

*Rental insurance loans*

The corporation may make direct loans under section 31A on rental insurance projects if financing is not available through a lending institution. Because of the material situation the corporation discontinued making loans on rental insurance projects in February, 1951; such loans are now being made and it is the present policy to make direct loans up to 3,750 units in rental insurance projects in 1952. Under the defence workers housing regulations, the corporation may make 85 per cent loans on rental insurance projects if the builder agrees to give a priority to defence workers in selecting tenants. In other cases corporation loans on rental insurance projects are limited to 80 per cent of the estimated cost.

Now I would like to go over to construction:

*2. Construction**(a) Corporation account*

Construction on corporation's own account is now limited to the completion of projects which were initiated in earlier years.

*Veterans' rental housing*

The veterans' rental housing program, which was started in 1944 under Wartime Housing Limited, ended with projects for which agreements had been negotiated by June, 1949. By the end of 1951 construction had been completed on all but two projects, Montreal north and Fraserview in Vancouver. The Montreal north project was completed a few weeks ago. At Fraserview, of the proposed 1,100 units, 606 have been completed, contracts have been awarded recently or tenders called for 328 and tenders are about to be called for the balance of the project.

*Permanent improvements*

After renegotiation of agreements with municipalities, 12,349 war workers' houses have been offered for sale to individual home owners. Under the agreement to permit sale of munition workers' houses, the corporation undertakes to put the houses in good repair. This includes installing permanent foundations and permanent chimneys where necessary. Contracts have been awarded to date for 9,995 units, of which 9,038 have been completed. It is planned to award contracts for a further 1,195 during 1952. The cost of permanent improvements is about \$800 per unit.

*(b) Agency account*

The greater part of the corporation's construction activity is for government departments, mainly the Department of National Defence.

*Married quarters and schools*

Commencing with the 1949 program, the corporation has been arranging and supervising the construction of married quarters and schools for the Department of National Defence. From time to time other government departments require a few houses for employees and these are handled by the corporation in the same manner as construction for services. House plans and subdivision plans are prepared by the corporation and approved by the department. Tenders are called by the corporation, and within cost estimates already approved by the department and the Treasury Board, contracts are awarded by the corporation with the approval of the Governor in Council. On com-