

4.—Loans Made under the Farm Improvement Loans Act, by Province, 1957 and 1958, with Cumulative Totals from 1945

Province	1957		1958		Cumulative Totals 1945-58	
	Loans	Amount	Loans	Amount	Loans	Amount
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Newfoundland.....	50	58,558	46	71,755	351	442,955
Prince Edward Island.....	961	1,047,520	1,127	1,265,038	11,184	10,608,375
Nova Scotia.....	779	852,780	871	989,452	8,126	7,623,552
New Brunswick.....	577	688,202	783	946,602	6,781	7,376,254
Quebec.....	9,631	11,862,445	12,187	16,442,747	71,733	84,880,794
Ontario.....	10,438	13,043,018	12,796	17,735,159	108,799	125,138,156
Manitoba.....	6,117	7,104,417	7,164	8,876,186	88,036	94,691,324
Saskatchewan.....	13,581	15,856,983	16,077	19,766,505	210,591	242,206,106
Alberta.....	14,257	16,923,732	17,335	21,793,131	197,186	217,430,807
British Columbia.....	1,597	1,990,219	1,892	2,653,165	20,888	23,100,770
Totals.....	57,988	69,427,874	70,278	90,539,743	723,675	813,499,997

Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act.—This Act, which came into force on Nov. 25, 1957, provides for an advance payment to producers for threshed grain (wheat, oats and barley) in storage other than in an elevator and prior to delivery to the Canadian Wheat Board, exclusive of grain deliverable under a unit quota. Advance payments of 50 cents per bu. of wheat, 25 cents per bu. of oats and 35 cents per bu. of barley are made, subject to certain restrictions as to quota and acreage. Maximum advance payment per application is \$3,000.

At Dec. 31, 1959, the following advance payments had been made:—

Period	Applications	Total Advance	Average Advance
	No.	\$	\$
Aug. 1, 1957—July 31, 1958.....	50,412	35,203,467	698
Aug. 1, 1958—July 31, 1959.....	45,341	34,369,653	758
Aug. 1, 1959—Dec. 31, 1959.....	43,004	33,789,473	785

Repayment is effected by deducting 50 p.c. of the initial payment for all grain delivered subsequent to the loan, other than for grain delivered under a unit quota. The amounts deducted are paid to the Board until the producer has discharged his advance.

At Dec. 31, 1959, refunds had been made as follows:—

Period	Total Refunded	Total Advance Outstanding	Percentage Refunded
	\$	\$	
Aug. 1, 1957—July 31, 1958.....	35,172,468	30,999	99.9
Aug. 1, 1958—July 31, 1959.....	34,057,795	311,858	99.0
Aug. 1, 1959—Dec. 31, 1959.....	10,057,271	23,732,202	29.7

Prairie Farm Assistance Act.—The Prairie Farm Assistance Act, passed in 1939, provides for direct money payments by the Federal Government on an acreage and yield basis to farmers in areas of low crop yield in the Prairie Provinces and in the Peace River area of British Columbia. The purpose of the Act is to assist in dealing with a relief problem which the provinces and municipalities could not do alone and to enable the farmers to put in a crop the following year.

Payments for the 1958 crop year at July 31, 1959, totalled \$23,103,462, divided by provinces as follows: Manitoba, \$1,167,341 in 6,022 awards; Saskatchewan, \$14,999,630 in 43,032 awards; Alberta, \$6,801,756 in 27,789 awards; British Columbia, \$134,735 in 654 awards.