

tions to the end of 1965, over \$690,000,000 was spent on repayable loans, advances and non-repayable grants. As at Dec. 31, 1965, more than 53,000 veterans had earned conditional grants in excess of \$97,000,000. Since inception and up to the end of 1965, 30,651 veterans had titles to property released to them—11,385 farmers, 13,190 small holders, 414 commercial fishermen, 4,252 Crown land settlers and 1,410 Indian veterans residing on reservations.

Advisory, supervisory and appraisal field services are provided by a staff of farm credit advisers, settlement officers, field officers and construction supervisors, who are highly trained in the techniques pertaining to agriculture, construction and land appraisal. During 1965, 4,174 properties were appraised—1,262 farms, 2,852 small holding and commercial fishing establishments and 60 bare land appraisals. In addition, 1,046 new houses were started—968 small holdings and 78 on city-size lots—and 1,011 new houses were completed. Six construction schools were organized which were attended by 187 veterans.

Continued interest is shown in the Veterans' Land Act group life insurance. By Dec. 31, 1965, 7,130 veterans were covered by insurance to an amount in excess of \$51,000,000. Since the group plan was first introduced, 23 insured veterans have died and \$130,000 has been paid to retire their indebtedness; the total paid in premiums to the end of 1965 was \$432,950.

Veterans continue to maintain a favourable record of repayment. Instalments falling due in 1965 amounted to over \$18,000,000, excluding share-of-crop payments. During the year, almost 97 p.c. of the total amount due was collected and the 1,240 veterans under share-of-crop agreements paid over \$1,400,000.

2.—Summary of Operations under the Veterans' Land Act, as at Dec. 31, 1965

Item	Full-Time Farming	Small Holding	Commercial Fishing	Provincial Lands	Federal Lands	Indian Reserves	City-Size Lots	Total
Settlements made..... No.	30,463	58,091	1,313	5,005	554	1,674	4,197	101,297
Additional loans made..... "	11,836	6,438	48	—	—	—	—	18,322
Total loans made..... "	42,299	64,529	1,361	5,005	554	1,674	4,197	119,619
Public funds spent..... \$'000	240,105	391,666	6,322	11,009	1,200	3,741	37,641	691,684
Conditional grants earned..... No.	21,931	25,153	798	3,970	282	1,410	—	53,524
..... \$'000	45,620	37,448	1,452	9,048	660	3,095	—	97,321
Titles released to veterans... No.	11,385	13,190	414	3,970	282	1,410	—	30,651
Accounts under administration .. "	14,010	33,807	708	336	143	—	103	50,679
Houses built..... "	2,408	25,691	315	1,460	131	—	4,124	34,129
Houses under construction.... "	86	701	6	13	—	—	73	879

¹ Includes 1,572 civilian purchaser accounts.

Section 5.—Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The current Charters of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission consist of two documents—the Original Charter of Incorporation dated May 21, 1917 and the new Supplemental Charter dated June 8, 1964. Under these Charters the Commission is entrusted with the marking and maintenance in perpetuity of the graves of those of the British Empire and Commonwealth Armed Forces who lost their lives between Aug. 4, 1914 and Aug. 31, 1921 and between Sept. 3, 1939 and Dec. 31, 1947 and with the erection of memorials to commemorate those with no known grave.

The Canadian High Commissioner in London, England, is the official Commission member for Canada, the Minister of Veterans Affairs is the Agent of the Commission in Canada, and the office of the Secretary-General of the Canadian Agency is in the Veterans Affairs Building, Ottawa.