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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEY.  
**DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT.**

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1936.

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 14 of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915.*

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SIR,—  
Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 1st August, 1936.  
In accordance with the provisions of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, I have the honour to submit herewith the report of the operations under the Act for the year ended 31st March, 1936.  
I have, &c.,  
W. ROBERTSON,  
Under-Secretary.  
The Hon. Frank Langstone, Minister of Lands.

GENERAL REVIEW.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT.

Loans authorized during the year number 719, involving a total amount of £66,517, as follows :—

					New Loans.		Additional Loans.	
					Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
						£		£
Advances on current account	..	..	..	..	12	3,971	294	40,459
Advances on farms	..	..	..	..	3	2,475	22	2,384
Advances on dwellings	..	..	..	..	5	2,880	383	14,348
					20	9,326	699	57,191

Cash receipts for the year have risen by £144,987.

The comparative figures of cash receipts on Capital and Revenue Accounts for the last five years are :—

		1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
		£	£	£	£	£
Capital	.. ..	668,396	625,316	788,757	877,113	1,034,895
Revenue	.. ..	527,436	488,048	525,578	560,104	547,309
		1,195,832	1,113,364	1,314,335	1,437,217	1,582,204

LANDS PROCLAIMED.

The lands set apart for selection by discharged soldiers during the year totalled 304 acres, making a grand total of 1,452,829 acres proclaimed since the inception of the scheme. This large area is made up as follows :—

Class of Land.	Area. Acres.
Ordinary Crown lands .. ..	613,397
Land-for-settlements land .. ..	402,544
National-endowment land .. ..	433,532
Cheviot Estate land .. ..	3,356
1,452,829	

Proclamations have been issued revoking the setting-apart of 238,359 acres of Crown and national-endowment land and 105,046 acres of land-for-settlements land.

APPLICATIONS FOR LAND.

Applications for land under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, to the number of twelve were received during the year. The following table gives the number of applications and the area allotted for each year from the inception of the soldier-settlement scheme :—

Year ending					Applications received.	Allotments made.	
						Number.	Area (Acres).
31st March, 1916	..	..	..	..	272	2	629
„ 1917	..	..	..	..	522	319	143,524
„ 1918	..	..	..	..	513	313	103,362
„ 1919	..	..	..	..	1,379	348	117,018
„ 1920	..	..	..	..	5,041	932	403,891
„ 1921	..	..	..	..	5,396	1,087	414,867
„ 1922	..	..	..	..	878	403	97,972
„ 1923	..	..	..	..	284	146	25,113
„ 1924	..	..	..	..	216	79	16,910
„ 1925	..	..	..	..	123	47	9,014
„ 1926	..	..	..	..	109	86	20,500
„ 1927	..	..	..	..	78	66	17,412
„ 1928	..	..	..	..	96	60	15,695
„ 1929	..	..	..	..	90	77	13,275
„ 1930	..	..	..	..	63	53	16,665
„ 1931	..	..	..	..	41	31	8,495
„ 1932	..	..	..	..	22	16	4,215
„ 1933	..	..	..	..	12	6	4,133
„ 1934	..	..	..	..	10	8	1,536
„ 1935	..	..	..	..	8	7	2,954
„ 1936	..	..	..	..	12	7	3,638
Totals for twenty-one years .. ..					15,165	4,093	1,440,818



## APPENDIX.

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### EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS OF CROWN LANDS.

#### NORTH AUCKLAND.

(W. D. ARMIT, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

A SUBSTANTIAL improvement over the previous twelve months must be recorded for the past year. This improvement has been gradual and has been maintained over the past four seasons, showing that soldier settlers have done their share in combating the slump conditions. The improved meat and wool returns enabled numbers of grazier settlers to meet their full commitments.

Dairy-farm accounts showed a decided improvement, especially south of Auckland, where drought conditions in the previous twelve months caused severe loss. This year a normal season was experienced in this locality. In North Auckland the severe flooding and continuous rains caused loss and inconvenience. Hay crops were difficult to save, and ensilage has been stacked to a larger extent. The Department has assisted with revenue refunds for purchase of fertilizer in a great number of cases, and in others close budgetary co-operation has enabled farms to be maintained, and charges partially met after providing reasonable living expenses. Pig-husbandry has again proved of great assistance in income earning, although in some districts, such as the Ruawai Flats, the cold winter, wet spring, and pugged soil conditions caused heavy mortality among pigs.

It may be said that soldier settlers have co-operated with the Department as usual, and done their best to meet commitments this season with a greater measure of success than has been possible for several years past. During the year certain rural properties have been abandoned to the Department through inability of soldier settlers on account of failing health to carry on with farming operations. This aspect of soldier settlement requires close and sympathetic consideration.

City dwelling accounts have also improved to a certain extent. No difficulty is experienced in letting house property which is in reasonable order and reverted to the Department through default or abandonment by the mortgagor. Repairs and renovations have been carried out to a large extent during the year. Fewer houses are now reverting to the Department, and a number of sales have been effected during the past twelve months of properties which have been previously "bought in."

#### AUCKLAND.

(K. M. GRAHAM, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

Soldier settlers throughout the district have experienced a much better period this year than for several seasons past. Improved returns were the rule, the cause being the very favourable season as far as weather was concerned and the increased price for farm products. In particular dairy-farmers improved their position, as the payouts over last season showed an increase of about 2d. per pound for butterfat. Sheep-farmers also realized good prices for their lambs and wool.

The soldier settlers as a whole are still making an honest endeavour to meet their responsibilities to the Crown, and, speaking generally, they are succeeding. In a few instances, however, it has been found necessary for the Board to afford some measure of relief.

As far as house properties are concerned it is still being found necessary to capitalize arrears in some cases and to effect mortgage adjustments.

#### HAWKE'S BAY.

(F. R. BURNLEY, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

Soldier settlers generally have had a better season with the improvement in market prices.

Orchardists through inclement weather have again had a poor season.

The majority of those settlers in arrears have made a good effort to pay, and, by suspension of principal and capitalization, in many cases the weight of arrears has been lifted.

*Hunter Soldiers' Assistance Trust Board.*—The Board held three meetings during the year and dealt with 115 cases, the majority being applications for assistance for orphans.

Grants amounting to £1,015 were made to 207 children.

Loans approved amount to £1,070, eight persons being assisted.

The activities of the Board are becoming more widely known, and applications for assistance of orphans are being received from many parts of the Dominion.

## TARANAKI.

(F. H. WATERS, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The position of soldier settlers generally shows some improvement on last year, owing to the increase in the prices of primary products. The improvement is more pronounced in the case of the sheep-farmer, owing to a rise of over 40 per cent. in the price of wool and the increase in the prices of fat lamb, mutton, and beef. The dairy-farmer, however, will find the welcome increase in butterfat, though small, of great benefit, although the price is still too low to enable the average farmer to pay his way. The man above the average, of whom there are not many, will have no difficulty. This is due to the fact that he tests and culls and only keeps cows of a high butterfat-production, runs pigs on scientific lines, manures well, keeps poultry, grows his own potatoes, grows root crops, saves grass for hay and ensilage, and neglects no side-line which will help to enhance his income. The majority of mortgagors in this district are dairy-farmers, and of these the Department absolutely controls forty-eight, all income coming in and all payments being made by the Department. These men are on a fixed monthly allowance, and the Department is able to control expenditure to keep it within reasonable limits as determined by the proceeds. In all cases adequate supplies of manures are provided. Practically all these settlers are steadily improving their farms and increasing production. Considerable expenditure has been incurred during the year in rebuilding, enlarging and repairing houses, and erection of cow-sheds and outhouses.

The Department continued to farm seven abandoned properties, and one of these was disposed of during the year. Another will be offered very shortly, and it is hoped to dispose of the others during the coming year. With the exception of one very rough backblock property, the farms are showing a profit after charging interest on capital.

The position of house properties shows a slight improvement, the outstandings at the end of the year being about £500 less than the previous year. Many advances have been made towards repairs, painting, reconditioning, and enlarging houses.

## WELLINGTON.

(H. W. C. MACKINTOSH, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The remarks made concerning the settlement of Crown and settlement lands apply also to the areas occupied by discharged soldiers. Most of these men follow dairying for a living, and they will come out about the same as last year. The wet spring and summer have resulted in a great growth of grass, and every settler should have plenty of hay or ensilage saved for winter feeding. Those settlers who are following sheep-farming have had a better year, as prices for both stock and wool have been considerably higher. In some districts, notably Wangamui and lower Wairarapa, floods have been experienced. In the Wairarapa no less than eight floods occurred, and while serious damage was done only in a very few cases, settlers received a check until the silt was cleared off their grass by subsequent rains. The Land Board has reviewed the cases of settlers who are in arrear with their payments, and recommendations have been made, which, it is hoped, will be of assistance in enabling these farmers to become established. The clauses in the Land Act providing for revaluation of farming lands, which have been suspended for some time, have now been revived, and at the present time many applications, either for revaluation or adjustment of mortgage liabilities, have been received and are now receiving attention.

## NELSON.

(A. F. WATERS, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The majority of soldier settlers in the district are dependent on dairying or sheep-farming for a livelihood and few of them through the slump period have been able to meet their commitments in full. All cases of arrears have been recently reviewed by the Land Board and, where circumstances warranted, concessions have been made by way of remission, postponement, or capitalization of arrears. With the prospect of better prices for the future it was considered advisable to dispose of outstanding arrears and so enable the soldier settlers to face the coming years unencumbered by a burden of debt accumulated during the slump period.

## MARLBOROUGH.

(P. R. WILKINSON, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The great majority of our soldier settlers are engaged in farming pursuits on small holdings.

Periodical reviews by the Office and Land Board, and practical help by way of remissions and postponements, have made matters easier for them.

Generally speaking, they are a good type of settler, but it is noticed that as time goes on war disabilities are recurring and surely taking toll; this is, no doubt, inevitable, but it is with deep regret that one has to record the fact.

## WESTLAND.

(G. I. MARTIN, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The past season has been a much more encouraging one for all classes of soldier settlers.

Climatic conditions have been favourable and the improved prices for all classes of produce are reflected in the revenue received, which shows an increase of 14 per cent. on the previous year's figures.

During the year consideration was given to all arrears of rent and interest which had accumulated to the end of the previous season. In all cases where such action was warranted substantial concessions by way of remissions were extended.

This assistance should give the soldier settlers fresh heart to carry on and, provided prices for produce do not decline again, the majority should be in a position to face the future with confidence.

## CANTERBURY.

(J. F. QUINN, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

Taken as a whole the soldier settlers have experienced a much better season than for some time past. Those engaged in sheep-farming obtained better prices for wool and lambs, and many have improved their flocks.

A fair number of settlers, however, are still somewhat handicapped by holding insufficient area, and, where possible, opportunity is taken to increase their holdings.

Unfortunately, a considerable proportion of returned men are suffering from the result of war service, which makes it difficult for them to fully carry out their programme of work, and their cases are being met sympathetically. Concessions in rent and interest have been made in a great many cases, thus encouraging them to carry on with an improved outlook for the future.

## OTAGO.

(N. C. KENSINGTON, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

Soldier settlers on areas set apart under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act have, in common with other settlers, had a satisfactory year.

The soldier settler has now been established for a number of years; he must be regarded as experienced, and should be able to stand up to the various phases of farming and the market fluctuations so often experienced.

In several cases the Field Inspectors have devoted years of constant attention to the general method of farming being carried on and to the purchase and selling of stock. Some settlers do not appear to be making much headway, even under this constant supervision, and it would seem that the man is not suitable for the occupation followed, or that war disabilities are making themselves felt; and in these cases I am not hopeful of the future. I am pleased to say these remarks refer to only a small proportion of the soldier settlers, as the majority are carrying on in a very satisfactory manner and given fair prices should cause little concern in the future.

## SOUTHLAND.

(T. CAGNEY, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The position of soldier settlers engaged in sheep-farming, or mainly so, may now be generally regarded as on a sound footing, taking into account remissions of rent and interest granted during the period.

Those, however, engaged mainly in butterfat production are still handicapped by low prices for butterfat, and on this account probably further concessions will ultimately have to be considered.

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TABLE 1.

TOTAL LANDS ACQUIRED FROM THE CROWN BY DISCHARGED SOLDIERS AND HELD AT THE 31ST MARCH, 1936.

Land District.	Sale (including Deferred Payment).				Lease and License.				Grand Totals.		
	Number of Discharged-soldier Purchasers and Licensees.	Number of Holdings.	Area.	Price.	Number of Discharged-soldier Tenants.	Number of Holdings.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Discharged Soldiers.	Number of Holdings.	Area.
<i>Under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, and Amendments.</i>											
North Auckland ..	11	10	Acres. 2,154	£ 2,765	278	278	Acres. 47,979	£ 9,228	289	288	Acres. 50,133
Auckland ..	48	48	1,420	16,690	541	534	87,933	25,360	589	582	89,353
Gisborne ..	3	3	193	4,725	108	107	52,388	12,630	111	110	52,581
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	209	223	83,576	28,111	209	223	83,576
Taranaki ..	1	1	2	310	87	86	21,283	5,814	88	87	21,285
Wellington ..	16	16	417	5,873	723	700	165,873	75,302	739	716	166,290
Nelson ..	3	3	1,216	1,292	21	21	13,119	1,515	24	24	14,335
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	50	51	16,404	3,804	50	51	16,404
Westland ..	1	1	148	150	17	17	19,645	193	18	18	19,793
Canterbury ..	26	26	319	8,953	363	354	217,028	38,872	389	380	217,347
Otago ..	4	4	1,935	5,470	100	96	181,610	11,451	104	100	183,545
Southland ..	6	6	1,026	6,105	70	79	11,225	3,834	76	85	12,251
Totals ..	119	118	8,830	52,333	2,567	2,546	918,063	216,114	2,686	2,664	926,893

*Under other Acts. (This includes lands selected at ordinary ballots, leases and licenses purchased at auction, and holdings acquired by transfer or otherwise.)*

North Auckland ..	12	12	1,173	1,325	107	104	24,103	3,506	119	116	25,276
Auckland ..	54	52	22,816	20,604	341	311	145,749	7,361	395	363	168,565
Gisborne ..	..	..	..	..	46	43	41,174	4,298	46	43	41,174
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	73	84	33,772	7,682	73	84	33,772
Taranaki ..	7	6	1,776	7,479	135	132	57,923	3,797	142	138	59,699
Wellington ..	3	3	221	1,081	162	157	57,187	34,680	165	160	57,408
Nelson ..	3	3	1,099	586	95	87	49,081	1,072	98	90	50,180
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	108	95	233,004	6,073	108	95	233,004
Westland ..	1	1	200	168	63	59	16,158	341	64	60	16,358
Canterbury ..	3	3	56	386	202	206	151,005	21,429	205	209	151,061
Otago ..	3	3	76	457	205	200	860,571	20,881	208	203	860,647
Southland ..	1	1	127	40	71	86	80,002	2,806	72	87	80,129
Totals ..	87	84	27,544	32,126	1,608	1,564	1,749,729	113,926	1,695	1,648	1,777,273
Grand totals ..	206	202	36,374	84,459	4,175	4,110	2,667,792	330,040	4,381	4,312	2,704,166

TABLE 2.  
STATEMENT OF MORTGAGE TRANSACTIONS, FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1936.

District.	Balance at 31st March, 1935, including Postponements.			Advances during Year.			Repayments during Year.			Principal.			Transfers to Realization and other Accounts.			Balance on Mortgage at 31st March, 1936, including Postponements.			Charges during Year.			Receipts during Year.			Losses, Rebates, Remissions, and Transfers to other Accounts.			Balance at 31st March, 1936, including Postponements.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
North Auckland—																														
Current account	321,231	13	4	41,140	17	11	52,139	14	1	5,678	13	9	304,554	3	5	20,374	11	10	15,878	1	11	16,749	3	0	1,140	1	10	18,363	8	11
Farms, orchards, &c.	1,161,332	2	10	210	0	0	24,969	15	5	7,389	1	8	1,129,184	5	9	70,173	3	0	57,348	16	8	49,579	4	11	17,233	11	11	60,689	2	10
Dwellings, business premises, &c.	1,246,076	6	5	1,488	4	11	56,788	9	2	30,771	0	1	1,160,905	2	1	14,663	11	1	59,159	19	5	55,779	11	0	6,249	5	4	11,794	14	2
Total ..	2,728,641	2	7	42,839	2	10	165,897	18	8	43,838	15	6	2,593,743	11	3	405,181	5	11	132,386	18	0	122,107	18	11	24,612	19	1	90,847	5	11
Auckland—																														
Current account	357,375	19	5	63,166	10	4	74,613	12	6	14,202	12	1	331,726	5	2	22,557	9	3	17,943	1	7	17,926	10	6	1,904	3	7	20,269	16	9
Farms, orchards, &c.	958,214	10	5	290	18	0	43,627	17	4	Dr. 2,090	17	4	911,878	8	5	40,833	12	3	46,341	4	6	42,193	14	3	5,293	16	0	39,887	6	6
Dwellings, business premises, &c.	296,731	2	2	422	0	5	17,131	3	3	2,676	6	6	277,545	12	10	3,898	19	4	14,601	18	0	13,882	13	3	1,626	7	1	3,021	17	0
Total ..	1,607,321	12	0	63,789	8	9	135,372	13	1	14,788	1	3	1,320,930	6	5	67,289	0	10	78,746	4	1	74,002	18	0	8,824	6	8	63,179	0	3
Gisborne—																														
Current account	37,196	10	10	13,337	10	6	16,644	17	6	415	0	4	33,384	3	6	2,303	17	9	1,962	4	0	2,463	6	7	589	13	1	2,302	2	1
Farms, orchards, &c.	149,959	10	3	..	..	..	3,190	13	1	68	16	1	146,760	1	1	7,436	13	2	7,927	19	11	6,192	4	11	4,119	10	7	5,112	17	7
Dwellings, business premises, &c.	110,947	18	11	254	4	1	5,030	17	5	50	13	0	106,159	12	7	3,441	18	9	5,483	17	7	4,985	13	10	478	11	11	2,463	10	7
Total ..	298,014	0	0	13,591	14	7	24,866	8	0	504	9	5	286,234	17	2	12,242	9	8	15,466	1	6	12,641	5	4	5,128	15	7	9,878	10	3
Napier—																														
Current account	142,050	15	2	53,325	13	8	63,638	11	7	6,180	13	3	126,137	4	0	13,880	18	1	6,893	16	10	5,540	12	2	2,438	4	7	12,795	18	2
Farms, orchards, &c.	321,984	3	11	379	18	0	7,275	5	2	Dr. 792	9	2	315,881	5	11	21,065	5	7	13,131	9	2	10,864	4	2	6,847	12	11	19,484	17	8
Dwellings, business premises, &c.	265,671	3	1	1,092	19	0	15,564	2	6	3,230	17	5	248,029	2	2	4,612	10	6	12,686	12	7	12,326	1	3	1,930	19	6	2,742	2	4
Total ..	729,706	2	2	54,798	10	8	85,817	19	3	8,619	1	6	690,067	12	1	38,538	14	2	36,011	18	7	28,730	17	7	11,216	17	0	35,022	18	2
Taranaki—																														
Current account	102,507	8	8	66,347	13	3	72,806	17	5	2,100	0	10	93,948	3	8	4,375	19	6	5,663	16	11	4,984	18	6	289	14	3	4,765	3	8
Farms, orchards, &c.	642,182	3	0	675	4	8	9,653	9	4	12,754	19	3	620,448	19	1	27,512	13	6	31,775	18	5	25,867	5	8	7,137	1	6	26,284	4	9
Dwellings, business premises, &c.	229,341	11	2	29	15	3	13,079	2	0	1,333	3	8	214,939	0	7	1,676	10	1	11,236	5	5	10,343	12	0	1,469	0	5	1,150	3	1
Total ..	974,031	2	10	67,052	13	2	95,539	8	9	16,188	3	11	929,356	3	4	33,565	3	1	48,736	0	9	41,195	16	2	8,895	16	2	32,199	11	3
Wellington—																														
Current account	391,055	13	9	75,181	13	8	93,991	6	8	1,213	4	2	281,032	16	7	13,604	10	6	15,304	19	3	13,781	0	8	904	17	0	14,223	12	1
Farms, orchards, &c.	797,869	4	5	1,000	0	0	11,560	5	1	1,146	19	8	786,161	19	8	30,155	14	9	38,342	8	8	31,018	4	6	4,878	3	5	32,601	15	6
Dwellings, business premises, &c.	987,014	7	1	3,680	1	9	61,383	15	3	5,391	11	5	923,919	2	2	8,481	2	6	48,625	6	1	44,805	7	4	5,525	13	4	6,775	7	11
Total ..	2,085,939	5	3	79,861	15	5	166,935	7	0	7,751	15	3	1,991,113	18	5	52,241	7	9	102,272	14	0	89,604	12	6	11,308	13	9	53,600	15	6



<b>Blenheim—</b>		21,533	7 11	8,290	2 8	9,460	17 6	399	7 5	19,963	5 8	3,520	18 8	1,117	3 4	646	5 9	307	0 8	3,684	15 7
Current account	..	179,493	4 6	73	10 0	2,261	13 4	5	6 10	177,299	14 4	12,534	17 5	8,971	10 5	4,812	17 8	4,353	16 6	12,339	13 8
Farms, orchards, &c.	..	60,098	8 6	281	4 2	2,848	2 4	Dr. 1,293	16 7	58,825	6 11	770	1 0	2,994	13 11	2,765	19 4	345	10 9	653	4 10
Dwellings, business premises, &c.	..																				
Total ..	..	261,125	0 11	8,644	16 10	14,570	13 2	Dr. 889	2 4	256,088	6 11	16,825	17 1	13,083	7 8	8,225	2 9	5,006	7 11	16,677	14 1
<b>Nelson—</b>		47,285	8 6	7,196	6 7	11,142	6 2	582	15 9	42,756	13 2	4,878	10 1	2,303	4 10	1,775	7 11	382	9 7	5,023	17 5
Current account	..	265,266	14 2	..	..	5,456	1 6	2,090	18 0	257,719	14 8	17,177	19 8	12,992	0 3	10,167	3 9	3,421	3 9	16,581	12 5
Farms, orchards, &c.	..	39,874	2 3	..	..	3,452	5 9	630	9 6	35,791	7 0	355	14 10	1,898	5 3	1,732	10 8	183	8 9	338	0 8
Dwellings, business premises, &c.	..																				
Total ..	..	352,426	4 11	7,196	6 7	20,050	13 5	3,304	3 3	336,267	14 10	22,412	4 7	17,193	10 4	13,675	2 4	3,987	2 1	21,943	10 6
<b>Hokitika—</b>		17,977	3 7	2,689	9 5	3,812	14 0	712	13 11	16,141	5 1	1,873	0 7	861	2 11	564	18 2	593	13 3	1,575	12 1
Current account	..	71,500	12 6	50	0 0	741	13 9	3,221	4 7	67,586	14 2	7,352	8 1	3,529	14 0	1,978	2 8	3,227	15 0	5,676	4 5
Farms, orchards, &c.	..	15,074	4 8	185	0 0	862	1 9	4	10 6	14,392	12 5	269	15 9	725	0 1	710	9 3	38	18 8	245	7 10
Dwellings, business premises, &c.	..																				
Total ..	..	104,552	0 9	2,924	9 5	5,416	9 6	3,938	9 0	98,120	11 8	9,495	4 5	5,115	17 0	3,253	10 1	3,860	7 0	7,497	4 4
<b>Canterbury—</b>		113,566	3 4	97,993	19 11	97,339	14 5	3,423	15 5	110,796	13 5	14,918	15 3	6,190	8 9	4,668	4 10	3,307	5 1	13,133	14 1
Current account	..	831,346	13 9	405	6 1	12,876	1 8	Dr. 2,250	17 8	821,126	15 10	54,307	10 11	41,631	14 2	26,573	3 0	18,784	9 6	50,581	12 7
Farms, orchards, &c.	..	723,178	12 0	1,842	1 6	41,437	14 10	Dr. 4,761	5 0	688,344	3 8	8,941	6 0	35,246	16 7	33,697	0 6	3,377	7 8	7,113	14 5
Dwellings, business premises, &c.	..																				
Total ..	..	1,668,091	9 1	100,241	7 6	151,653	10 11	Dr. 3,588	7 3	1,620,267	12 11	78,167	12 2	83,068	19 6	64,938	8 4	25,469	2 3	70,829	1 1
<b>Otago—</b>		46,712	4 10	25,512	6 11	29,320	16 1	Dr. 200	18 10	43,104	14 6	5,391	12 8	2,347	8 11	1,677	7 6	408	16 4	5,652	17 9
Current account	..	286,294	12 5	276	11 6	9,811	7 4	Dr. 1,136	8 11	277,896	5 6	19,385	7 3	13,877	5 5	10,395	4 9	6,823	6 2	16,044	1 9
Farms, orchards, &c.	..	237,193	4 0	1,242	19 0	24,950	1 1	253	6 2	213,232	15 9	926	16 9	11,325	8 4	10,587	8 8	877	18 9	786	17 8
Dwellings, business premises, &c.	..																				
Total ..	..	570,200	1 3	27,031	17 5	64,082	4 6	Dr. 1,084	1 7	534,233	15 9	25,703	16 8	27,550	2 8	22,660	0 11	8,110	1 3	22,483	17 2
<b>Southland—</b>		76,031	0 7	36,298	1 6	37,467	17 2	1,925	7 10	72,935	17 1	8,590	14 11	4,019	7 8	2,469	17 0	3,370	9 5	6,769	16 2
Current account	..	344,229	14 1	61	0 0	11,407	0 2	Dr. 2,426	3 6	335,309	17 5	22,826	11 3	16,526	8 1	10,316	13 6	10,348	4 11	18,688	0 11
Farms, orchards, &c.	..	89,862	1 4	131	8 3	8,224	18 6	109	13 10	81,658	17 3	1,303	12 7	4,386	4 3	3,607	2 8	538	10 11	1,544	3 3
Dwellings, business premises, &c.	..																				
Total ..	..	510,122	16 0	36,490	9 9	57,099	15 10	Dr. 391	1 10	489,904	11 9	32,720	18 9	24,932	0 0	16,393	13 2	14,257	5 3	27,002	0 4

## SUMMARY.

## Name of Account.

Current account	..	1,584,433	9 11	490,480	6 4	561,779	5 1	36,633	5 11	1,476,501	5 3	116,270	19 1	80,114	16 11	72,247	12 7	15,577	8 8	108,560	14 9
Farms, orchards, &c.	..	6,004,674	6 3	3,332	8 3	142,831	3 2	17,981	9 6	5,847,194	1 10	330,821	16 10	295,596	9 8	229,958	3 9	92,488	12 2	303,971	10 7
Dwellings, business premises, &c.	..	4,301,063	1 7	10,649	18 4	250,692	13 10	38,366	10 8	4,022,653	15 5	47,681	19 2	208,782	7 6	195,223	9 9	22,611	13 2	38,629	3 9
Grand totals	..	11,890,170	17 9	504,462	12 11	955,303	2 1	92,981	6 1	11,346,349	2 6	494,774	15 1	584,493	14 1	497,429	6 1	130,677	14 0	451,161	9 1

## DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1936.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Payments.</i>			
To Balance as at 1st April, 1935	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	By Annual appropriation—	£	s. d.
Cash .. ..	586,481	18 7			Vote, Expenses of management—		
Imprests outstanding ..	7,666	0 5			Administration ..	38,850	0 0
			594,147	19 0	Advances to civilian mortgagors, repairs to properties, &c.—		
Receipts in respect of advances, &c.—					Current Account advances	4,655	15 6
Repayments of principal—					Dwelling advances ..	1,307	13 9
Current Account ..	561,779	5 1			Miscellaneous advances ..	1,642	12 3
Farms, orchards, &c. ..	142,831	3 2			Farms advances ..	324	18 0
Dwellings ..	250,692	13 10			Miscellaneous expenditure on		
Buildings Account ..	621	9 6			Crown properties ..	6,338	17 11
Sale of live and dead stock, &c. ..	27	6 11			Capital expenditure on properties acquired by Crown—		
Miscellaneous advances	5,000	0 10			Freehold ..	8,108	12 2
Receipts on account of properties held by the Crown—					Leasehold ..	139	6 6
Freehold ..	10,721	4 8			Payment of instalments on State Advances Corporation mortgages ..	91	6 10
Leasehold ..	2,095	19 9			Expenses of working properties acquired by Crown	14,133	3 2
Receipts from working of properties acquired by the Crown ..	16,719	4 7			Rent : McGregor Block ..	476	18 8
Receipts on account of properties in course of realization ..	16,736	13 10			Travelling expenses ..	741	16 4
Sale of properties on deferred payment ..	136	11 1			Expenditure in connection with properties in course of realization ..	474	12 0
Recovery of bad debts	106	8 4			Printing and stationery ..	156	6 8
Merged transactions under Discharged Soldiers Settlement Amendment Act, 1923, section 20 (3): Principal instalments ..	359	10 4			Audit fees ..	700	0 0
							78,141 19 9
					Advances under sections 6 and 9, Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915—		
Interest and rents—					Current Account ..	485,824	10 10
Interest—					Farms, orchards, &c. ..	3,007	10 3
Current Account ..	72,247	12 7			Dwellings, &c. ..	9,342	4 7
Dwellings ..	195,223	9 9			Miscellaneous advances ..	5,248	19 3
Farms ..	229,958	3 9			Expenditure in connection with properties in course of realization ..	5,755	5 9
Buildings ..	972	8 6					509,178 10 8
Interest on sales of properties on deferred payment ..	87	14 7			Suspense Account: Amounts allocated—		
Section 20 (3): Interest instalments ..	1,970	5 1			Fire Loss Suspense ..	10,166	9 3
Miscellaneous ..	110	6 11			Suspense Account ..	10,151	7 4
Rents ..	43,651	7 7					20,317 16 7
					Interest recouped to the Consolidated Fund—		
	544,221	8 9			Interest on debentures ..	150,385	1 0
Miscellaneous receipts ..	1,282	16 10			Interest on advances obtained by hypothecation of securities ..	114,768	9 10
			1,553,331	17 6	Interest on transfer from Consolidated Fund ..	200,000	0 0
Suspense Account: Receipts awaiting allocation—							465,153 10 10
Fire Loss Suspense ..	8,280	17 4			Repayment of advances obtained by hypothecation of securities ..	950,000	0 0
Suspense Account ..	9,222	3 11			Management charges of Consolidated stock ..	78	5 2
			17,503	1 3	Stamp duty on transfer of Consolidated stock ..	120	1 1
Interest on investments ..			10,215	3 6	Charges and expenses of raising loans ..	456	12 11
					Balance as at 31st March, 1936—		
					Cash ..	144,273	15 5
					Imprest outstanding ..	7,477	8 10
							151,751 4 3
			£2,175,198	1 3			£2,175,198 1 3

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT—*continued*.

## REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1936.

<i>Dr.</i>				<i>Cr.</i>			
To Interest and sundry charges <i>re</i>				By Interest on advances—			
loans—	£	s. d.	£	Current Account ..	£	s. d.	£
Hypothecation of securities ..	114,768	9 10		Farms, &c. ..	295,608	18 7	
Interest on debentures ..	148,358	8 6		Dwellings ..	208,782	7 6	
Interest on amount trans-				Merged interests ..	1,824	15 7	
ferred from Consolidated				Buildings ..	969	19 2	
Fund ..	240,000	0 0		Sales ..	108	17 5	
Interest on redemptions from				Miscellaneous ..	206	12 7	
Public Debt Repayment							587,616 7 9
Account ..	31,124	0 3		Rents from properties acquired by the Crown ..			52,553 6 6
Management charges of stock	78	5 2		Interest on surplus funds temporarily invested			10,214 4 3
Stamp duty on transfers ..	120	1 1		Surplus on disposal of properties ..			876 5 2
Charges and expenses of				Transfer and production fees, &c. ..			362 12 10
raising loans, &c. ..	456	12 11		Miscellaneous ..			63 13 4
Cost of London conversion				Profit on working farms acquired by the Crown			748 9 6
loan ..	9,988	2 0		Recovery of bad debts ..			287 12 11
			544,893 19 9	Balance : Loss for year carried down			158,557 8 5
Expenses of management—							
Costs recouped to Vote, Lands							
and Survey ..	38,850	0 0					
Rebates ..	26,577	19 5					
Miscellaneous expenditure on							
Crown properties ..	6,371	15 10					
Audit fees ..	700	0 0					
Travelling-expenses ..	751	14 7					
Printing and stationery ..	157	14 8					
Commission, miscellaneous ..	14	3 6					
			73,423 8 0				
Remissions—							
Land Board recommenda-							
tions ..	64,611	13 7					
Under Mortgagors and Ten-							
ants Relief Act, 1933 ..	7,334	1 9					
			71,945 15 4				
Reduction in value of securi-							
ties—							
Losses on realization : Writ-							
ings-off in Suspense ..	93,804	18 2					
Losses on properties acquired							
by the Crown ..	25,369	17 11					
Reduction of mortgages, &c.,							
by Dominion Revaluation							
Board ..	1,460	9 4					
Depreciation in value of							
Native lease : McGregor							
Block ..	381	12 2					
			121,016 17 7				
			£811,280 0 8				£811,280 0 8
	£	s. d.			£	s. d.	
To Balance : Loss for year brought down	..	158,557 8 5		By Adjustment previous year	..	0 16 7	
Balance forward from previous year	..	913,611 14 7		Balance : Accumulated loss to 31st March,			
				1936 ..	1,072,168	6 5	
			£1,072,169 3 0				£1,072,169 3 0

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT—*continued.*

BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1936.

Liabilities.		Assets.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Capital—		Advances on mortgages—	
Transfer from Consolidated Fund at 4 per cent. ..	13,500,000 0 0	Current Account ..	1,476,501 5 3
Reduction under section 22, Finance Act, 1927 (No. 2) ..	2,650,000 0 0	Farms, orchards, &c. ..	5,563,461 14 10
	10,850,000 0 0	Dwellings ..	3,897,943 0 4
Less repaid as per Finance Act, 1931 (No. 4) ..	4,850,000 0 0		10,937,906 0 5
	6,000,000 0 0	Land leased under sections 4 and 5 of Discharged Soldiers Settlement Amendment Act, 1921-22 ..	432,745 12 9
Depreciation Fund ..	46,160 0 0	Buildings: Unpaid purchase price (not yet payable) of buildings, &c., on Crown properties	19,686 4 8
Redemption from Public Debt Repayment Account ..	778,116 19 8	Sundry advances merged with value of Crown lands (section 20, Discharged Soldiers Settlement Amendment Act, 1923) ..	32,728 0 0
Debentures issued (at 3 per cent., £265,483 18s. 8d.; at 3½ per cent., £416,130; at 3¾ per cent., £136,500; at 4 per cent., £2,956,880; at 5½ per cent., £400)	3,775,393 18 8	Deferred-payment sales under section 9, Discharged Soldiers Settlement Amendment Act, 1921-22 ..	2,027 8 5
Hypothecation of securities, section 7 (2), Finance Act, 1931 (No. 4), at 3 per cent. ..	2,900,000 0 0	Realization Account: Properties in course of realization ..	195,687 19 8
	13,499,670 18 4	Properties acquired by the Crown on realization ..	739,263 8 7
Employment Promotion Fund: Capital ..	166 4 4	Less State Advances Corporation interests ..	911 16 6
Sundry creditors for interest—			738,351 12 1
Interest due and unpaid on debentures ..	£ 376 3 2	Live-stock, &c. ..	14,046 17 6
Interest due and unpaid on transfer from Consolidated Fund ..	915,884 18 7	Capital expenditure, Employment Promotion Fund ..	166 4 4
Interest accrued on transfer from Consolidated Fund ..	19,726 0 7	Sundry debtors for principal instalments—	
Interest accrued on debentures ..	38,662 1 3	Farms Account ..	£ 204,314 4 0
Interest on redemptions from Public Debt Repayment Account ..	99,754 10 10	Dwellings ..	121,472 16 3
Interest paid from Consolidated Fund ..	108 12 6	Merged transactions ..	1,925 19 8
	1,074,512 6 11	Buildings Account ..	2,122 11 2
Sundry creditors—Miscellaneous services—		Deferred-payment sales ..	9 14 5
Miscellaneous ..	7,378 9 10		329,845 5 6
Departmental ..	1,004 5 11	Sundry debtors for interest—	
	8,382 15 9	Current Account ..	102,410 1 8
Miscellaneous credit balances on debtors' accounts—		Farms Account ..	241,310 14 9
Advances—		Dwellings ..	36,649 8 3
Current Account ..	8,563 9 5	Merged transactions ..	2,901 1 0
Dwellings ..	8 15 2	Buildings Account ..	1,281 13 5
Principal instalments—		Deferred-payment sales ..	29 6 6
Farms, &c. ..	727 13 11	Miscellaneous advances ..	121 2 6
Dwellings, &c. ..	744 2 3		384,703 8 1
Miscellaneous advances ..	904 17 0	Sundry debtors for—	
Interest—		Rents of properties ..	44,071 9 7
Current Account ..	154 6 2	Miscellaneous advances ..	3,754 16 8
Farms, &c. ..	3,136 2 10	Departmental ..	492 0 4
Dwellings ..	891 16 5		48,318 6 7
Buildings ..	84 5 4	Postponements—	
Miscellaneous ..	0 19 9	Under Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts, &c.—	
Deferred payments ..	0 7 2	Instalments of principal—	
Rents ..	604 15 5	Farms ..	74,204 18 1
	15,821 10 10	Dwellings ..	3,079 18 2
Rents charged in advance ..	5,699 18 8	Buildings ..	151 5 4
Interest charged in advance ..	114 17 6		77,436 1 7
Suspense Accounts—		Interest—	
Fire Loss Account ..	4,114 7 8	Current Account ..	5,366 18 10
Receipts unallocated ..	2,315 16 2	Farms ..	59,075 2 7
Surpluses on realization not yet allocated ..	1,914 8 10	Dwellings ..	1,870 12 3
	8,344 12 8	Buildings ..	36 2 6
Writings-off in Suspense ..	92,187 0 7	Rent ..	3,048 9 2
Liabilities discharged under section 22, Finance Act, 1927 (No. 2), to write off accumulated losses, as per contra ..	3,969,759 10 11		69,397 5 4
	£18,674,659 16 6	Under Mortgagors and Tenants Relief Act, 1933—	
		Instalments of principal—	
		Farms ..	5,213 4 11
		Dwellings ..	158 0 8
			5,371 5 7
		Interest—	
		Farms ..	3,598 2 2
		Dwellings ..	109 3 3
		Current Account ..	783 14 3
			4,490 19 8
		Rent ..	15 0 0
		Interest on advances accrued but not due ..	94,454 17 8
		Losses in Suspense ..	92,187 0 7
		Remissions in Suspense: Rural Mortgagors' Final Adjustment Act, 1934-35 ..	1,415 4 6
		Cash balance—	
		In Public Account ..	144,273 15 5
		Imprests outstanding ..	7,477 8 10
			151,751 4 3
		Revenue Account: Accumulated loss ..	1,072,168 6 5
		Accumulated losses written off under section 22, Finance Act, 1927 (No. 2) ..	3,969,759 10 11
			£18,674,659 16 6

W. ROBERTSON, Under-Secretary for Lands.  
WM. E. SHAW, Chief Accountant.

I hereby certify that the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet have been duly examined and compared with the relative books and documents submitted for audit, and correctly state the position as disclosed thereby, subject to the comment that no charge for the cost of exchange on payments made in London is included in the account.—  
J. H. FOWLER, Deputy Controller and Auditor-General.

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