

1904.
NEW ZEALAND.

GOVERNMENT ADVANCES TO SETTLERS

(PARTICULARS RELATIVE TO REJECTED APPLICATIONS).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 18th August, 1904.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing, for each land district of the colony—(1) The number of applications by settlers, holders of lands under the lease-in-perpetuity system, for loans under the Advances to Settlers Act and which have been rejected by the Department; and stating (2) the reasons assigned for putting settlers, when applying for loans to the Department, to the expense of paying for a special valuation after the lands are valued by departmental officers."—(Mr. JENNINGS.)

(1.) THE number of applications by settlers, holders of lands under the lease-in-perpetuity system, for loans under the Advances to Settlers Act and which have been rejected by the Department :—

Seven hundred and fifty-seven applications for loans upon lands held under lease-in-perpetuity tenure were rejected by the Advances to Settlers Office, totalling £82,440, as under :—

District.	No.	Amount. £
Auckland	120	14,165
Taranaki	52	8,310
Hawke's Bay	45	5,715
Wellington	235	23,490
Marlborough	30	4,225
Nelson	2	155
Westland	3	270
Canterbury	137	11,795
Otago and Southland	133	14,315
	757	£82,440

(2.) The reasons assigned for putting settlers, when applying for loans to the Department, to the expense of paying for a special valuation after the lands are valued by departmental officers :—

The Government Advances to Settlers Act provides for the payment in any event of a valuation fee with every application for an advance, and it is immaterial whether or not a special valuation of the proposed security is made. A special or up-to-date valuation is necessary in almost all cases where the advancing of money is concerned, but, whether or not that valuation is obtained, the applicant is not affected either by the saving of the fee or the expense entailed by an inspection.

Government Advances to Settlers Office,
Wellington, 12th September, 1904.

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