

pletion, houses are turned over to the department. Contractors' progress claims are processed by the corporation and paid by the Department of National Defence.

Military construction

Under an agreement with Defence Construction Limited, Central Mortgage acts for them in calling tenders and supervising and administering contracts for military construction. The procedure is parallel to that followed in the married quarters program, except that the plans and specifications are supplied by the Department of National Defence and contracts are written in the name of Defence Construction Limited. Payments of contractors' accounts are made by the treasury officer after the claim has been processed by the corporation.

Townsite development

From time to time the corporation assists government departments or agencies in planning new townsites. Work of this kind has been carried out at Gander, Pine Point, Beaver Lodge and Uranium City. The corporation's position in these projects is that of a consultant. The corporation has staff experienced in town planning and makes their services available on request.

Defence housing—capital assistance

As well as the assistance offered through the National Housing Act, housing for defence workers is being provided in certain cases directly by government. The Department of Defence Production has made capital assistance grants to construct housing for defence workers where the need for housing was particularly urgent and it was unlikely that an adequate housing stock would be created through the facilities of the National Housing Act. Such projects have been approved at Sorel, Quebec, 65 units, Haley Station, Ont., 15 units, and Renfrew, Ont., 50 units. The corporation acts as the agent of the Department of Defence Production in connection with these projects. Plans and specifications are prepared by the corporation which also calls tenders, awards contracts and supervises construction.

(c) Federal-provincial housing projects

Construction under section 35 is undertaken by the corporation on behalf of the federal-provincial partnership. After plans and specifications are prepared, tenders are called by the corporation and are opened by a committee which includes representatives of the provincial government. If the contract price is acceptable to both governments the contract is awarded in the name of the corporation. Construction is supervised and contractors' progress claims are paid by the corporation subject to reimbursement by the provincial government for its 25 per cent share. On land assembly projects, arrangements are usually made with the municipality to install services on behalf of the partnership.

3. Real estate

(a) Residential

The corporation's rental real estate can be grouped in seven classes. One allocation procedure applies for all houses; rent collection and maintenance policies are the same for all types of projects.

War workers' houses

On the 14,486 war workers' houses acquired from Wartime Housing Limited under section 33 of the National Housing Act, 3,733 now remain in our rental account. Agreements with municipalities for war workers' houses provided that