

The range of businesses in which discharged soldiers have been assisted to make a start has been very wide, including practically every branch of industry, as the following list clearly indicates:—

Accountants	12	Fancy-goods businesses	19	Newspaper-proprietors	8
Advertising	2	Farming (general)	656	Newspaper-vendors	2
Agencies	11	Farming (poultry)	86	Opticians	2
Architects	9	Fat and skin dealers	4	Oxy-acetylene	1
Artificial-limb manufacturers	5	Fibrous-plaster businesses	3	Paperhangers and painters	41
Asphalting	1	Fishing businesses	202	Patent-medicine manufacturing	1
Auctioneers	15	Flax-mill business	1	Perambulator-makers	2
Bacon-factories	2	Forwarding agents	20	Photographers	28
Bakers	74	Fruit and confectionery	159	Physical culturist	1
Barristers and solicitors	36	Fruitgrowing	27	Piano-importers	8
Basketmakers	6	Fruit-canning	1	Picture-frame makers	4
Bedstead-maker	1	Foundries	3	Picture-theatres	13
Beef-farming	68	Furniture dealers and manu- facturers	54	Pig-farmers	6
Billiard-saloons	30	Gardening (market)	7	Plasterers	2
Blacksmiths	78	Gardening (nursery)	12	Plumbers	54
Boardinghouse and private- hotel keepers	27	Gas and range fitters	2	Pork-butchers	2
Boatbuilders	2	Glass-bevelling	1	Printing	28
Boat-hiring	1	Golf materials	1	Quarries	2
Booksellers and stationers	41	Grain-merchants	7	Rabbiting	6
Boot-importers	30	Greengrocers	3	Radiologist	1
Boot-manufacturers	35	Gristing-mill	1	Restaurants	56
Boot-repairers	33	Grocery and general store	308	Saddlers	23
Boring plants	2	Hairdressers and tobacconists	94	Sauce-manufacturers	2
Bottle-merchants	2	Hardware	21	Sawmilling	64
Boxmaker	1	Hat-manufacturers	4	Schools (private)	2
Brassfinishers	2	Hauling business	12	Scoria business	3
Builders	94	Hawking business	6	Scows	3
Butchers	80	Heat-appliance agents	2	Sculptors	3
Button-manufacturer	1	Horse-trainers	5	Seedsman	1
Buyer, island trade	1	Hospitals (private)	22	Sewing-machine agents	2
Cab-proprietor	1	Indent agents	36	Shipwrights	2
Cabinetmaking	43	Insurance agents	10	Sharebrokers	2
Canteen	1	Interpreter (Native)	1	Shirtmakers	3
Carriers (horse)	240	Ironmongers	4	Skating-rink	1
Carriers (motor)	352	Jam-manufacturer	1	Soap-manufacturer	1
Chaff-cutting	60	Labour agent	1	Sporting outfitters	2
Chairmaking	7	Land agents	33	Stock-dealer	1
Cheesemaking	49	Laundries	4	Strawberry-growing	3
Chemists	36	Leather-merchants	5	Stud-horse proprietor	1
Chimney-sweeps	2	Lighting business	1	Surveyors	15
Chiropodists	2	Lime-manufacturers	2	Swing and hammock maker	1
Coach-building	17	Livery and bait stables	11	Tailors	40
Coach-painting	6	Log-hauling	6	Tanner and furrier	1
Coal and firewood merchants	94	Luggage agents	6	Taxidermist	1
Commercial artist	1	Machinery agents	4	Tea-merchants	5
Commercial journal	1	Mail-order business	6	Tentmaker	1
Concrete-construction	2	Mail-service	27	Threshing businesses	28
Contractors	208	Manufacturers' agents	27	Tiling and slating	5
Cool storage (fruit)	2	Marble-bar	1	Timber-merchants	5
Correspondence schools	3	Marine dealers	4	Tinware-manufacturers	4
Customhouse agents	4	Masseurs	8	Typewriter-repairers	3
Cycle businesses	19	Mercery and soft goods	35	Umbrella-makers	2
Dairy business and milk-ven- dors	82	Merchants (general)	19	Upholsterers	3
Dealers	6	Messengers (express)	2	Undertakers	2
Drapers	28	Millinery	3	Vacuum cleaners	2
Dentists	36	Mineral waters and cordials manufacturing	15	Veterinary surgeons	3
Draughtsmen	2	Mining	6	Vulcanizing businesses	22
Drovers	3	Monumental masons	2	Watchmakers and jewellers	25
Doctors	42	Motor-bus service	17	Well-boring businesses	5
Duck-farmer	1	Motor garage and repairs	180	Whaling	1
Dwellings	36	Motor-cars (taxi)	214	Wood-turning	1
Dyers and cleaners	8	Motor-launch service	32	Wool-dealers	6
Engineering businesses	93	Music-teachers	7	Wool-press manufacturer	1
				Wool-weaver	1

ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURE.

From the inception of the Department a strict supervision has been exercised by the Ministerial Board over administration expenses, and since the departmental charts indicated a falling-off in the volume of the work all Board fees have been discontinued, the honoraria of local secretaries reduced or stopped, paid offices of the Department in the larger centres closed, and the secretaries placed on an allowance, out of which they are required to provide rent, clerical assistance, telephone, &c. Special classes and farms were also closed, and the total departmental staff reduced from 111 in June, 1921, to 63 in June, 1922, the work being now practically concentrated in the four centres, Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin. As a result of these measures the administration expenses of the Department have been reduced by over 50 per cent. Up to the 30th June, 1922, the total administration expenditure amounted to £160,937, or 6½ per cent. of the gross expenditure, the other 93½ per cent. representing direct advances to soldiers. It will be noted that this percentage is based on expenditure only, and does not give the Department credit for the cost of collecting over £1,000,000 in very small amounts.