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NEW ZEALAND.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEY.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1940.

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

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 1st June, 1940.

SIR,—

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, 1940.

I have, &c.,
R. G. MACMORRAN,
Under-Secretary.

The Hon. Frank Langstone, Minister of Lands.

LANDS PROCLAIMED.

The lands set apart for selection by discharged soldiers during the year totalled 1,165 acres, making a grand total of 1,455,386 acres proclaimed since the inception of the scheme. This large area is made up as follows:

Class of Land.	Area (Acres).
Ordinary Crown lands	1,048,136
Land-for-settlements land	403,894
Cheviot Estate land	3,356
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	1,455,386

Proclamations have been issued revoking the setting-apart of 240,779 acres of Crown land and 105,697 acres of land-for-settlements land.

APPLICATIONS FOR LAND.

Two applications for land under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, 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
" 1937	8	8	1,877
" 1938	1	4*	315
" 1939	1	1	11
" 1940	2	2	323
Totals for twenty-four years	15,177	4,108	1,443,314

* Includes additions to existing holdings.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT.

The Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account was abolished by section 6 of the Finance Act, 1937.

TOTAL LANDS ACQUIRED FROM THE CROWN BY DISCHARGED SOLDIERS AND HELD AT THE 31ST MARCH, 1940.

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	13	12	2,460	3,365	258	258	43,640	7,984	271	270	46,100
Auckland	66	66	4,633	31,048	447	417	68,120	18,172	513	513	72,753
Gisborne	3	3	589	3,567	95	121	47,213	5,581	98	121	47,802
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	197	217	78,097	25,360	197	217	78,097
Taranaki	3	5	406	3,830	82	79	20,788	5,469	85	84	21,191
Wellington	16	16	417	5,873	723	700	165,873	75,302	739	716	166,290
Nelson	3	3	1,216	1,292	20	20	12,916	1,492	23	23	14,132
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	41	42	12,613	2,247	41	42	12,613
Westland	1	1	148	150	17	17	49,645	193	18	18	49,793
Canterbury	30	30	1,741	15,493	350	340	215,292	35,093	380	370	217,033
Otago	4	4	1,935	5,470	100	96	181,619	11,451	191	100	183,545
Southland	5	5	1,026	6,010	66	74	40,759	3,547	71	79	41,785
Totals	144	145	14,571	76,098	2,396	2,411	876,566	191,864	2,540	2,556	891,137
<i>Under other Acts. (This includes lands selected at ordinary ballots, leases and licenses purchased at auction, and holdings acquired by transfer or otherwise.)</i>											
North Auckland	12	12	1,173	1,325	107	104	21,103	3,506	119	116	25,276
Auckland	54	52	22,816	20,601	341	311	145,749	7,364	395	363	168,565
Gisborne	2	2	164	3,640	37	41	37,439	2,580	39	46	37,603
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	75	87	39,271	8,152	75	87	39,271
Taranaki	7	6	1,776	7,478	134	131	57,760	3,787	141	137	59,536
Wellington	3	3	221	1,081	166	161	58,935	34,728	169	164	59,156
Nelson	3	3	1,099	586	92	84	47,398	1,039	95	87	48,497
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	108	95	233,004	6,073	108	95	233,004
Westland	1	1	200	168	63	59	16,158	329	64	60	16,358
Canterbury	3	3	56	386	196	202	147,900	16,718	199	205	147,956
Otago	3	3	76	457	205	200	860,571	20,881	208	203	860,647
Southland	1	1	127	40	70	85	79,959	2,824	71	86	80,086
Totals	89	86	27,708	35,765	1,594	1,563	1,748,247	107,978	1,683	1,619	1,775,955
Grand totals	233	231	42,279	111,863	3,990	3,974	2,624,813	296,839	4,223	4,205	2,667,092

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