

Medical Research.—During 1965, there were 92 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.

Section 4.—Land Settlement and House Construction

The Veterans' Land Act, enacted in 1942 and broadened extensively in scope and financial provisions since then, 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 or improve homes; and to settle on provincial, federal and Indian reserve lands. The Act was last 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 \$16,000 for small holders (part-time farmers) and from \$12,000 to \$18,000 for veterans building houses. These amendments make the financial assistance available under the Act comparable to that available to non-veterans under the Farm Credit Act and the National Housing Act. Other amendments provide for the financing of secondary enterprises—farm equipment repair shops, tourist facilities, etc.—for the small family farmers; the payment of related debts "reasonably incurred"; the embodiment of the balance of previous loans in new farm loans; and the authority for the Director to assist veterans in the initial financing of an establishment by the repayment of re-establishment credit or rehabilitation grants.

Since inception and up to Dec. 31, 1965, 101,297 veterans have been settled under the provisions of the Act. Of this total, 30,463 were established as full-time farmers, 58,091 as small holders, 5,559 as Crown land settlers, 1,313 as commercial fishermen; 1,674 Indian veterans were established on reservations and 4,197 veterans had homes built on city-size lots. Subsequent to settlement, 11,836 farmers and 6,438 small holders and commercial fishermen were provided with additional financial assistance. In 1965, over \$37,000,000 was approved on behalf of 5,373 veterans. From the commencement of opera-

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