

34,144 small holders, 763 commercial fishermen, 4,794 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 1974, 5,904 properties were appraised, including 292 under the Indian Off-Reserve and Eskimo Housing Program and 17 special assignments carried out on behalf of other government departments and agencies. Altogether, 667 new homes were started — 656 for small holders and commercial fishermen, 11 farm homes — and 583 new houses were completed.

During the fiscal year 1973-74, instalments falling due on properties purchased by veterans under the Act amounted to \$40.9 million, excluding share-of-crop payments; over 96.4% of the total amount due was collected and 581 veterans under share-of-crop agreements paid almost \$1.9 million. By December 31, 1974, 20,618 veterans were insured under the Veterans' Land Act Group Life Insurance for almost \$212.9 million. Since inception of the group plan, 564 insured veterans died and \$4.2 million 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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