

3.—Death Claims Intimated, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1946-58, with Cumulative Totals 1921-45

Year Ended Mar. 31—	Returned Soldiers' Insurance		Veterans Insurance	
	No.	\$	No.	\$
1921-45.....	6,874	15,086,330	—	—
1946.....	331	636,100	3	11,500
1947.....	282	533,969	26	72,500
1948.....	304	597,985	54	169,500
1949.....	337	655,898	91	233,000
1950.....	402	679,621	108	318,580
1951.....	379	720,810	122	370,000
1952.....	418	817,559	178	461,500
1953.....	412	813,446	189	544,500
1954.....	421	821,930	187	495,500
1955.....	428	799,440	177	512,740
1956.....	434	813,743	216	590,868
1957.....	447	842,608	225	639,048
1958.....	486	902,324	254	687,145

Section 4.—Land Settlement and Home Construction

Veterans' Land Act.—The settlement of veterans of World War II and the Special Force under the Veterans' Land Act falls within four broad categories: farming or fishing as a full-time occupation; part-time farming in rural or semi-rural areas to supplement income from other employment; settlement, in general on pioneer land, under agreements between the Federal Government and the provinces; and home building on city-size lots by veterans who have been approved for a loan under the National Housing Act and who act as their own contractors.

The amounts of financial assistance and the repayment terms differ for the various types of settlement. A veteran being settled as a full-time farmer on other than provincial land may obtain financial assistance under Part I of the Act to a maximum of \$6,000, including \$1,200 for livestock and farm equipment, and \$3,000 under Part III of the Act. Of the amount approved under Part I, exclusive of that for livestock and farming equipment, 10 p.c. is repayable as a down payment and 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ p.c. is repayable with interest at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.c. over a maximum period of 25 years. The remaining 23 $\frac{1}{3}$ p.c., together with the money expended for livestock and farm equipment, is not repayable provided the veteran complies with the terms and conditions of his contract for the first ten years thereof. Assistance under Part III is available on the basis of the veteran making a contribution of \$1 in cash or equivalent value for each \$2 lent, with the amount of the loan fully repayable with interest at the rate of 5 p.c.

Part-time farmers and commercial fishermen may obtain financial assistance up to \$6,000 under Part I and \$1,400 under Part III. The amounts repayable and the interest rates are similar to those for full-time farmers.

Veterans being settled on federal or provincial lands and Indian veterans being settled on Indian reserves may obtain financial assistance up to \$2,320, which is non-repayable provided they meet settlement terms and conditions for a period of ten years.

Under Part II of the Act, a qualified veteran who has been approved for a loan under the National Housing Act may receive financial and other assistance to build his own home on any lot suitable for a single family dwelling. The maximum financial assistance available is \$8,000 which, upon completion of the home, is repayable under a mortgage contract at the rate of interest chargeable under the National Housing Act.

The Veterans' Land Act Branch is organized into eight districts comprising 32 regional offices and 239 field areas across Canada. A resident field supervisor is responsible for each area and each supervisor has an average of 250 active accounts involving a gross initial public investment of close to \$1,500,000. There are also 92 construction supervisors