

All veterans indebted to the Director were notified of the availability of this insurance and, by the end of the year, 2,424 had applied for insurance to cover a total indebtedness of \$14,951,500; premiums paid amounted to \$23,929 and the total paid out was \$9,300 (one death).

Since inception of the Act, construction was started on 32,943 houses—1,244 of them in 1963 compared with 1,256 in 1962. In addition, loans were made to improve 29,767 houses and farm buildings—2,934 in 1963. Recently, more of this construction has been done by private contractors and the interest in construction schools held for veterans has decreased. Enrolment in such schools since inception of the Act was 21,942; 269 were enrolled in 1963 compared with 461 in 1962.

The number of properties appraised for veteran settlement in 1963 was 4,192; since inception, 120,720 properties have been appraised.

Veterans continue to maintain a favourable record of repayment. To the end of March 1963, instalments falling due since inception amounted to \$163,000,000, of which 99.3 p.c. was paid. In addition, prepayments amounted to more than \$6,400,000, bringing the total collected to 103.2 p.c. of the amount due and owing.

4.—Summary of Settlement and Expenditures under the Veterans' Land Act, as at Dec. 31, 1963

Item	Full-Time Farming	Small Holdings	Commercial Fishing	Provincial Lands	Federal Lands	Indian Reserves	City-Size Lots	Total
Approved for financial assistance..... No.	29,951	53,153	1,251	4,936	543	1,657	4,038	95,529
Amount of public funds expended..... \$	214,204,517	332,378,461	5,762,677	10,840,081	1,167,329	3,705,210	35,421,983	603,480,258
Approximate average expenditure per approval..... \$	7,152	6,253	4,606	2,196	2,149	2,232	8,772	6,317
Total conditional grants earned..... No.	20,571	20,393	714	3,778	219	1,272	—	46,947
Average amount of grant earned..... \$	2,064	1,496	1,792	2,295	2,320	2,243	—	1,838
Grants earned, title released..... No.	9,375	10,084	347	3,778	219	1,272	—	25,075

5.—Summary of House Construction under the Veterans' Land Act, as at Dec. 31, 1963

Item	Full-Time Farming	Small Holdings	Commercial Fishing	Provincial Lands	Federal Lands	Indian Reserves	City-Size Lots	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Houses completed (from 1942)	2,128	23,895	306	1,416	127	—	3,890	31,762
Houses under construction....	93	924	5	4	3	—	152	1,181
Contracts let (work not yet started).....	146	464	3	86	1	—	—	700
Net Approvals for New Housing.....	2,367	25,283	314	1,506	131	—	4,042	33,643

Section 5.—Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The Imperial War Graves Commission was incorporated on May 21, 1917 under the Royal Charter granted by His Majesty in Council on a recommendation made by the Imperial War Conference in April of that year. The name was changed by a supplemental Royal Charter on Apr. 1, 1960 to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The Governments of Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and Pakistan are members of the Commission. South Africa, after becoming a republic, requested and