SESS. II.—1897. NEWZEALAND.

ADVANCES TO SETTLERS.

RETURNS RELATIVE TO ADVANCES UNDER ACT.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 10th April, 1897.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing (1) the amount applied for during the year ending 31st March, 1897, under the Advances to Settlers Act; (2) the amount agreed to be advanced; (3) the total estimated value of relative securities; (4) the total amount actually advanced; (5) the separate sums in which such total amount has been advanced; and (6) the separate sums which have been advanced on suburban land."—(Mr. Buchanan.)

1.	Amount applied for during year ending 31st March, 1897					£825,050
2.	Amount agreed to be advanced during year					£681,638
3.	Total estimated value of relative securities					£1,370,075
4.	Total amount actually advanced to 31st March, 1897					£1,112,775
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6. Separate sums which have been advanced on suburban land ... Nil

Note .- No. 4: This amount represents advances authorised to and accepted by applicants.

John McGowan, Superintendent.

Government Advances to Settlers Office, Wellington, 21st July, 1897.

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