

treatment are admitted to the National Defence Medical Centre. A veterans pavilion of 67 beds is located at the St. John's General Hospital, St. John's, Nfld. Sunnybrook Hospital was transferred to the University of Toronto in 1966 but 1,200 beds are still available for the priority use of veterans. An additional 565 priority beds are available for veterans in community hospitals located in St. John's, Nfld.; Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Kingston and Port Arthur, Ont.; Regina and Saskatoon, Sask.; and Edmonton, Alta.

**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 postgraduate teaching in medicine and surgery, and the majority are also approved for advanced postgraduate training in various other specialties. An extensive resident program is in effect in the medical specialties as well as in other fields such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dietary, psychology and medical social services. A school for the training of nursing assistants, operated at Camp Hill Hospital in Halifax, has an annual capacity of 70 and graduates are offered employment in other Departmental hospitals. A program of postgraduate and continuing education in pharmacy is conducted, in conjunction with the School of Pharmacy of the University of Toronto, at Westminster Hospital, London, Ont.

**Medical Research.**—During 1966, there were 90 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 are established in active-treatment hospitals located at Montreal, London, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

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

The Veterans' Land Act, enacted in 1942 and broadened extensively in its 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 or commercial fishing on a full-time or part-time basis; to acquire, build or improve homes; and to settle on provincial, federal and Indian reserve lands. Pursuant to the latest amendments made to the Act in June 1965, loans may be made of up to \$40,000 for full-time farmers on economic farm units, to \$18,000 for small family farmers, to \$16,000 for small holders (part-time farmers) and to \$18,000 for veterans building houses on city-size lots. The financial assistance available under the Act is comparable to that available to non-veterans under the Farm Credit Act and the National Housing Act.

Since inception and up to Dec. 31, 1966, 105,667 veterans were settled under the provisions of the Act. Of this total, 30,741 were established as full-time farmers, 62,055 as small holders, 5,596 as Crown land settlers, 1,345 as commercial fishermen, 1,678 Indian veterans were established on reservations and 4,252 veterans acted as their own contractors in building homes on city-size lots. Subsequent to settlement, 13,905 farmers and 9,147 small holders and commercial fishermen were provided with additional financial assistance. In 1966, over \$87,500,000 was approved on behalf of 9,118 veterans. From the commencement of operations to the end of 1966, nearly \$760,000,000 was spent on repayable loans, advances and non-repayable grants. As at Dec. 31, 1966, nearly 56,200 veterans had earned conditional grants in excess of \$101,000,000. Since inception and up to the end of