

veterans is available in Canada only. Where Departmental facilities are not available, treatment may be received at the expense of the Department in an outside hospital by a doctor of the veteran's choice.

Under the federal-provincial hospital insurance program, DVA hospitals are recognized for the provision of insured services to veterans. Any necessary premiums may be paid on behalf of veterans in receipt of war veterans allowance. The Veterans Treatment Regulations remain the authority for the treatment of veterans (and others) in DVA institutions and elsewhere under Departmental responsibility, regardless of whether or not the hospitalization is at the expense of the insurance plan.

**Medical Staff and Training Programs.**—Many of the professional staffs of Departmental active treatment hospitals are employed on a part-time basis; in the main they are recommended for appointment by the Deans of Medicine of the universities with which the hospitals are affiliated. Most members of the medical staffs are engaged in teaching and private practice, and hold appointments on the medical faculties of the various universities. In the active treatment institutions, medical teaching programs are maintained, which are considered essential to attract highly qualified professional men and thus ensure the highest quality of medical care. All active treatment hospitals have been approved by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada for post-graduate teaching in medicine and surgery, and the majority are approved also for advanced postgraduate training in the various specialties. An extensive intern-resident program is in effect in the medical specialties as well as in other fields such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dietary, psychology, laboratory and medical social services. A school for the training of nursing assistants is operated at Camp Hill Hospital in Halifax. The school has an annual capacity of 70 and graduates are offered employment in other Departmental hospitals.

**Medical Research.**—During 1964, there were 87 projects in progress under the clinical research program. This program is varied but in the main deals with conditions affecting aging, which the Department is in a special position to investigate. Self-contained clinical investigation units have been set up in active treatment hospitals located at Montreal, Toronto, London, Winnipeg and Vancouver. (See also p. 295.)

**Hospital Facilities.**—Treatment is provided in 11 active treatment hospitals located at Halifax, N.S., Saint John, N.B., Quebec City, Montreal and Ste. Anne de Bellevue in Quebec, Toronto and London in Ontario, Winnipeg, Man., Calgary, Alta., and Vancouver and Victoria B.C.; also in a health and occupational centre at Ottawa, Ont., and in two domiciliary care homes located at Saskatoon, Sask., and Edmonton, Alta. The rated bed capacity of these institutions at Dec. 31, 1964 was 8,823 beds. It should also be noted that in Ottawa both acute and chronic cases that require definitive treatment are admitted to the National Defence Medical Centre. An additional 571 beds are available in veterans pavilions situated at St. John's, Nfld., Regina, Sask., and Edmonton, Alta. Pavilions are owned by the Department but are operated by the parent hospital, and medical staffs are provided by the Department.

#### Section 4.—Land Settlement and House Construction

The Veterans' Land Act 1942 (RSC 1952, c. 280 as amended) provides financial, technical and supervisory assistance to World War II and Korean Force veterans to enable them to engage in agriculture on a full-time or part-time basis; to acquire and operate commercial fishing establishments; to acquire, build and improve homes; and to settle on provincial, federal and Indian reserve lands.

The Act was amended in June 1965. Provision was made for substantially higher ceilings in the various categories of loans—from \$20,000 to \$40,000 for full-time farmers on economic farm units, from \$12,000 to \$18,000 for small family farmers, from \$10,800 to