

3.—Summary of Settlement Status, Loans and Grants under the Veterans' Land Act, 1942, as at Mar. 31, 1952¹

Item	Full-Time Farming	Small Holdings	Commercial Fishing	Provincial Lands	Federal Lands	Total
Qualified for settlement. No.	31,071	37,575	996	5,340	358	75,340
Approved for financial assistance..... No.	24,155	25,895	860	4,279	275	55,464
Amounts approved for land and permanent improvements..... \$	91,630,107	127,164,162	2,482,030	4,060,562	609,463	225,946,324
Amounts approved for stock and equipment. \$	28,989,529	6,734,180	930,077	5,636,108	11,870	42,301,764
Average amounts approved per veteran.. \$	4,904	5,171	3,968	2,266	2,259	4,837
Average conditional grants per veteran.... \$	1,953	1,400	1,755	2,266	2,259	1,718

¹ Excluding Indian veterans on Reserve Lands.

The construction of new houses continued on about the same level as in the previous year, with an even higher percentage (85·7) being built by the veterans themselves acting as their own contractors.

4.—House Construction under the Veterans' Land Act, 1942, as at Mar. 31, 1952

Item	Full-Time Farming	Small Holdings	Commercial Fishing	Provincial Lands	Federal Lands	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Houses completed.....	1,089	10,943	205	1,046	84	13,367
Houses under construction.....	213	1,567	17	197	9	2,003
Houses projected.	297	613	20	192	—	1,122
Net applications for new housing.....	1,599	13,123	242	1,435	93	16,492

Veterans Life Insurance.—The administration and statistics concerning veterans life insurance will be found in Chapter XXVI.

War Veterans' Allowance.—The War Veterans' Allowance Act is administered by the War Veterans' Allowance Board. The allowance provides assistance to veterans with service in a theatre of actual war or who, in lieu of such service, are in receipt of a disability pension and have reached the age of 60, or earlier if their physical condition prevents them earning their own living. The allowance may also be paid to the widows of veterans who would themselves have been qualified, but in the case of widows it is payable at the age of 55, or earlier if their physical condition makes the allowance necessary. The allowance is not paid as of right but is subject to certain financial tests.

This Act was completely revised during the Sixth Session of the 21st Parliament, 1952. The new Act recognizes that many of the older veterans are still able to take light or intermittent employment, and its provisions encourage this by eliminating