

ducted at Westminster Hospital, London, Ont. At Camp Hill Hospital in Halifax, Shaughnessy Hospital in Vancouver, Deer Lodge in Winnipeg and Westminster Hospital in London, the Department is affiliated with the university medical school in the undergraduate clinical teaching program, in addition to participating in graduate residency training.

6.7.3 Land settlement and house construction

The Veterans' Land Act, 1942, as amended, 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 basis; to acquire, build or improve homes; and to settle on provincial, federal and Indian reserve land. Loans may be made 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-sized lots. The financial assistance available under the Act is generally comparable to that available to non-veterans under the Farm Credit Act and the National Housing Act.

From inception of the Act to December 31, 1973, 133,353 veterans were settled under the provisions of the Act; 31,526 were established as full-time farmers, 88,585 as small holders, 5,690 as Crown land settlers, 1,433 as commercial fishermen, 1,782 Indian veterans were established on reservations and 4,337 veterans acted as their own contractors in building homes on city-sized lots. Subsequent to settlement, 19,909 farmers and 20,083 small holders and commercial fishermen were given additional loans. In 1973, loans amounting to over \$56,592,788 were approved on behalf of 3,750 veterans. From inception of operations to the end of 1973, \$1,203,017,652 was spent on repayable loans, advances and non-repayable grants and 70,476 veterans had earned conditional grants of \$125,297,713. By the end of that year, 57,053 of them had successfully completed their settlement contracts — 18,284 farmers, 31,619 small holders, 726 commercial fishermen, 4,760 Crown land settlers, and 1,664 Indian veterans on reservations.

Field officers, highly trained in techniques pertaining to agriculture, construction and land appraisals provide advisory, supervisory and appraisal services. During 1973, 4,746 properties were appraised, including 197 under the Indian Off-Reserve and Eskimo Housing Program and 26 special assignments carried out on behalf of other government departments and agencies. Altogether, 559 new homes were started — 547 for small holders and commercial fishermen, 12 farm homes — and 553 new houses were completed. During the calendar year 1973 field officers appraised more than 41,000 properties for the Department of National Revenue. During the fiscal year, 1972-73, instalments falling due on properties purchased by veterans under the Act amounted to \$40,553,927, excluding share-of-crop payments; over 94.4% of the total amount due was collected and 741 veterans under share-of-crop agreements paid \$1,900,133. By December 31, 1973, 19,356 veterans were insured under the Veterans' Land Act Group Life Insurance for almost \$195,510,000. Since inception of the group plan, 458 insured veterans died and \$3,415,734 was paid to retire their indebtedness.

6.7.4 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 August 4, 1914, and August 31, 1921, and between September 3, 1939, and December 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 and the Minister of Veterans Affairs is the Agent of the Commission in Canada. The office of the Secretary-General of the Canadian Agency is in the Veterans Affairs Building, Ottawa.

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