

The following is a statement of expenditure and loans approved during the year:—

Summary of Expenditure approved during the Year ended 31st March, 1921.

Name of Vote or Account.	Net Amount voted.	Gross Expenditure.	Recoveries.	Net Expenditure.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Consolidated Fund.</i>				
Lands and Survey	238,732	310,569 14 2	99,073 0 0	211,496 14 2
Lands and Survey, Miscellaneous	129,931	95,706 9 4	14,353 9 4	81,353 0 0
Land for Settlements Expenses	14,605	4,248 1 6	52 12 0	4,195 9 6
Scenery-preservation Account.. .. .	14,915	3,825 0 0	..	3,825 0 0
Totals	398,183	414,349 5 0	113,479 1 4	300,870 3 8
<i>Public Works Fund.</i>				
Improved-farm Settlements	450	34 10 0	607 12 0	Cr. 573 2 0
Lands, Miscellaneous	11,550	2,736 4 11	100 10 5	2,635 14 6
Totals	12,000	2,770 14 11	708 2 5	2,062 12 6
<i>Land for Settlements Account.</i>				
Roads to open up Crown Lands for Settlement	252,800	32,335 16 0	3,440 5 1	28,895 10 11
Totals	252,800	32,335 16 0	3,440 5 1	28,895 10 11
Land for Settlements Account		38,978 0 0	..	38,978 0 0
Land for Settlements Account; Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account		34,167 0 0	..	34,167 0 0
Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account (section 7, Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910)		66,917 2 0	477 6 6	66,439 15 6
Hauraki Plains Settlement Account (section 93, Reserves, &c., Act, 1916)		72,918 19 1	286 12 2	72,632 6 11
Swamp Land Drainage Account (section 95, Reserves, &c., Act, 1916)—				
Kaitaia		25,899 16 6	3,008 19 3	22,890 17 3
Waihi		3,272 3 1	..	3,272 3 1
Poukawa		91 5 0	..	91 5 0
Hikurangi		447 13 4	..	447 13 4
General		1,212 12 0	250 0 0	962 12 0
Kauri-gum Industry Account		47,173 10 10	843 7 5	46,330 3 5
National Endowment Account		13,454 3 3	..	13,454 3 3
Native Land Settlement Account		30,803 11 5	..	30,803 11 5
Special Acts, Refunds, Deposits, &c.		32,437 19 5	..	32,437 19 5
Waimarino Bush-fire Relief Account		739 9 4	6 8 0	733 1 4
Cheviot Estate Account (section 300, Lands Act, 1908)		1,132 10 6	..	1,132 10 6
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account		8,725,466 0 0	..	8,725,466 0 0
Totals		9,095,111 15 9	4,872 13 4	9,090,239 2 5
Grand totals		9,544,567 11 8	122,500 2 2	9,422,067 9 6

RANGERS' INSPECTIONS.

The Crown Lands Rangers have again been largely occupied with special inspections and work in connection with the settlement of discharged soldiers. However, the work of statutory inspections has been brought up to date to a considerable extent, and from reports received it appears that the conditions of the tenants' leases are being satisfactorily fulfilled in the great majority of cases.

The work of the Rangers covers a wide field, calling not only for the possession of much special knowledge of agricultural and pastoral farming, land-values, &c., but also for qualities of integrity and tact. Their advice is freely sought by settlers and others, and their reports often form the basis upon which the machinery of land administration in the various offices largely depends. It is therefore essential that they should be thoroughly competent men, and the Department is satisfied that this important branch of work is in capable hands.

ACQUISITION OF LAND BY PERSONS OF ENEMY ORIGIN.

Under section 5 of the War Legislation and Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918, the Governor-General in Council is empowered to grant licenses in writing authorizing persons of enemy origin to acquire land or any estate or interest in land. In last year's annual report it was shown that since the Act came into force—viz., the 10th December, 1918—325 applications for licenses had been lodged, and, after considering the merits of each case, 153 licenses were issued, 87 were refused, and the remainder of the applications either lapsed or were withdrawn as unnecessary.

During the past year the work under this heading has considerably increased, the number of licenses granted being 360.