

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

|                             |    |    |    |    |    |          |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----------|
| Number of settlers assisted | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 513      |
| Loans approved—             |    |    |    |    |    | £        |
| Improvements                | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 247,209  |
| Stock                       | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 17,725   |
| Total                       | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | £264,934 |
| Amounts actually advanced—  |    |    |    |    |    | £        |
| Improvements                | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 202,595  |
| Stock                       | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10,437   |
| Total                       | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | £213,032 |

#### SMALL-FARMS SCHEME.

During the year ended 31st March, 1938, marked progress has been made by the Small-farms Board in its activities. Further areas have been brought under development, and much has been done to stabilize the position of the tenants already established by the Board.

The Board is now definitely concentrating on the development and reconditioning of areas of Crown land or reverted Crown leaseholds. The operations are carried out under strict supervision, and the work is done by unemployed men working on a wage basis of £4 per week. Although the development operations are going on in most districts, the major schemes are in the North Island, and are supervised by the Superintendents of Land-development at Te Kuiti and Auckland.

In August, 1937, Cabinet approved of the employment of an additional 400 men on the reconditioning of reverted Crown leaseholds and securities, and the following areas were taken over by the Small-farms Board to give employment to these men:—

#### (1) *Under Superintendent, Te Kuiti.*

|                                     | Acres. |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Te Tahī .. .. .                     | 429    |
| Te Rau-a-Moa .. .. .                | 380    |
| Late E. J. Smith's property .. .. . | 165    |
| Arohena .. .. .                     | 1,407  |
| Late Cooper Bros.' property .. .. . | 105    |
| Stanley's .. .. .                   | 177    |
| Merrin's .. .. .                    | 200    |
| Clifton's .. .. .                   | 612    |
| Robertson's .. .. .                 | 158    |
| Patoto .. .. .                      | 720    |
| Brickland's .. .. .                 | 156    |
| Northcott's .. .. .                 | 514    |
| O'Sullivan's .. .. .                | 560    |
| Brough's .. .. .                    | 1,053  |
| West's .. .. .                      | 657    |
| Olsen's .. .. .                     | 184    |
| Nicol's .. .. .                     | 163    |
| Jensen's .. .. .                    | 773    |
| Crawford's .. .. .                  | 200    |
| Waihuka .. .. .                     | 2,805  |

#### (2) *Under Superintendent, Auckland.*

|                             | Acres. |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Tarawera No. 2 .. .. .      | 909    |
| Orini .. .. .               | 170    |
| Whirinaki .. .. .           | 1,200  |
| Tokoroa .. .. .             | 5,000  |
| Kerepechi Extension .. .. . | 2,300  |
| Wharere Extension .. .. .   | 1,610  |
| Pouarua .. .. .             | 11,000 |

The separate reports of the Land-development Superintendents which are published herein will show how the carrying-capacity and production figures on the various blocks under their control have improved during the year.

During the year the Board completed its operations, fixed charges, and handed over to the individual tenants on the following blocks:—

#### *North Auckland District.*

|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| Wilson's.  | Taipuha.        |
| Bassett's. | Church Mission. |

#### *Auckland Land District.*

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| Wainui South. | Tarawera No. 1. |
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