	6	1,397	3,022
Winnipeg, Man.	2,402	2,346	39	6	2,055	6,848
Regina, Sask.	4,406	890	—	—	588	5,884
Saskatoon, Sask.	4,365	1,587	2	2	653	6,609
Calgary, Alta.	1,736	996	—	—	1,646	4,378
Edmonton, Alta.	3,671	2,045	5	—	1,328	7,049
Vancouver, B.C.	1,145	779	237	8	3,478	5,647
Totals	21,932	13,624	1,122	201	20,569	57,445

Subsection 2.—Vocational and University Training

The vocational training program, authorized under the Veterans' Rehabilitation Act, is dealt with in the Labour Chapter at p. 701, and the university training for veterans program in the Education Chapter at p. 364.

Subsection 3.—The Veterans' Land Act

The Veterans' Land Act is designed to assist veterans who are eligible by reason of service and who can qualify in becoming established on the land in full-time farming, part-time farming (small holding), or commercial fishing. Its financial benefits enable the veteran to start off with a substantial equity, which past experience has demonstrated is essential to sound credit land-settlement operations.

The provisions of the Act will be found at pp. 1072-1073 of the 1946 Year Book and an explanation of the amendments at pp. 1148-1149 of the 1947 edition and p. 1157 of the 1948-49 edition.

An important part of ensuring the success of the veteran who settles on the land lies in the correct and fair appraisal of the land prior to its purchase for settlement purposes. As at Mar. 31, 1949, 31,294 full-time farming properties, 18,958 small holdings and 796 commercial fishing properties had been appraised for project purposes or for immediate resale to veterans under the terms of the Veterans' Land Act. The number of acres purchased in these three categories amounted to 3,665,212 in full-time farming, 97,886 in small holdings and 9,099 in commercial fishing properties.

During the fiscal year 1948-49 a total of 10,209 veterans were qualified for settlement; financial assistance was approved for 6,313; a total of 1,437 houses were completed and 2,012 brought under construction under the individual contract basis.