

1966, 32,899 of the veterans who had earned grants successfully concluded their settlement contracts—12,026 farmers, 14,686 small holders, 452 commercial fishermen, 4,325 Crown land settlers and 1,410 Indian veterans residing on reservations.

Advisory, supervisory and appraisal field services are provided by a staff of field officers who are highly trained in the techniques pertaining to agriculture, construction and land appraisal. During 1966, 5,998 properties were appraised, exclusive of more than 100 appraisal assignments carried out on behalf of other government departments and agencies. Altogether, 1,239 new houses were started—1,026 small holdings and for commercial fishermen, 152 farm homes, and 61 on city-size lots—and 1,001 new houses were completed. Five construction schools were organized which were attended by 247 veterans.

Continued interest is shown in the Veterans' Land Act group life insurance. By Dec. 31, 1966, 9,065 veterans were insured for almost \$75,000,000. Since the group plan was first introduced, 48 insured veterans have died and \$287,000 has been paid to retire their indebtedness.

Veterans continue to maintain a favourable record of repayment. Instalments falling due in 1966 amounted to over \$21,000,000, excluding share-of-crop payments. During the year, over 97 p.c. of the total amount due was collected and the 1,234 veterans under share-of-crop agreements paid over \$1,600,000.

2.—Summary of Operations under the Veterans' Land Act, as at Dec. 31, 1966

Item	Full-Time Farming	Small Holding	Commercial Fishing	Provincial Lands	Federal Lands	Indian Reserves	City-Size Lots	Total
Settlements made..... No.	30,741	62,055	1,345	5,034	562	1,678	4,252	105,667
Additional loans made..... "	13,905	9,075	72	—	—	—	—	23,052
Total loans made..... "	44,646	71,130	1,417	5,034	562	1,678	4,252	128,719
Public funds spent..... \$'000	263,110	435,370	6,773	11,086	1,218	3,762	38,581	759,900
Conditional grants earned..... No.	22,425	27,202	837	4,030	295	1,410	—	56,199
..... \$'000	46,702	40,131	1,528	9,188	892	3,223	—	101,464
Grants earned—titles released to veterans..... No.	12,026	14,686	452	4,030	295	1,410	—	32,899
Accounts under administration..... "	13,606	35,986	698	302	135	—	78	52,218 ¹
Houses built..... "	2,521	26,494	321	1,468	127	—	4,199	35,130
Houses under construction..... "	124	914	7	10	3	—	59	1,117

¹ Includes 1,413 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.

A message conveying the congratulations and support of the Government and the people of Canada to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission on the fiftieth anniversary of the Commission was read at a special meeting on May 18, 1967, presided over by His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, President of the Commission, which took place at St. James's Palace, London, England.