

active small-holding accounts had vegetable gardens, and about one-half of the total were producing, either for home use or sale, food worth at least the amount of their payments to the Administration. About 25 p.c. derived secondary incomes averaging more than \$350 annually. The estimated value of the produce from all small holdings exceeded \$6,500,000. In addition to these tangible returns, the analysis showed that about 60 p.c. have maintained and developed their properties so that these have substantially increased in value.

3.—Summary of Settlement Status, Loans and Grants under the Veterans' Land Act, as at Mar. 31, 1954

Item	Full-Time Farming	Small Holdings	Commercial Fishing	Provincial Lands	Federal Lands	Total
Qualified for settlement. No.	31,250	44,433	1,075	5,360	423	82,541
Approved for financial assistance..... No.	25,938	31,966	947	4,530	353	63,734
Amounts approved for land and permanent improvements..... \$	98,647,581	157,393,167	2,837,973	4,302,503	759,987	263,941,211
Amounts approved for stock and equipment. \$	31,111,942	7,751,164	993,599	5,862,388	11,990	45,731,083
Average amounts approved per veteran... \$	5,003	5,166	4,046	2,244	2,187	4,859
Average conditional grants per veteran... \$	1,950	1,387	1,748	2,244	2,187	1,686

In addition to the above, there were 1,406 Indian veterans on reserve lands for whom loans amounting to \$1,826,797 for land and improvements and \$1,367,567 for stock and equipment were approved.

New houses started during 1953-54 numbered 1,876, an increase of 44 p.c. over the previous year. Alterations and additions to existing properties numbered approximately 1,500, an increase of about 50 p.c. over 1952-53. Virtually all of the latter and 84 p.c. of the former were undertaken by the veterans themselves who acted as their own contractors and, in addition, did much of the unskilled and semi-skilled construction work. The number of new houses, completed or under construction, from inception of the Act in 1942 to the end of the 1953-54 fiscal year, was 18,549.

4.—Summary of House Construction under the Veterans' Land Act, as at Mar. 31, 1954

Item	Full-Time Farming	Small Holdings	Commercial Fishing	Provincial Lands	Federal Lands	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Houses completed (from 1942).....	1,248	13,866	232	1,183	91	16,620
Houses under construction.....	154	1,583	14	163	15	1,929
Houses projected.....	281	755	11	157	1	1,205
Net Applications for New Housing.	1,683	16,204	257	1,503	107	19,754

During the 1953-54 Session of Parliament the Veterans' Land Act was amended by adding to the former Act (now known as Part I) Parts II and III. Part II provides for technical, supervisory and financial assistance to eligible veterans of World War II and the Special Force considered competent to contract to build their own homes on suitable lots of any size. Construction courses may be provided for prospective veteran contractors who need training before undertaking such a