

In order to supplement the operations of the Department in connection with workers' dwellings in the towns, the Municipal Corporations Amendment Act of last year makes similar provision to that above referred to in the Counties Amendment Act of that session, and enables the local authorities in towns to purchase land and erect workers' dwellings thereon for applicant workers in their respective districts.

Land.—The land set apart or purchased during the year for workers' dwellings comprises the following: Crown land set apart—Waimate, 10½ acres; Tolaga Bay, 3 acres. Land purchased—Frankton, 9 acres; Te Puke, 2¼ acres; Gisborne, 6½ acres; Hastings, 30 acres; Stratford, 5½ acres; Wanganui, 5½ acres; Masterton (town), 8½ acres; Ashburton, 16 acres; Willowbridge, 65 acres; Oamaru, 3 acres.

The areas now available for new dwellings are located as follows: Auckland (Ellerslie and Otahuhu), Huntly, Ngaruawahia, Frankton (Hamilton), Rangataua, Tolaga Bay, Gisborne, Napier (Awatoto and West Shore), Hastings, Waitara, Stratford, Wanganui (Gonville and Puriri Street), Palmerston North, Levin, Masterton, Wellington (Taitville, Johnsonville, and Petone), Blenheim, Nelson, Greymouth, Ashburton, Temuka, Oamaru, Dunedin (Mornington and Ravensbourne), and Invercargill.

RETURNS.

(Made pursuant to section 18 of the Act.)

(a.) THE MONEYS EXPENDED DURING THE PRECEDING FINANCIAL YEAR IN ACQUIRING LAND UNDER THE ACT, IN PREPARING THE SAME FOR WORKERS' DWELLINGS, AND IN ERECTING SUCH DWELLINGS.

	£	s.	d.
Amount expended in acquiring land for workers' dwellings ..	13,601	15	8
Amount expended in preparing land for workers' dwellings ..	1,215	10	10
Amount expended in erecting dwellings ..	26,923	14	7
Amount expended in administration and travelling ..	282	19	0
Total ..	£42,024	0	1*

(b.) THE NUMBER OF DWELLINGS ERECTED DURING THE YEAR AND THE NUMBER DISPOSED OF.

The number of dwellings erected ..	81
The number of dwellings disposed of ..	81

* The total expenditure in connection with workers' dwellings during the year was £42,679 19s. 2d.—viz., £41,741 1s. 1d. out of Public Works Fund and £938 18s. 1d. out of Labour Department's vote. The above return does not include the sum of £655 19s. 1d. incurred for maintenance, fire insurance, rates, &c., upon the dwellings erected and leased to occupants under the Act of 1905, which amount is charged for in the rents collected.

(c.) THE WEEKLY OR OTHER PAYMENTS CONTRACTED FOR, THE AMOUNT OF SUCH PAYMENTS RECEIVED, AND THE AMOUNT OF ARREARS OUTSTANDING.

District.	The Weekly or other Payments contracted for. (Total for Year.)	The Amount of Weekly or other Payments received. (Total for Year)	The Amount of Arrears outstanding on 31st March, 1914.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland— Lawry Settlement ..	2,836 9 7	2,545 8 11	291 0 8
Eccleston Settlement ..	792 0 9	669 3 3	122 17 6
Wellington— Island Bay Settlement ..	919 10 1	862 15 2	56 14 11
Coromandel Street Settlement ..	515 19 5	506 8 7	9 10 10
Heretaunga Settlement (Petone) ..	882 17 1	810 5 7	72 11 6
Christchurch— Camelot Settlement ..	1,115 5 7	1,077 19 1	37 6 6
Walker Settlement ..	557 9 0	486 15 8	70 13 4
Chancellor Street Settlement ..	31 9 3	23 13 4	7 15 11
Dunedin— Windle Settlement ..	697 15 6	637 16 11	59 18 7
Wanganui— Willis Settlement ..	221 11 4	203 1 11	18 9 5
Ballance Settlement ..	235 6 7	225 19 2	9 7 5
Palmerston N.—Loughnan Settlement ..	227 17 5	220 14 0	7 3 5
Greymouth— Cobden Settlement ..	150 18 1	79 16 6	71 1 7
Temuka— Buxton Settlement ..	303 9 1	282 12 1	20 17 0
Timaru— Craigie Settlement ..	322 5 0	292 6 9	29 18 3
Invercargill— Seaward Bush Settlement ..	159 0 6	147 16 2	11 4 4
Totals ..	9,969 4 3	9,072 13 1	*896 11 2

* Most of this amount had just become due at the end of March, and £631 0s. 8d. of same has since been paid.