

Provincial District.	<i>Advances to Workers.</i>				Number of Applications.	Amount of Advances authorized. £
Auckland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	78	46,445
Taranaki .. .. .	..	..	..	..	7	2,785
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	1,285
Wellington .. .. .	..	..	..	..	15	8,735
Marlborough .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	500
Canterbury .. .. .	..	..	..	..	22	11,480
Otago .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3	1,185
Southland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3	1,500
Totals .. .. .	..	..	..	..	131	£73,915

The amount actually paid over to 309 settlers during the year was £222,470, to 121 workers £69,440, and to 295 local bodies £493,285—a total of £785,195.

694 settlers are now indebted to the extent of £462,014 3s. 11d.; 118 workers, £67,950 4s. 7d. and local bodies (in respect of 1,360 loans), £1,875,696 3s. 1d.—a total of £2,405,660 11s. 7d. in respect of principal moneys.

The interest earned for the year amounted to £103,142. The cost of management and expenses was nil.

WM. WADDEL, Superintendent.

State Advances Office, Wellington, 5th June, 1923.

#### ADVANCES OFFICE SINKING FUND.

The following is a statement showing the advances under this branch authorized during the year ended 31st March, 1923, classified according to provincial districts:—

Provincial District.	<i>Advances to Settlers.</i>				Number of Applications.	Amount of Advances authorized. £
Auckland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	62	37,850
Taranaki .. .. .	..	..	..	..	6	4,665
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	..	..	..	..	14	8,650
Wellington .. .. .	..	..	..	..	58	29,335
Marlborough .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	1,850
Nelson .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	500
Canterbury .. .. .	..	..	..	..	15	10,040
Otago .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	650
Southland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	8	16,490
Totals .. .. .	..	..	..	..	168	£110,030

Provincial District.	<i>Advances to Workers.</i>				Number of Applications.	Amount of Advances authorized. £
Auckland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	14	6,170
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	1,425
Wellington .. .. .	..	..	..	..	10	3,510
Canterbury .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4	2,165
Otago .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	700
Southland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	100
Totals .. .. .	..	..	..	..	32	£14,070

Provincial District.	<i>Advances to Local Bodies.</i>				Number of Applications.	Amount of Advances authorized. £
Auckland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	285
Taranaki .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3	1,590
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	5,000
Wellington .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	2,200
Totals .. .. .	..	..	..	..	7	£9,075

The amount actually paid over to 190 settlers during the year was £143,120, to 58 workers £31,465, and to 21 local bodies £26,725—a total of £201,310.

1,280 settlers are now indebted to the extent of £805,089 19s. 2d.; 139 workers, £74,856 1s. 1d.; and local bodies (in respect of 235 loans), £325,413 9s. 5d.—a total of £1,205,359 9s. 8d. in respect of principal moneys.

The interest earned for the year amounted to £72,865. The cost of management and expenses was nil.

WM. WADDEL, Superintendent.

State Advances Office, Wellington, 5th June, 1923.