

main fairly constant, that is the amount for last year in comparison to this year, look at line 11, Office Stationery, Supplies, Equipment and Furnishings. Last year \$70,000 was provided and this year \$121,000 is provided. Then the same item is on page 577, line No. 11, and the increase is from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Is there any explanation for this? Is it a complete overhaul of equipment or offices or what does it mean?

**Mr. Tubb:** The explanation is that about one-third of the typewriters in the Department are over 20 years of age and we are embarked on a planned replacement program for them. In addition to that, at the direction of Treasury Board, we have included an item of \$40,000 for furniture and furnishings which has not previously appeared. This is in accordance with the Glassco Commission Report, I suppose. It was provided by the Department of Public Works in former years.

**Mr. Kennedy:** Thank you very much.

**The Chairman:** Are there any other questions on Items 5, 10 and 15? Shall these Items carry?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Items 5, 10 and 15 agreed to.

**The Chairman:** Thank you very much, Mr. Cromb and Mr. Tubb. I will now invite Mr. Pawley and Mr. McCracken to reply to your questioning.

I now call Items 40 and 45 on Soldier Settlement and Veterans' Land Act along with Item L115 at page 594 on Loans, Investments and Advances concerning the Soldier Settlement and Veterans' Land Act.

40. Administration of Veterans' Land Act; Soldier Settlement and British Family Settlement; upkeep of property. Veterans' Land Act, including engineering and other investigational planning expenses that do not add tangible value to real property, taxes, insurance and maintenance of public utilities; and to authorize, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, necessary remedial work on properties constructed under individual firm price contracts and sold under the Veterans' Land Act and to correct defects for which neither the veteran nor the contractor can be held financially responsible, and for such other work on other properties as may be required to protect the interest of the Director therein, \$5,338,600.

45. Grants to veterans settled on Provincial Lands in accordance with agreements with Provincial Governments under section 38 of the Veterans' Land Act, grants to veterans settled on Dominion Lands in accordance with an agreement with the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development under section 38 of the Veterans' Land Act and grants to Indian veterans settled on Indian Reserve Lands under section 39 of the Veterans' Land Act \$130,000.

(S) Provision for reserve for conditional benefits, Veterans' Land Act, \$3,508,000.

#### VETERANS AFFAIRS

##### Soldier Settlement and Veterans' Land Act

L115. To increase to \$530,000,000 the amount that may be charged at any one time to the Veterans' Land Act Fund established by section 5A of the Veterans' Land Act, for the purposes of Parts 1, II and III of that Act except sections 38, 39 and 56 thereof—additional amount required, \$150,000,000.

**The Chairman:** We will start with a comment from Mr. Pawley and then carry on with the questioning on these three Items.

**Mr. Pawley:** Mr. Chairman, I have prepared a brief statement outlining salient points of VLA operations during 1966-67, including graphs similar to those made available to the members of the Committee last year, and of what our business forecasts are for the current fiscal year. I have copies of this statement with me and, if you agree, they could be distributed at this time.

**Mr. Chatterton:** I move that this statement become part of today's Proceedings.

**Mr. Harley:** I second the motion.  
Motion agreed to.

**Mr. Pawley:** (See Appendix "D")

**The Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Pawley.

**Mr. Chatterton:** Mr. Chairman, may I ask Mr. Pawley a question regarding the graph at Appendix I, the Number of Loan Approvals? Is the increase of 38 per cent for new loans, or for new and additional loans?

This is total loans made to farms, small holdings, new farms, and new small holdings.

**Mr. Chatterton:** Including additional?