

## 3.—Loans Made under the Farm Improvement Loans Act by Purpose 1945-54

Purpose	1953		1954		Total Loans Since Inception in 1945	
	Loans	Amount	Loans	Amount	Loans	Amount
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Purchase of agricultural implements.....	73,934	88,057,198	48,898	52,069,707	414,554	461,100,104
Construction, repair or alteration of additions to any structure on a farm....	3,876	5,057,563	4,239	5,661,520	23,576	27,621,908
Purchase of livestock.....	3,694	3,053,914	3,658	2,875,926	18,850	15,386,453
Improvement or development project.....	1,896	1,300,305	1,327	1,122,636	13,963	7,480,227
Purchase or installation of equipment or electric system or alteration of electric system on a farm.....	456	347,666	387	286,343	2,929	1,605,582
Fencing or drainage.....	106	76,114	63	57,674	602	412,374
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>83,962</b>	<b>97,892,760</b>	<b>58,572</b>	<b>62,073,806</b>	<b>474,474</b>	<b>513,606,648</b>

## 4.—Loans Made under the Farm Improvement Loans Act by Province 1945-54

Province	1953		1954		Total Loans Since Inception in 1945	
	Loans	Amount	Loans	Amount	Loans	Amount
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Newfoundland.....	55	68,274	59	73,024	163	194,577
Prince Edward Island.....	1,671	1,497,575	1,085	922,244	6,844	6,199,517
Nova Scotia.....	1,077	945,862	1,034	866,171	4,456	3,889,110
New Brunswick.....	896	925,977	697	720,047	3,839	4,003,251
Quebec.....	7,621	8,722,234	7,656	8,434,638	32,310	35,802,672
Ontario.....	11,813	12,971,331	10,979	12,380,638	64,000	68,079,352
Manitoba.....	9,547	10,639,177	6,300	6,375,409	61,572	64,102,780
Saskatchewan.....	26,334	33,309,549	14,198	14,960,420	151,242	171,511,443
Alberta.....	22,526	26,207,368	14,385	15,055,403	136,503	145,977,768
British Columbia.....	2,422	2,605,413	2,179	2,285,812	13,545	13,846,178
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>83,962</b>	<b>97,892,760</b>	<b>58,572</b>	<b>62,073,806</b>	<b>474,474</b>	<b>513,606,648</b>

*Prairie Grain Producers' Interim Financing Act, 1951.*—This Act, which came into force Jan. 15, 1952, provides short term credit to grain producers in the Prairie Provinces who because of congested delivery points or inability to complete harvesting of their grain are in need of credit until their grain can be delivered. Individual advances can be made to a maximum of \$1,000.

*Prairie Farm Assistance Act.*—The Prairie Farm Assistance Act, passed in 1939 and administered by the federal Department of Agriculture, provides for direct money payments by the Federal Government, on an acreage basis, to farmers in areas of low crop yields in the Prairie Provinces and the Peace River District of British Columbia. The Act was designed to assist the municipalities and provinces in years of crop failure to meet relief expenditures which would normally be too great to be assumed by them. The Act provides that payments be made to farmers under certain conditions and terms and, in order that Federal Government costs may be defrayed to some extent, it is required that 1 p.c. of the purchase price of all grains (wheat, oats, barley and rye) marketed in the Prairie Provinces be paid to the Federal Government and set aside in a special fund for the purposes of the Act.

If the farmer, who may be an owner, a tenant, or a member of a co-operative farm association engaged in farming, is located in a crop failure area, he may be awarded assistance on not more than one-half of the cultivated land or a maximum of 200 acres. The rates of payment range up to \$2.50 per acre.