

**Mr. Pawley:** There is one point in this connection I would like to mention, Mr. Chairman. We have found that veterans all over Canada are pretty well equipped to argue their own cases before expropriating bodies and those acquiring their property and I think they are probably a little better equipped in the Kootenay area because of the tutoring they are getting.

**Mr. Cowan:** Mr. Herridge is just patting himself on the back.

**Mr. Herridge:** No, I did not intend to do that at all.

Mr. Chairman, I know of this case particularly because the veteran himself told me all the circumstances. Someone from your Department appraised the property and then he told British Columbia Hydro that the offer was quite insufficient. They raised it \$4,000 within a month and I was very pleased to see it. I think, generally speaking, the settlements have improved as the months go by. But how many have you now that are unsettled?

**Mr. McCracken:** Four.

**Mr. Herridge:** I have seen every acre cleared in this country. I know the value of every property. Is one of those mentioned named Walton? Would you mind giving me the list?

**Mr. McCracken:** Kenneth McNabb, Walton, Eaton and Mr. Vigue up near Revelstoke.

**Mr. Herridge:** Yes. South of Revelstoke. Thank you very much.

In view of my remarks on this subject I do hope that you gentlemen will do all you can to make certain that these veterans get what they consider they are entitled to in relation to the other properties that are being purchased.

**The Chairman:** Are you through, Mr. Herridge?

**Mr. Herridge:** Momentarily, yes.

**Mr. Cowan:** Mr. Chairman, reverting to the question asked by the member for Mercier, inquiring whether the veterans in Quebec were aware that loans are available under this Veterans' Land Act, in looking at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 I notice that the number of loan approvals in Quebec has increased by 29 per cent. However the amount of loan approvals increased in Quebec by 64 per cent. There is no other area in Canada where the

percentage increase between the number of loans approved and the amount of loans is so great. Does this indicate that the loans are greater per individual application in Quebec than elsewhere in the Dominion, that is, judging by Appendix 1 and Appendix 2? The figures are there. Even if a large number of Quebec veterans have not heard of the loans it looks as though those who have heard very plainly.

**Mr. Pawley:** Unfortunately I do not think I have the answer to that, Mr. Chairman. The loans in Quebec are not any higher than they are in other parts of the country and they are quite comparable with those in Ontario and the Maritimes. Generally speaking the loans are much higher in British Columbia.

**Mr. Cowan:** Is that because of Mr. Herridge?

**Mr. Pawley:** I cannot explain the higher increase of 64 per cent in the loan approvals except, as you indicated, that probably those who are taking advantage of the Act are taking the maximum advantage of it. Possibly the reason for this is because the provincial legislation is more favourable to those who are not getting the maximum. This is purely a guess on my part. I will analyse it to see what the answer is and I will let you know.

**Mr. Cowan:** Will you give a copy to Prosper Boulanger?

**Mr. Pawley:** Yes, I will be glad to. Nobody seems to think we might have made a mistake. However, we will let you know.

**The Chairman:** Are there any other questions on Items 40, 45, and L115? Dr. Harley?

**Mr. Harley:** Mr. Pawley, I have had several communications from veterans who are unable to qualify for grants under the Veterans' Land Act because their length of service is not quite enough, they are short a couple of days of service. Is there anything which can be done about this? I know of one case where a man—and this was near the end of the war—had no knowledge concerning future legislation and at the request of his employer he went back to civilian employment, which was war employment. A salary went with this employment and, of course, this meant that he was excluded from participating in the Veterans' Land Act because his service was not sufficiently long.

**Mr. Pawley:** I think, Mr. Chairman, next to the minimum acreage for small holdings, this