

2.8 p.c. had been repaid; of those made during the next two years, all but 32.5 p.c. had been repaid; and for the nine months of the fourth period ended Dec. 31, 1953, 15.1 p.c. of the loans made had been repaid.

3.—Loans made under the Farm Improvement Loans Act, by Purpose, 1945-53

Purpose	1952		1953		Total Loans Since Inception in 1945	
	Loans	Amount	Loans	Amount	Loans	Amount
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Purchase of agricultural implements.....	75,347	90,818,129	73,934	88,057,198	365,656	409,030,397
Construction, repair or alteration of, or additions to any structure on a farm....	2,923	3,474,114	3,876	5,057,563	19,337	21,960,388
Purchase of live stock.....	3,175	2,899,824	3,694	3,053,914	15,192	12,510,527
Improvement or development project....	1,420	843,724	1,896	1,300,305	12,636	6,357,591
Purchase or installation of equipment or electric system or alteration of electric system.....	359	155,924	456	347,666	2,542	1,319,239
Fencing or drainage.....	91	67,437	106	76,114	539	354,700
Totals.....	83,315	98,259,152	83,962	97,892,760	415,902	451,532,842

4.—Loans made under the Farm Improvement Loans Act, by Province, 1945-53

Province	1952		1953		Total Loans Since Inception in 1945	
	Loans	Amount	Loans	Amount	Loans	Amount
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Newfoundland.....	44	49,900	55	68,274	104	121,553
Prince Edward Island.....	1,782	1,756,128	1,671	1,497,575	5,759	5,277,273
Nova Scotia.....	888	852,297	1,077	945,862	3,422	3,022,939
New Brunswick.....	866	926,499	896	925,977	3,142	3,283,204
Quebec.....	6,049	7,128,775	7,621	8,722,234	24,654	27,368,034
Ontario.....	11,299	12,245,803	11,813	12,971,331	53,021	55,998,714
Manitoba.....	10,061	11,225,437	9,547	10,639,177	55,272	57,727,371
Saskatchewan.....	28,127	35,365,330	26,334	33,309,549	137,044	156,551,023
Alberta.....	22,130	26,495,163	22,526	26,207,368	122,118	130,922,365
British Columbia.....	2,069	2,213,820	2,422	2,605,413	11,366	11,560,366
Totals.....	83,315	98,259,152	83,962	97,892,760	415,902	451,532,842

Prairie Grain Producers' Interim Financing Act, 1951.—This Act, which came into force Jan. 15, 1952, provides short-term credit to grain producers in the Prairie Provinces who, because of congested delivery points or inability to complete harvesting of their grain, are in need of credit until their grain can be delivered. Individual advances can be made to a maximum of \$1,000.

Prairie Farm Assistance Act.—The Prairie Farm Assistance Act, passed in 1939 and administered by the federal Department of Agriculture, provides for direct money payments by the Federal Government, on an acreage basis, to farmers in areas of low crop yields in the Prairie Provinces and the Peace River District of British Columbia. The Act was designed to assist the municipalities and provinces, in years of crop failure, to meet relief expenditures which would normally be too great to be assumed by them. The Act provides that payments be made to farmers under certain conditions and terms and, in order that Federal Government costs may be defrayed to some extent, it is required that 1 p.c. of the purchase