

figures show by provinces the number of men settled on the land and the total amount of loans approved.

	No. Loans.	Amount in \$
P.E.I.....	313	866,186.00
N.S.....	361	1,200,576.42
N.B.....	491	1,504,135.47
Que.....	341	1,744,991.46
Ont.....	1,442	6,337,362.52
Man.....	3,231	13,445,460.47
Sask.. ..	4,927	19,425,238.05
Alta.....	5,785	23,048,972.16
B.C.....	2,880	12,798,827.93
Canada.....	19,771	\$80,371,750 48

Loans were granted for the following purposes: \$

To purchase Land.....	44,405,542.61
To remove encumbrances on land owned by settler.....	1,917,582.66
To erect permanent improve- ments.....	9,039,865.14
To purchase stock and equip- ment.....	25,008,760.07
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There are 14,072 settlers on purchased lands with loans of \$69,259,608.30; 1,964 on encumbered lands with loans of \$4,742,778.00 and 3,735 settlers on Dominion lands with loans of \$6,369,364.18. The average loan per settler is \$4,065.13.

By Order in Council, all Dominion lands within a radius of 15 miles of any railway were reserved for returned soldiers. Eight thousand seven hundred and seventy-two of these men have taken advantage of this reservation and have occupied free lands, of whom 3,100 received from the Board financial assistance to purchase live stock and farm implements and to erect buildings. The total of men who have gone on the land under the ægis of the Board is 25,443, including 19,771 who as shown above have received financial assistance. In the three prairie provinces, where Dominion lands were available, every eligible returned soldier was entitled under the Act to a soldier grant of 160 acres and in addition to this soldier grant he was free to exercise his civilian right to homestead another 160 acres. The average soldier grant and homestead taken up by returned men is 240 acres, making a total area of free lands granted of over 2,000,000 acres.