

drainage on a farm, and the construction, repair or alteration of farm buildings including the family dwelling. Credit is provided on security related to the purchase or project and on terms suited to the individual borrower.

The legislation, originally operative for three years (1945-48), has been continuous by way of extensions usually for three-year periods. The latest extension was for the period July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1968. The maximum term of a loan and the interest rate remain at ten years and 5 p.c. simple interest, respectively. The borrower is required to provide from 10 p.c. to 33½ p.c. of the cost of his purchase or project, depending on the loan category to which it belongs. The Federal Government guarantees each bank against loss sustained by it up to an amount equal to 10 p.c. of loans granted by it in a lending period. This guarantee does not apply to any loan made after the aggregate of all loans made by all banks in a given period reaches an amount fixed by statute. The current maximum stands at \$700,000,000. By Dec. 31, 1965, 2,905 claims amounting to \$2,094,404 had been paid under the guarantee since the inception of the Act, representing a net loss ratio of less than one tenth of one per cent after recoveries have been taken into account. The maximum loan or amount which may be outstanding to a borrower at any one time stands at \$15,000.

By the end of 1965, \$1,388,582,471 or 80.3 p.c. of the total loans made had been repaid. The position at that time was as follows:—

Period	Loans Made	Repayments ¹	Balance Outstanding
	\$	\$	\$
Mar. 1, 1945 to Feb. 28, 1948.....	33,605,576	33,605,576	—
Mar. 1, 1948 to Feb. 28, 1951.....	142,372,774	142,367,521	5,253
Mar. 1, 1951 to Mar. 31, 1953.....	190,449,006	190,419,889	29,117
Apr. 1, 1953 to Mar. 31, 1955.....	222,728,494	222,602,227	121,267
Apr. 1, 1955 to Mar. 31, 1959.....	239,064,072	238,337,976	726,096
Apr. 1, 1959 to June 30, 1962.....	346,911,319	334,592,293	12,319,026
July 1, 1962 to June 30, 1965.....	447,766,288	223,200,017	224,566,271
July 1, 1965 to Dec. 31, 1965.....	106,624,012	3,456,972	103,167,040
TOTALS.....	1,729,516,541	1,388,582,471	340,934,070

¹ Includes principal amount of claims paid under government guarantee.

1.—Loans Made under the Farm Improvement Loans Act, by Purpose and Province, 1964 and 1965, with Cumulative Totals from 1945

Purpose and Province	1964		1965		Cumulative Totals 1945-65	
	Loans	Amount	Loans	Amount	Loans	Amount
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Purpose						
Purchase of agricultural implements... Construction, repair or alterations of, or making additions to any building or structure on a farm.....	58,302	109,899,350	69,428	152,412,830	1,017,107	1,392,256,395
Purchase of livestock.....	8,508	21,075,207	9,431	29,957,670	92,169	175,580,749
Other improvements.....	9,005	14,278,399	7,376	13,871,160	96,593	117,328,244
	4,817	5,583,373	4,456	6,405,250	49,422	44,351,153
Totals.....	80,632	150,836,329	91,191	202,706,810	1,255,291	1,729,516,541
Province						
Newfoundland.....	28	63,176	22	47,459	606	915,758
Prince Edward Island.....	1,023	1,467,714	1,170	2,082,835	18,329	20,573,486
Nova Scotia.....	662	1,011,684	621	1,127,556	12,872	14,590,103
New Brunswick.....	531	1,000,712	606	1,539,136	10,946	14,530,001
Quebec.....	2,725	5,839,964	2,049	4,861,966	112,542	152,495,990
Ontario.....	15,260	29,149,925	16,795	38,324,172	207,550	303,269,830
Manitoba.....	10,962	19,982,904	11,750	25,533,307	152,418	203,102,781
Saskatchewan.....	24,069	45,165,138	28,891	64,149,297	359,792	498,019,597
Alberta.....	23,012	42,187,529	26,799	58,634,892	344,124	468,643,797
British Columbia.....	2,360	4,967,563	2,488	6,406,520	36,112	53,375,198