

Loans were made to 78 communities of under 5,000 population; of these, 63 had fewer than 2,000 population and 50 had fewer than 1,000. The availability of federal loans made possible the constructing of sewage treatment plants in many smaller communities where they did not exist before and, in many instances, encouraged the installation of public water systems to replace individual wells. It also enabled many major centres to extend their trunk sewage systems and either enlarge or, where none existed, establish sewage treatment plants. Provincial distribution of 1961 NHA loans for municipal sewage treatment projects was as follows:—

<i>Province</i>	<i>Loans</i>		<i>Amount</i>
	No.		\$'000
Newfoundland.....	2		116
Prince Edward Island.....	4		75
Nova Scotia.....	1		53
New Brunswick.....	3		85
Quebec.....	3		244
Ontario.....	52		25,752
Manitoba.....	7		274
Saskatchewan.....	43		1,822
Alberta.....	12		1,665
British Columbia.....	17		9,841
CANADA.....	144		39,927

*Urban Redevelopment.*—During 1961, a \$3,700,000 grant was approved by the Federal Government to assist the City of Winnipeg in the acquisition and clearance of 49 acres of city blight. The cleared land will be devoted mainly to new housing, although some will be made available for commerce and industry. Revenues derived from re-use of the land will be shared by the participating governments in proportion to their contributions to the project. Urban redevelopment projects for the Cities of Kingston and Hamilton were under consideration, and work continued on eight other projects that were initiated prior to 1961.

*Federal-Provincial Projects.*—During 1961, the Federal Government approved rental housing projects under federal-provincial arrangements in Oshawa, Sudbury, Toronto (Warden Avenue and O'Connor Drive) and Vancouver that will provide 915 dwellings. Investigations into proposals for projects in 18 municipalities were also approved. From 1950 when the first project was approved under federal-provincial partnership arrangements to the end of 1961, a total of 10,520 rental units were approved in 86 projects. Under arrangements with the Housing Commissions of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, projects were approved for 94 and 93 dwellings, respectively, to be built through co-operative groups and societies.

In 1961, approval was given to service 1,084 lots in phased developments of long-term land assembly projects. The sale of 501 lots during the year brought to 9,089 the number of lots serviced and sold.

*Mortgage Marketing.*—During 1961, the Corporation undertook to encourage the development of a secondary market for NHA insured first mortgages by offering for sale a part of the large and diversified portfolio acquired as a result of extensive lending operations since 1957. Three offerings were made by tender during the year to members of the Investment Dealers' Association of Canada, NHA approved lenders and their NHA approved correspondents. Parcels varied in size from \$250,000 to \$500,000 and both firm bids and 60-day options were permitted. To give purchasers a reasonable time for re-sale, the Corporation agreed in each instance not to sell additional loans until the option period had expired. Insured mortgages auctioned in 1961 all carried an interest rate of 6½ p.c., were fully advanced and were repayable over a period of 25 or 30 years. When requested, the Corporation undertook to continue to service the loans for a small monthly fee.