

Loans for University Housing Projects.—On Dec. 2, 1960, the National Housing Act was amended making provision for Corporation loans to universities to assist in the construction of living accommodation for resident students. Six preliminary applications and two formal applications were received by the year-end.

Loans for Municipal Sewage Treatment Projects.—The Dec. 2 amendment also authorized the Corporation to make loans to municipalities or municipal sewerage corporations to assist in the construction of sewage treatment projects for the control of water and soil pollution. During December, more than 60 municipalities made inquiries regarding loans and six applications were received by the Corporation.

Urban Renewal.—Federal contributions were approved in 1960 to assist the Cities of Saint John, Sarnia and Vancouver in the redevelopment of blighted areas. The grants, covering one-half the cost of acquiring and clearing the three areas, amounted to approximately \$5,800,000. Revenue derived from the use of the cleared land is shared by participating governments in proportion to their financial assistance.

Federal grants amounting to \$150,000 were approved to aid housing studies in Corner Brook, Montreal, Port Moody, Prince Rupert and Churchill. The studies are designed to identify substandard areas and to formulate proposals for the solution of problems attributable to blight. Since 1955 when the first study was undertaken, 33 have been initiated.

Federal-Provincial Projects.—During 1960, approval was given to federal-provincial partnership arrangements for public housing projects in Saint John, Halifax and at two locations in Vancouver. These four projects will provide a total of 698 low-rental dwellings. From 1950 when the first project was approved under federal-provincial arrangements to the end of 1960, a total of 9,610 units in 81 projects have been approved. In 1960, approval was given for the acquisition of 363 lots in land assembly projects and 652 serviced lots were sold; the latter figure brings to 8,588 the number of lots serviced and sold.

Housing Research and Community Planning.—The Canadian Housing Design Council received federal support under the National Housing Act to continue its activities in the field of improved housing design. In 1960, the Council once again conducted competitions in the fields of single-family house design and house grouping. In addition, the Council received grants to publish a study of new methods of providing housing in greater density, at the same time retaining some of the characteristics and scale of single-family houses. Funds were also provided to assist a study of the garden-court house. Five travelling scholarships were awarded under the Act to final-year architectural students who made a study of housing design and construction in Canada and the United States.

The Corporation continued its support of the Community Planning Association of Canada and provided fellowships and bursaries for scholars in the fields of housing, planning and urban development. Financial assistance was also given to the four Canadian universities offering professional planning courses. The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada was given a grant to assist in the production of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the Design of the Residential Environment.