

5.—Operations Carried Out under the Soldier Settlement Act, 1919, by Provinces, as at Mar. 31, 1950

Province	Appli- cations Made	Persons Estab- lished	Persons in Scheme	Repaid in Cash	Repaid by Time Sale	Adjust- ment Cases
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Maritime Province.....	4,553	1,556	53	677	64	762
Quebec.....	2,796	494	13	115	23	343
Ontario.....	8,462	1,972	134	847	89	902
Manitoba.....	10,123	3,715	164	712	61	2,778
Saskatchewan.....	15,165	6,164	524	2,203	251	3,186
Alberta.....	15,285	7,158	471	2,507	386	3,794
British Columbia.....	11,131	3,734	134	1,292	314	1,994
Totals.....	67,515	24,793	1,493	8,353	1,188	13,759

The heavy settlement operations witnessed in previous years continued during 1949-50 especially with respect to small holding establishments and individual house construction related thereto.

The Administration gave active promotion to the "Build Your Own Home" plan whereby the veteran acts as his own contractor under the supervision of Veterans' Land Act construction officials, with the result that the number of houses constructed by veteran-contractors approached 70 p.c. of the total. In association with promotion of this plan, the Administration arranged, across the country, for the holding of evening construction courses for potential veteran-contractors.

6.—House Construction under the Veterans' Land Act, 1942, as at Mar. 31, 1950

Item	Full- Time Farming	Small Holdings	Com- mercial Fishing	Pro- vincial Lands	Federal Lands	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Houses completed.....	564	7,403	134	406	22	8,529
Houses under construction.....	236	1,665	37	251	24	2,213
Houses projected.....	463	1,240	45	397	38	2,183
Net applications for new housing.....	1,263	10,308	216	1,054	84	12,925

As a result of these operations, individual house construction under the Veterans' Land Act remained at a high level and many veterans were enabled to acquire homes, within the financial ceiling of the Act, who could not have obtained them otherwise.

Veterans Life Insurance.—The administration and statistics concerning veterans life insurance will be found at pp. 1090-1091.

The War Veterans' Allowance Act.—This Act was introduced in 1930 to make provision for veterans who were incapable of maintaining themselves on attaining the age of 60 or at any age if permanently unemployable and, as a result, in need of financial assistance.

A new Act was passed in 1946 and this was further amended in 1948. A summary of the provisions of the Act is provided at pp. 1150-1151 of the 1948-49 edition of the Year Book.

From the inception of the Act to Mar. 31, 1950, a total of 69,254 awards were made by the War Veterans' Allowance Board. Of these, 35,930 were discontinued because of death or other reasons, leaving 33,324 recipients for whom there is an annual liability of \$19,971,703.