

In addition to the expenditure on blocks set out above, expenditure has been incurred on the roading, survey, &c., of various areas which are being developed by the settlers themselves. The total expenditure—£339,116—for development, stock, roading, and surveys (apart from roading-costs payable out of Public Works Fund) up to the 31st March, 1935, provides for 592 farms.

(c) and (d) Developed Allotments disposed of.

Block.	Number of Allotments disposed of.	Area.	Tenure.	Rental Capital Value.	Annual Rent or Interest receivable.
		Acres.		£	£ s. d.
Wharekohe	17	996	R.L.	9,595	479 15 0
Te Kauwhata	12	1,735	R.L.	8,325	416 5 0
Onepu*	13	1,356	D.P.	6,165	369 1 6
Koromatua	4	538	R.L.	12,285	614 5 0
Mangatutu	5	771	R.L.	2,900	145 0 0
Ngakuru	5	756	R.L.	4,680	234 0 0
				6,366	318 6 0
Total	56	6,152	..	50,316	2,576 12 6

* In addition, eleven sections selected under small-farms scheme.

(e) The Total Amount advanced to Crown Tenants for the Development of their Holdings, the Number of Advances, and the Purpose for which such Advances have been made.

Number of settlers assisted.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	488
Loans approved—						£
Improvements	..	..	..	..	..	204,804
Stock	..	..	..	..	..	5,742
Total	..	..	..	..	..	£210,546
Amounts actually advanced—						£
Improvements	..	..	..	..	..	151,023
Stock	..	..	..	..	..	2,476
						£153,499

SPECIAL SETTLEMENT OF INFERIOR LANDS.

The following summary of the lands dealt with during the year is furnished in accordance with the provisions of section 223 (14) of the Land Act, 1924 :—

(a) Aggregate area of land set apart: Nil.

(b) Number of allotments and aggregate area disposed of: One allotment, 221 acres.

The total number of allotments taken up and the area held as at 31st March, 1935, was thirty-four allotments, 7,285 acres.

LANDS FOR SELECTION.

During the year 302,915 acres were taken up on various tenures, the number of selections being 1,036 under all headings. These figures include some 508 sections, comprising altogether an area of 93,617 acres, taken up under miscellaneous leases and licenses, so that the selections on permanent tenures numbered 528 sections, covering a total area of 209,298 acres. The following table gives the selections of Crown lands for the last five years :—

Selections under all Tenures.

Year ending	Number.	Area (Acres).
31st March, 1931	1,639	368,809
31st March, 1932	1,448	406,408
31st March, 1933	1,354	280,518
31st March, 1934	1,118	285,166
31st March, 1935	1,036	302,915

The total of 302,915 acres selected during the year includes lands taken up under both permanent and temporary tenures, and also town and suburban lands. The permanent selections of rural lands only were as follows :—

Class of Land.	Number of Rural Sections selected.	Total Area selected.
		Acres.
Crown and national-endowment land	158	87,272
Settlement land	37	16,375
Education reserves, &c.	12	2,510
Grand totals	207	106,157