

### 3.—Summary of Settlement Status, Loans and Grants under the Veterans' Land Act, 1942, as at Mar. 31, 1953<sup>1</sup>

Item	Full-Time Farming	Small Holdings	Commercial Fishing	Provincial Lands	Federal Lands	Total
Qualified for settlement. No.	31,779	42,620	1,035	5,464	403	81,301
Approved for financial assistance..... No.	25,146	28,908	899	4,412	322	59,687
Amounts approved for land and permanent improvements..... \$	95,496,982	141,994,692	2,628,797	4,185,532	702,383	245,008,386
Amounts approved for stock and equipment. \$	30,219,978	7,271,282	962,521	5,756,189	11,620	44,260,480
Average amounts approved per veteran... \$	4,999	5,163	3,995	2,253	2,217	4,846
Average conditional grants per veteran... \$	1,950	1,392	1,751	2,253	2,217	1,669

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Indian veterans on reserve lands.

Contracts for new houses continued at approximately the same level in 1952-53 as in the previous year. Of the 16,673 new houses constructed, or on which construction had started, approximately 78 p.c. were built by the veterans themselves, acting as their own contractors.

### 4.—House Construction under the Veterans' Land Act, 1942, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1953

Item	Full-Time Farming	Small Holdings	Commercial Fishing	Provincial Lands	Federal Lands	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Houses completed.....	1,169	12,407	219	1,087	85	14,967
Houses under construction.....	175	1,298	12	206	15	1,706
Houses projected.....	298	934	14	178	—	1,424
Net applications for new housing.....	1,642	14,639	245	1,471	100	18,097

Further activity took place during 1952-53 in connection with the joint assistance building program on city lots with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Order in Council P.C. 147/3233, of July 1, 1950, which authorized this program, was expanded in February 1953 for a period of one year by P.C. 36/258, to provide for the operation of the program on city lots not previously owned by the Director, Veterans' Land Act.

**Veterans Life Insurance.**—The administration and statistics concerning veterans life insurance will be found in Chapter XXVI.

**War Veterans' Allowance.**—The War Veterans' Allowance Act is administered by the War Veterans' Allowance Board. The allowance provides assistance to veterans with service in a theatre of actual war or who, in lieu of such service, are in receipt of a disability pension and have reached the age of 60, or earlier if their physical condition prevents them from earning their own living. The allowance may also be paid to the widows of veterans who would themselves have been qualified, but in the case of widows it is payable at the age of 55, or earlier if their physical condition makes the allowance necessary. The allowance is not paid as of right but is subject to certain financial tests.