

holdings and 912 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 3,984,984 in full-time farming, 117,581 in small holdings and 10,021 in commercial fishing properties.

Considerable attention was directed during the year to the encouragement of veterans in the development of their properties. In the field of full-time farming, a long-term development and farm management service program was evolved and introduced. The program, which utilizes Administration officials, particularly the Settlement Officers, as the link between the source of up-to-date agricultural practices and the farmer-veterans, emphasizes complete farm planning and good business management by which it is considered the veterans can and will be in a better position to operate their farms profitably.

In addition to the small holding competitions which were held during the year to encourage veterans to develop and enhance the value of their properties, a small-holding development program was founded and introduced. The program envisages intensive administrative assistance to veterans in the proper planning and utilization of their properties.

During the fiscal year 1949-50 a total of 9,101 veterans were qualified for settlement; financial assistance was approved for 5,629; a total of 1,896 houses were completed and 1,834 brought under construction on the individual contract basis.

Table 4 gives an indication of the number of veterans who have qualified for settlement; the number who have been approved for financial assistance, and the amounts approved in the form of loans and grants to these veterans since the legislation was passed.

**4.—Summary of Settlement Status, Loans and Grants under the Veterans' Land Act, 1942, as at Mar. 31, 1950**

Item	Full-Time Farming	Small Holdings	Commercial Fishing	Provincial Lands	Federal Lands	Total
Qualified for settlement..... No.	29,909	30,457	1,010	5,006	243	66,625
Approved for financial assistance.. No.	21,827	20,407	777	3,767	182	46,960
Amounts approved for land and permanent improvements..... \$	82,791,331	102,241,065	2,236,203	3,621,219	400,835	191,290,653
Amounts approved for stock and equipment..... \$	26,395,965	5,743,211	874,831	4,950,905	10,120	37,975,032
Average amounts approved per veteran..... \$	5,003	5,292	4,133	2,275	2,258	4,882
Average conditional grants per veteran..... \$	1,970	1,425	1,798	2,275	2,258	1,756

In addition, applications were approved for grants to 1,090 Indian veterans on Indian Reserve lands totalling \$1,283,239 for land and improvements and \$1,181,457 for stock and equipment. These grants averaged \$2,261 per Indian veteran.