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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEY.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT.

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE DISCHARGED SOLDIERS  
SETTLEMENT ACT, 1915.

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Leave.*

Department of Lands and Survey,  
Wellington, 1st June, 1916.

SIR,—

The following is the result of the transactions as at the 1st June, 1916:—

Total number of provisional applications received	...	686
Total number granted	...	79
Total area granted	... (acres)	23,794
Total number of soldiers who obtained land under section 24 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1915	...	27
Total area granted under section 24	... (acres)	78,919

At the 31st March, 1916, only 272 provisional applications had been received, and only two applications had been granted. Applications could not be dealt with until the necessary surveys were completed, but from the foregoing it will be observed that much has been done within the last two months, and in addition to this an area of 110,661 acres will shortly be ready for selection. The following are the particulars of the area:—

Land District.	Number of Sections.	Area.	Purpose for which Land suitable.
Auckland	89	13,955	Fruit, dairying, and cultivation.
Hawke's Bay	32	26,220	Sheep-farming.
Taranaki	7	3,122	Mixed farming.
Wellington	130	45,580	Mostly grazing; small portion dairy- ing; nearly all bush land.
Otago	18	21,136	Grazing.
Southland	5	648	Dairying.
	281	110,661	

Total area proclaimed to date under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act: 98,598 acres.

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Under-Secretary for Lands.

The Right Hon. W. F. Massey, P.C., Minister of Lands, Wellington.

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