The number and amounts actually paid over, classified according to tenure of the securities, are as follows:—

				Number.	Amount. £
On freeholds			 	 5 89	215,990
On leaseholds			 	 181	79,285
On freeholds and l	easeholds	combined	 	 9	4,080
Totals			 	 779	£299, 355

The gross profits for the year ended 31st March, 1919, were £67,047, and the cost of management and expenses of the branch £9,725, being 0 105 per cent., or 2s. 1d. per £100 of the capital employed.

The net profits amounted to £55,765.

The sinking fund established under section 26 of the State Advances Act, 1913, amounts to

£844,868, inclusive of the amount held by the Public Trustee (£302,904).

Three leasehold and four freehold securities were realized by the Department during the year. Losses debited, and unpaid instalments in respect of mortgaged properties written off, amount to £1,557.

G. F. C. CAMPBELL, Superintendent.

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ADVANCES TO WORKERS BRANCH

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The following is a statement showing the advances to workers authorized by the Board during the year, and classified according to provincial districts:—

Provincial District.	Ū	-		A	Number of pplications.	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Amount of Advances} \\ \textbf{authorized.} \\ \textbf{£} \end{array}$
$\mathbf{Auckland}$			 		97	37,220
Taranaki			 		10	2,100
Hawke's Bay			 		11	3,770
Wellington		• •	 		128	37 ,8 6 0
Marlborough			 		9	2,500
Nelson			 		5	1,365
Canterbury			 		85	26,725
Otago			 		23	7,085
Southland	• •		 • •	• •	4	930
Total	s		 		${372}$	£119.555

The total of advances to workers now current and the tenure of the securities are as follows:-

			Number.	Amount.	8.	d.
On freeholds		 	 9,093	2,474,766	8	$\bar{3}$
On leaseholds	••	 • •	 582	101,812	3	9
•						
Totals		 	 9.675	£2.576.578	12	0

The advances to workers actually paid over during the year ended 31st March, 1919, on freehold and leasehold are as follows:—

				Number.	Amount. £
On freeholds		 		\dots 256	86,150
On leaseholds	• •	 	• •	4	1,4 4 0
Totals	• •,	 • •		260	£87, 5 90

The gross profits for the year ended 31st March, 1919, were £13,387, and the cost of management and expenses of the branch £2,967, being 0·123 per cent., or 2s. 5d. per £100 of the capital employed. The net profits amounted to £10,145, of which the sum of £8,000 has been applied in writing down loan charges.

The sinking fund established under section 26 of the State Advances Act, 1913, amounts to

£49,257, inclusive of the amount held by the Public Trustee (£2,715).

Seven freehold and one leasehold securities were realized by the Department during the year. Losses debited, and unpaid instalments in respect of mortgaged properties written off, amount to £274.

G. F. C. CAMPBELL, Superintendent.

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