

LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN

Tables A, B, and C appearing later in this report show details of properties purchased and acquired during the year for development and for the settlement of ex-servicemen. Summarized, the figures for the twelve months ending 31st March, 1949, and from the inception of the ex-servicemen settlement scheme up to 31st March, 1949, are :—

	Year Ended 31st March, 1949.		From Inception to 31st March, 1949.	
	Area (Acres).	Estimated Number of Units.	Area (Acres).	Estimated Number of Units.
Purchased by voluntary negotiation	208,454	296	662,696	1,216
Acquired compulsorily under Part II, Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943	32,904	127	108,301	338
Acquired compulsorily under section 51, Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943	8,364	38	122,441	405
Totals	249,722	461	893,438	1,959
Total for previous twelve months ended 31st March, 1948	205,069*	362		
Some of these properties or portions thereof have been utilized for the following purposes :—				
(a) To Maori Affairs Department for the settlement of Maori ex-servicemen.				
(b) To Department of Agriculture for experimental purposes.				
(c) To State Forest Service for afforestation purposes. (Unsuitable for farming.)				
(d) To adjoining owners to square up boundaries.				
(e) Requiring long-term development.				
The total of these utilizations is			54,775	40
Balance			838,663	1,919
Prior to the war the Department had various areas of Crown land under development for civilian settlement, and those areas suitable for early settlement have been set aside for the settlement of ex-servicemen.				
The total set aside is			81,086	320
Total area available for ex-servicemen settlement			919,749	2,239
Allotments made to ex-servicemen at 31st March, 1949—				
(a) On fixed charges : 282,012 acres (944 units)			471,682	1,277
(b) On wages with promise of permanent allotment on completion of development : 189,670 acres (333 units)				
Balance, area on hand for allotment to ex-servicemen on completion of development			448,067	962

* After adjustments on surveys.