

## POSTPONEMENTS.

Postponements of payment of rent were granted to 1,154 tenants during the year. The amount involved was £133,032. At the 31st March £102,549 remained postponed on account of 939 tenants. Postponement has been found a valuable means of affording relief to settlers temporarily embarrassed financially; but it is essential that the temporary nature of the relief that can be given in this way should be adequately emphasized.

## EXPENDITURE.

*Summary of Expenditure approved during the Year ended 31st March, 1922.*

Name of Vote or Account.	Net Amount voted.	Gross Expenditure.	Recoveries.	Net Expenditure.
<i>Consolidated Fund.</i>				
Lands and Survey .. .. .	£ 198,144	£ s. d. 292,396 6 8	£ s. d. 109,713 8 1	£ s. d. 182,682 18 7
Lands and Survey, Miscellaneous .. .. .	56,226	49,670 14 6	16,682 3 9	32,988 10 9
Land for Settlements Expenses .. .. .	13,368	8,873 2 5	312 8 9	8,560 13 8
Scenery-preservation Account.. .. .	68,293	58,400 3 3	156 5 0	58,243 18 3
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account: Expenses of Management .. .. .	40,000	39,997 6 11	..	39,997 6 11
Totals .. .. .	376,031	449,337 13 9	126,864 5 7	322,473 8 2
<i>Public Works Fund.</i>				
Improved-farm Settlements .. .. .	30	..	16 0 0	Cr. 16 0 0
Lands, Miscellaneous .. .. .	25,033	17,549 11 2	71 3 9	17,478 7 5
Totals .. .. .	25,063	17,549 11 2	87 3 9	17,462 7 5
<i>Land for Settlements Account.</i>				
Roads to open up Lands for Settlement .. .. .	50,400	52,817 16 3	1,346 12 6	51,471 3 9
Totals .. .. .	50,400	52,817 16 3	1,346 12 6	51,471 3 9
<i>Other Accounts.</i>				
Land for Settlements Account .. .. .	..	32,943 2 11	..	32,943 2 11
Land for Settlements Account: Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account .. .. .	..	39,913 19 9	..	39,913 19 9
Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account (sections 7 and 8, Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910) .. .. .	..	81,858 11 1	1,061 5 11	80,797 5 2
Hauraki Plains Settlement Account (section 93, Reserves, &c., Act, 1916) .. .. .	..	126,234 4 8	670 5 9	125,563 18 11
Swamp Land Drainage Account (section 95, Reserves, &c., Act, 1916)—	..	..	..	..
Kaitaia .. .. .	..	30,785 18 5	81 4 0	30,704 14 5
Waihi .. .. .	..	22,333 6 4	10 7 6	22,322 18 10
Poukawa .. .. .	..	155 15 0	..	155 15 0
Hikurangi .. .. .	..	38,201 0 11	29 15 6	38,171 5 5
General .. .. .	..	1,713 16 3	1,012 12 8	701 3 7
Kauri-gum Industry Account .. .. .	..	49,349 10 10	4 7 10	49,345 3 0
National Endowment Account .. .. .	..	9,569 19 9	..	9,569 19 9
Native Land Settlement Account .. .. .	..	41,308 16 0	8 19 6	41,299 16 6
Special Acts, Refunds, Deposits, &c. .. .. .	..	36,767 15 11	..	36,767 15 11
Waimarino Bush-fire Relief Account .. .. .	..	2,048 16 11	..	2,048 16 11
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account .. .. .	..	3,532,039 4 6	..	3,532,039 4 6
Totals .. .. .	..	4,045,223 19 3	2,878 18 8	4,042,345 0 7
Grand totals .. .. .	..	4,564,929 0 5	131,177 0 6	4,433,752 0 9

## ACQUISITION OF LAND BY PERSONS OF ENEMY ORIGIN.

In accordance with the provisions of Part I of the War Legislation and Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918, a number of applications for licenses covering transactions in land were dealt with by the Department. Each application is dealt with on its merits, and special licenses granted covering the particular transaction where the surrounding circumstances warrant favourable consideration.

During the year under review 298 licenses were issued, chiefly for mortgage transactions and small properties required for residential purposes.