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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEY.

# DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1921.

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SIR,—

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 10th June, 1921.

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, 1921.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. D. H. Guthrie, Minister of Lands.

T. N. BRODRICK,  
Under-Secretary.

## REPORT.

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### REVIEW OF POSITION.

At the close of the year ended 31st March, 1920, commitments to the amount of £12,610,254 had been made out of a total loan authority of £14,000,000, leaving £1,390,000 available for further advances. The Discharged Soldiers Settlement Loan Act passed during the year gave authority to borrow an additional £6,000,000, and under the Appropriation Act a further £1,000,000 was provided, making a total of £8,390,000 available for advances in the past twelve months.

During this period the sum of £5,331,726 was authorized to be advanced, which, with the amounts previously authorized, made a total of £17,941,980 of commitments, leaving an unexpended authority of about £1,297,324 for advances after the 31st March, 1921. The advances made up to the end of the year had benefited 17,853 discharged soldiers, comprising 5,331 who had been assisted to