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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEY.

# DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1937.

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*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 14 of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915.*

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SIR,—

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 1st September, 1937.

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, 1937.

I have, &c.,  
W. ROBERTSON,  
Under-Secretary.

The Hon. Frank Langstone, Minister of Lands,

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## GENERAL REVIEW.

## DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT.

Loans authorized during the year numbered 660, involving a total amount of £85,042, as follows :—

	New Loans.		Additional Loans.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Advances on current account .. .. .	37	£ 10,550	276	£ 50,511
Advances on farms .. .. .	4	1,860	26	6,513
Advances on dwellings .. .. .	2	1,605	315	14,003
	43	14,015	617	71,027

## LANDS PROCLAIMED.

The lands set apart for selection by discharged soldiers during the year totalled 1,235 acres, making a grand total of 1,454,064 acres proclaimed since the inception of the scheme. This large area is made up as follows :—

Class of Land.	Area. Acres.
Ordinary Crown lands .. .. .	614,003
Land-for-settlements land .. .. .	403,173
National-endowment land .. .. .	433,532
Cheviot Estate land .. .. .	3,356
	1,454,064

Proclamations have been issued revoking the setting-apart of 239,230 acres of Crown and national-endowment land and 105,046 acres of land-for-settlements land.

## APPLICATIONS FOR LAND.

Applications for land under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, to the number of eight were received during the year. The following table gives the number of applications and the area allotted for each year from the inception of the soldier-settlement scheme :—

Year ending	Applications received.	Allotments made.	
		Number.	Area (Acres).
31st March, 1916 .. .. .	272	2	629
„ 1917 .. .. .	522	319	143,524
„ 1918 .. .. .	513	313	103,362
„ 1919 .. .. .	1,379	348	117,018
„ 1920 .. .. .	5,041	932	403,891
„ 1921 .. .. .	5,396	1,087	414,867
„ 1922 .. .. .	878	403	97,972
„ 1923 .. .. .	284	146	25,113
„ 1924 .. .. .	216	79	16,910
„ 1925 .. .. .	123	47	9,014
„ 1926 .. .. .	109	86	20,500
„ 1927 .. .. .	78	66	17,412
„ 1928 .. .. .	96	60	15,695
„ 1929 .. .. .	90	77	13,275
„ 1930 .. .. .	63	53	16,665
„ 1931 .. .. .	41	31	8,495
„ 1932 .. .. .	22	16	4,215
„ 1933 .. .. .	12	6	4,133
„ 1934 .. .. .	10	8	1,536
„ 1935 .. .. .	8	7	2,954
„ 1936 .. .. .	12	7	3,638
„ 1937 .. .. .	8	8	1,877
Totals for twenty-two years .. .. .	15,173	4,101	1,442,695

TRANSFER OF MORTGAGES.

In accordance with Orders in Council issued pursuant to section 36 of the State Advances Corporation Act, 1934-35, discharged-soldiers-settlement mortgages were transferred during the year to the State Advances Corporation of New Zealand.

The dates of transfer from each land district, the number of mortgages transferred, and the amount secured are shown in the following table:—

Date of Transfer.	Land District.	Current Account.		Dwellings.		Farms.		Miscellaneous.		Total.	
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
30th September, 1936	Wellington ..	545	304,801 15 1	1,830	892,459 11 3	678	792,528 15 10	Cr. 901 0 8	3,053	1,988,889 1 6	
31st October, 1936	Gisborne ..	63	37,550 4 7	217	104,277 5 1	161	150,840 1 2	Cr. 119 5 3	441	292,786 16 1	
31st October, 1936	Hawke's Bay ..	191	148,933 11 6	506	242,924 9 9	330	329,431 11 8	40 16 9	1,027	721,330 9 8	
31st October, 1936	Canterbury ..	242	138,252 16 0	1,545	682,921 11 11	795	855,572 15 6	113 4 7	2,582	1,676,860 8 0	
30th November, 1936	Taranaki ..	242	116,185 10 0	452	210,429 16 9	549	646,405 12 0	507 8 0	1,243	973,528 6 9	
31st January, 1937	North Auckland ..	546	304,765 6 1	2,291	1,130,503 4 8	1,081	1,161,158 8 11	615 8 3	3,918	2,597,042 7 11	
31st January, 1937	Auckland ..	576	335,115 11 0	606	271,721 8 9	1,079	930,397 0 5	540 18 6	2,261	1,537,774 18 8	
28th February, 1937	Otago ..	100	49,671 6 8	537	192,285 1 4	302	287,335 0 6	77 16 4	939	529,369 4 10	
28th February, 1937	Southland ..	153	74,737 15 6	231	76,241 8 6	298	346,689 18 3	21 3 0	682	497,690 5 3	
30th March, 1937	Marlborough ..	60	21,043 11 0	139	58,924 9 2	137	185,765 9 7	Cr. 484 9 5	336	265,249 0 4	
30th March, 1937	Nelson ..	134	43,747 15 1	86	32,776 15 3	366	266,446 8 3	8 10 1	586	342,979 8 8	
30th March, 1937	Westland ..	32	17,211 1 3	45	13,762 4 2	81	71,601 16 0	Cr. 25 3 11	158	162,549 17 6	
Totals ..	..	2,884	1,532,016 3 9	8,485	3,909,227 6 7	5,857	6,024,172 18 1	633 16 9	17,226	11,526,050 5 2	

The total of £11,526,050 5s. 2d. has been met by—

Corporation 3½ per cent. stock issued to Minister of Finance—

	£
Redeemable 1st August, 1960	.. 1,260,000
Redeemable 1st August, 1963	.. 1,500,000
Redeemable 1st August, 1966	.. 1,500,000
Redeemable 1st August, 1969	.. 1,500,000
Redeemable 1st August, 1972	.. 1,500,000
Redeemable 1st August, 1975	.. 1,500,000
Charge to Contingent Liability Corporation to Crown ..	8,760,000 0 0
	2,766,050 5 2
	<u>£11,526,050 5 2</u>

It is proposed that draft legislation providing for the disposal of the remaining assets and for the winding-up of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account should be introduced.

## DOMINION REVALUATION BOARD.

## SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1937.

Total capital invested (comprising capital values of Crown leaseholds and advances under section 2 of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Amendment Act, 1917)	£	17,244,237
Capital value dealt with by the Dominion Revaluation Board	£	12,528,835
Reduction in capital by the Dominion Revaluation Board—		
Reduction in capital value of leaseholds	£	2,022,357
Reduction in Crown mortgages (under section 2)		874,666
		<u>2,897,023</u>

*Remission of Instalment Interest and Rent.*

Granted by Dominion Revaluation Board in respect of arrears as at 30th June, 1923	£	195,057
Granted by Land Boards on recommendation of the Dominion Revaluation Board with respect to payments accruing subsequent to 30th June, 1923		279,474
Total remissions		<u>£474,531</u>

Mortgages, instalments, rents, &c., automatically written off due to reduction being retrospective to 1st July, 1921, or date of the title, &c.	£	440,340
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<i>Postponements of Arrears as at 30th June, 1923, granted by the Dominion Revaluation Board.</i>		£
Rent, principal, and instalment interest for periods up to ten years		316,475
Instalments to end of mortgage term		127,411
		<u>£443,886</u>

Postponements of payments accruing subsequent to the 30th June, 1923, granted by Land Boards on the recommendation of the Dominion Revaluation Board	£	149,138
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<i>Investigation of Current Accounts under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Amendment Act, 1924.</i>		£
Total capital invested		3,222,649
Reduction of capital		202,515
Transferred to Suspense Account		23,957

<i>Adjustments in Buildings under Land for Settlements Act.</i>		£
Original value		131,561
Amount of reduction		19,579

## APPENDIX.

### EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS OF CROWN LANDS.

#### NORTH AUCKLAND.

(W. D. ARMIT, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

IN common with the Crown tenants, the soldier settlers experienced a favourable season both in respect to prices and production.

In many cases full charges have been met and careful consideration has been given where necessary to refunds for top-dressing manures, which has enabled the settlers to keep pastures up to standard.

The season throughout the North did not prevent the harvesting of a plentiful supply of hay as well as enabling ensilage to be stacked, and thus providing a good winter supply.

Considerable concessions in the way of remissions and postponements have been granted to several settlers owing to slump conditions, and have assisted them to earn rebates during the past season.

Those mortgagors under budgetary control consisted mostly of settlers who held sheep and grazing propositions, and the results obtained by this method were satisfactory both to the Department and mortgagor.

Most of the settlers realize the importance of pig-raising in order to augment their income, and this side line is not now neglected.

Owing to the demand for houses for letting purposes, no difficulty was experienced in getting suitable tenants for the properties which had reverted to the Crown.

The Department continued to expend money on the renovation of dwellings already bought in, and also made additional advances to mortgagors for further improvements and accommodation.

In terms of an Order in Council issued in accordance with the State Advances Corporation Act, 1936, all discharged-soldier-settlement mortgages and accounts were handed over to the local branch of the Corporation on the 1st February, 1937.

#### AUCKLAND.

(K. M. GRAHAM, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The high returns for wool and the fixed price for butterfat last season have combined to give soldier settlers, in common with other settlers, throughout the district a much better year than for some time past. Dairy-stock and sheep prices have been well maintained, and with improved living conditions the settlers are more confident now of their future success.

Soldier lessees who have been in arrears with rent are making an honest endeavour to meet their arrears in addition to the current charges, though in a few cases it has been necessary for the Board to give some measure of relief.

As from 1st February, 1937, the control and administration of all mortgages under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act were transferred to the State Advances Corporation of New Zealand.

#### GISBORNE.

(H. L. PRIMROSE, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The discharged-soldiers-mortgage securities in the Gisborne District were transferred over to the State Advances Corporation as from the 31st October, 1936. Prior to the change-over, and since, many returned-soldier settlers have personally expressed to me their very great appreciation of the very kindly and tactful way their cases have always been dealt with, and of the sympathetic treatment they always received from members of the Department and Land Board.

That, in my opinion, is a genuine statement of the relationship that has always existed here between the Department and its mortgagors. Of course, many of these men will continue to be lessees of the Department, and it can safely be said that once the rehabilitation legislation is finalized they should all be on a satisfactory financial footing.

Most soldier settlers are getting well on in years now, and with decreasing physical vigour, as the result of war services in many instances, they have anxiously considered the future. I am very happy to think that, for that reason alone, their positions are being steadily improved.

#### HAWKE'S BAY.

(F. R. BURNLEY, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The State Advances Corporation took over the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Mortgages on 1st November.

*Hunter Soldiers' Assistance Trust Board.*—The Board held three meetings during the year, 135 cases being dealt with, assistance to the amount of £1,371 having been given to 286 children.

The total grants to orphan children to date amount to £3,100.

The Board receives applications from all parts of the Dominion, and the number of applicants is increasing rapidly. Particulars of the expenditure of grants are supplied to the Board when applications for further grants are made, and it is gratifying to note that in the majority of cases the moneys have been wisely spent in the purchase of clothing and school-books.

## TARANAKI.

(A. F. WATERS, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

On the 1st December, 1936, the Department's securities over discharged soldiers' properties were transferred to the State Advances Corporation of New Zealand, thus effecting a change in the control which had existed since the inception of the Scheme. The change was effected very quietly, and apparently the settlers have accepted the transfer in the proper spirit, realizing that their interests are not likely to be adversely affected. I would, however, place on record receiving many letters from soldier settlers thanking the Department for the way in which their interests have been protected in the past and expressing regret at the severance of control.

The Office retains charge of properties which have been bought in and not yet disposed of. Five of these properties are being farmed by the Department, and in each case, after charging up interest on capital, a profit has been made.

## WELLINGTON.

(H. W. C. MACKINTOSH, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The settlement of discharged soldiers on the land was not confined to any particular locality, and soldier farms are to be found right throughout the district, so that the remarks made upon general settlement would apply equally to soldier settlement.

Generally a cold winter was experienced, and wet weather conditions prevailed during spring and summer. As a result of the abundant rainfall there was a rank growth of grass, and while this was good for the production of butterfat, it militated against the best results from early lambs. Those settlers who follow dairying have had a fairly good year. The season, although there has been plenty of grass, has proved rather too wet, and returns will be much the same as last year. The guaranteed price for butterfat is having the effect of stabilizing prices for dairy stock, dairy cows averaging about £8 or £9.

Those settlers who follow sheep-farming have had a very good year and have obtained most encouraging prices for both wool and stock. Prices for fat lambs have also been high and, taking everything into consideration, the pastoralist has experienced a good year. It is pleasing to record that many settlers are giving attention to top-dressing their pastures and also to painting their dwellings and farm buildings.

A considerable number of settlers have applied for relief under the Mortgagors and Lessees Rehabilitation Act, 1936, and at the time of writing their cases are being investigated. This work will necessarily occupy a long period before it is finalized.

On the 1st October, 1936, all mortgages held under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act were handed over to the State Advances Corporation and are now administered by the Corporation.

## NELSON.

(P. R. WILKINSON, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The majority of soldier settlers in the district are dependent on dairying and sheep-farming, while a small proportion are dependent on fruit, tobacco, and hop growing for a livelihood.

While the majority of soldier settlers had their cases reviewed last year by the Land Board and, where circumstances warranted, concessions were made by way of remissions, postponements, or capitalization of arrears, applications for relief under the Mortgagors and Lessees Rehabilitation Act, 1936, were lodged for further relief. These applications are now being dealt with, and it is hoped that as a result of the opportunities afforded that settlers generally will be in a position to meet future charges.

## MARLBOROUGH.

(G. I. MARTIN, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

Most of our soldier settlers are engaged in farming comparatively small areas, and the lack of scope in these holdings is made very apparent when returns from farm products drop below a reasonable margin.

Settlers under this heading have, generally speaking, been appreciative of the assistance rendered by the Department by way of remissions, &c. It is apparent that in quite a number of cases a further adjustment of charges is necessary, but, as the majority of the soldier mortgagors have filed applications under the Mortgagors and Lessees Rehabilitation Act, 1936, the doubtful cases will be adjusted in due course.

The receipts for the year show an increase of more than 40 per cent. over the previous year.

## WESTLAND.

(B. KING, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

Notwithstanding adverse climatic conditions, the guaranteed price for butterfat during the past season enabled soldier settlers to increase their income, with the result that revenue receipts approximated a 30 per cent. increase, the total being £11,190 13s., as against £8,633 19s. 5d. last year.

During the year further consideration was given to accumulated arrears, and in all cases where such action was warranted substantial concessions by way of remissions were recommended and approved.

These remissions to the settlers concerned and the better prices now prevailing should place a large majority of the soldier settlers in this district in a position where they should be able to meet their obligations without any difficulty.

## CANTERBURY.

(N. C. KENSINGTON, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

Taken all round, the year has been a fairly prosperous one for the man on the land. Though the season was a wet one, cereal crops yielded well in most cases; clover and pea crops, however, suffered considerably from the excessive moisture.

Weather conditions were favourable to the growth of rough feed, and this partly compensated for the loss of root crops. Increased prices for wool and lambs were instrumental in bringing the settlers' returns well above the average.

Those engaged in dairying have enjoyed an increased return for the past season, and production has been well maintained.

In common with civilians, the soldier settlers are taking full advantage of the opportunity to adjust their liabilities, provided by the Mortgagors and Lessees Rehabilitation Act, 1936, and in many cases voluntary adjustments are being arrived at.

## OTAGO.

(F. H. WATERS, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

In common with the average settler, the soldier settler has had a good year. There have been local difficulties in some parts of the district on account of broken weather during harvesting, floods on low-lying areas, and in some cases the loss of crops; but these difficulties affect only a limited number.

This Department has largely been interested not only as lessor, but also as the grantee of bills of sale over stock and as mortgagee; and as the mortgages and bills of sale have now passed to the State Advances Corporation for administration, many of the difficulties with which this Department has been faced have now been eliminated.

In passing over this responsibility it can safely be said that the soldier settler is in a good average financial position and that the prices realized for the past year have been greatly to his benefit.

## SOUTHLAND.

(T. CAGNEY, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

Consequent on favourable prices ruling for farm produce, a general improvement is noticeable in the position of soldier settlers. A number are, however, handicapped by the limited areas of their holdings and also injuries or other after-effects from war service.

The discharged-soldiers-settlement accounts hitherto administered by this Department were transferred to the New Zealand State Advances Corporation on the 28th February.

TABLE 1.

TOTAL LANDS ACQUIRED FROM THE CROWN BY DISCHARGED SOLDIERS AND HELD AT THE 31ST MARCH, 1937.

Land District.	Sale (including Deferred Payment).				Lease and License.				Grand Totals.		
	Number of Discharged-soldier Purchasers and Licensees.	Number of Holdings.	Area.	Price.	Number of Discharged-soldier Tenants.	Number of Holdings.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Discharged Soldiers.	Number of Holdings.	Area.
<i>Under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, and Amendments.</i>											
			Acres.	£			Acres.	£			Acres.
North Auckland ..	11	10	2,154	2,765	273	273	46,481	8,948	284	283	48,635
Auckland ..	48	48	1,420	16,690	470	470	72,964	18,298	518	518	74,384
Gisborne ..	3	3	193	4,725	107	106	52,323	12,554	110	109	52,516
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	201	221	79,792	27,210	201	221	79,792
Taranaki ..	1	1	2	310	87	86	21,283	5,814	88	87	21,285
Wellington ..	16	16	417	5,873	723	700	165,873	75,302	739	716	166,290
Nelson ..	3	3	1,216	1,292	21	21	13,119	1,515	24	24	14,335
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	45	46	14,907	3,357	45	46	14,907
Westland ..	1	1	148	150	17	17	19,645	193	18	18	19,793
Canterbury ..	28	28	1,509	12,703	360	349	217,168	38,958	388	377	218,677
Otago ..	4	4	1,935	5,470	100	96	181,610	11,451	104	100	183,545
Southland ..	5	5	1,026	6,010	67	76	10,831	3,623	72	81	11,857
Totals ..	120	119	10,020	55,988	2,471	2,461	895,996	207,223	2,591	2,580	906,016
<i>Under other Acts. (This includes lands selected at ordinary ballots, leases and licenses purchased at auction, and holdings acquired by transfer or otherwise.)</i>											
North Auckland ..	12	12	1,173	1,325	107	104	24,103	3,506	119	116	25,276
Auckland ..	54	52	22,816	20,604	341	311	145,749	7,361	395	363	168,565
Gisborne ..	..	..	..	..	46	43	41,174	4,283	46	43	41,174
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	74	86	37,076	7,896	74	86	37,076
Taranaki ..	7	6	1,776	7,479	134	131	57,760	3,787	141	137	59,536
Wellington ..	3	3	221	1,081	166	161	58,935	34,728	169	164	59,156
Nelson ..	3	3	1,099	586	95	87	49,081	1,072	98	90	50,180
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	108	95	233,004	6,073	108	95	233,004
Westland ..	1	1	200	168	63	59	16,158	341	64	60	16,358
Canterbury ..	3	3	56	386	203	210	151,571	21,488	206	213	151,627
Otago ..	3	3	76	457	205	200	860,571	20,881	208	203	860,647
Southland ..	1	1	127	40	71	86	59,103	2,828	72	87	59,230
Totals ..	87	84	27,544	32,126	1,613	1,573	1,734,285	114,244	1,700	1,657	1,761,829
Grand totals ..	207	203	37,564	88,114	4,084	4,034	2,630,281	321,467	4,291	4,237	2,667,845



## DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1937.

Receipts.				Payments.				
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance as at 1st April, 1936—					Annual appropriation—			
Cash .. .. .	144,273	15 5			Vote, Expenses of management—			
Imprests outstanding ..	7,477	8 10			Administration .. .. .	29,700	0 0	
			151,751	4 3	Advances to civilian mortgagors, repairs to properties, &c.—			
Receipts in respect of advances, &c.—					Current Account advances ..	7,402	16 6	
Repayments of principal—					Dwelling advances .. .. .	1,198	9 3	
Current Account .. .. .	354,147	1 1			Miscellaneous advances .. ..	1,469	7 2	
Farms, orchards, &c. .. ..	157,885	1 9			Farms advances .. .. .	589	8 6	
Dwellings .. .. .	187,421	18 4			Miscellaneous expenditure on Crown properties .. .. .	9,042	6 9	
Buildings Account .. .. .	732	14 4			Capital expenditure on pro- perties acquired by Crown—			
Sales of live and dead stock ..	24	19 2			Freehold .. .. .	6,153	12 5	
Miscellaneous advances .. ..	4,082	11 7			Leasehold .. .. .	161	13 0	
Receipts on account of properties held by Crown—					Payment of instalments on State Advances Corporation mortgages .. .. .	185	10 0	
Freehold .. .. .	6,652	15 6			Expenses of working properties acquired by Crown .. .. .	14,739	5 2	
Leasehold .. .. .	4,087	4 10			Rent: McGregor Block .. .. .	421	16 10	
Receipts from working of properties acquired by Crown .. .. .	15,306	3 5			Travelling-expenses .. .. .	576	16 6	
Receipts on account of properties in course of realization .. .. .	14,684	11 11			Expenditure in connection with properties in course of realiza- tion .. .. .	405	0 11	
Sale of properties on de- ferred payment .. .. .	302	9 3			Printing and stationery .. ..	161	7 10	
Recovery of bad debts .. .. .	37	3 5			Audit fees .. .. .	800	0 0	
Merged transactions under section 20, Discharged Soldiers Settlement Amendment Act, 1923, section 20 (3): Principal instalments .. .. .	690	1 0						73,007 10 10
	746,054	15 7			Advances under sections 6 and 9, Discharged Soldiers Settle- ment Act, 1915—			
Interest and rents—					Current Account .. .. .	441,597	8 2	
Interest—					Farms, orchards, &c. .. .. .	4,709	17 7	
Current Account .. .. .	54,540	7 10			Dwellings, &c. .. .. .	11,285	11 10	
Dwellings .. .. .	128,144	5 4			Miscellaneous advances .. ..	4,336	0 4	
Farms .. .. .	175,616	8 2			Expenditure in connection with properties in course of realiza- tion .. .. .	3,966	17 4	
Buildings .. .. .	968	0 1						465,895 15 3
Interest on sales of properties on deferred payments .. .. .	107	4 7			Amounts allocated—			
Section 20 (3): Interest instalments .. .. .	875	15 10			Fire Loss Suspense .. .. .	8,910	0 4	
Miscellaneous .. .. .	179	1 6			Suspense Account .. .. .	32,555	15 4	
Rents .. .. .	45,104	12 0						41,465 15 8
	405,535	15 4			Interest recouped to the Con- solidated Fund—			
Miscellaneous receipts .. ..	703	8 2			Interest on debentures .. .. .	146,031	12 10	
			1,152,293	19 1	Interest on advances obtained by hypothecation of securities ..	86,268	9 10	
Transfer of interest in land (Finance Act, 1932 (No. 2)), section 6 .. .. .								232,300 2 8
					Repayment of advances obtained by hypotheca- tion of securities .. .. .			200,000 0 0
Receipts unallocated—					Management charges of Consolidated stock ..			308 12 11
Fire Loss Suspense .. .. .	6,679	1 7			Charges and expenses of raising loans .. ..			1,411 15 10
Suspense Account .. .. .	32,595	2 6			Balance as at 31st March, 1937—	£	s. d.	
					Cash .. .. .	332,572	12 5	
Interest on investments .. ..			39,274	4 1	Imprests outstanding .. .. .	1,434	9 3	
			3,322	10 9				334,007 1 8
			£1,348,396	14 10				£1,348,396 14 10

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT—*continued.*  
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1937.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Interest and sundry charges <i>re</i> loans—							Interest on advances—						
Interest on hypothecation of securities .. .. .	86,268	9	10				Current Account .. .. .	54,601	19	6			
Interest on debentures ..	145,272	3	1				Farms, &c... .. .	211,854	8	5			
Interest on amount transferred from Consolidated Fund ..	240,000	0	0				Dwellings .. .. .	136,932	4	3			
Interest on redemptions from Public Debt Repayment Account .. .. .	31,124	13	7				Merged interests .. .. .	1,253	15	7			
Management charges of stock ..	308	12	11				Buildings .. .. .	894	17	8			
Charges and expenses of raising loans, &c. .. .. .	1,411	15	10				Sales .. .. .	142	15	6			
				504,385	15	3	Miscellaneous .. .. .	165	12	10			
Expenses of management—											405,845	13	9
Costs recouped to Vote, Lands and Survey .. .. .	29,700	0	0				Rents from properties acquired by the Crown ..				50,511	10	6
Rebates .. .. .	19,962	7	3				Interest on stock in respect of securities taken over by State Advances Corporation ..				81,711	17	5
Miscellaneous expenditure on Crown properties .. .. .	9,085	4	8				Transfer of profits from State Advances Corporation				15,673	14	1
Audit fees .. .. .	800	0	0				Interest on surplus funds temporarily invested ..				3,337	18	8
Travelling-expenses .. .. .	549	5	8				Surplus on disposal of properties .. .. .				1,003	5	5
Printing and stationery .. .. .	169	3	9				Transfer and production fees, &c. .. .. .				311	11	8
				60,266	1	4	Miscellaneous .. .. .				56	1	8
Remissions—							Profit on working farms acquired by the Crown ..				1,619	18	4
Land Board recommendations	81,946	15	9				Recovery of bad debts .. .. .				79	9	1
Under Mortgage Relief Acts ..	7,136	9	1				Balance: Loss for year carried down .. .. .				226,060	7	0
				89,083	4	10							
Reductions in value of securities—													
Losses on realization: Writings- off in Suspense .. .. .	102,820	4	7										
Losses on properties acquired by the Crown .. .. .	28,965	14	3										
Reductions of mortgages, &c., by Dominion Revaluation Board .. .. .	289	13	6										
Depreciation in value of Native Lease: McGregor Block .. .. .	400	13	10										
				132,476	6	2							
				<u>£786,211</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>					<u>£786,211</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Balance: Loss for year brought down ..							Balance: Accumulated loss to 31st March, 1937				1,298,228	13	5
Balance forward from previous year ..													
											<u>£1,298,228</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>
				<u>£1,298,228</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>							

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT—*continued.*

## BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1937.

<i>Liabilities.</i>				<i>Assets.</i>				
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Capital—					Advances on mortgages—			
Transfer from Consolidated Fund at 4 per cent. ..	13,500,000	0 0			Current Account ..	1,025	9 4	
Reduction under section 22, Finance Act, 1927 (No. 2) ..	2,650,000	0 0			Farms, orchards, &c. ..	5,885	0 0	
	10,850,000	0 0			Dwellings ..	5,425	9 10	12,335 19 2
Less repaid as per Finance Act, 1931 (No. 4) ..	4,850,000	0 0			Land leased under sections 4 and 5 of Discharged Soldiers Settlements Amendment Act, 1921–22 ..			414,290 18 3
	6,000,000	0 0			Buildings: Unpaid purchase-price (not yet payable) of buildings, &c., on Crown properties			17,461 2 5
Redemption from Public Debt Repayment Account ..	824,276	19 8			Sundry advances merged with value of Crown lands (section 20, Discharged Soldiers Settlement Amendment Act, 1923) ..			30,106 2 9
Debentures issued (at 3 per cent., £265,483 18s. 8d.; at 3½ per cent., £1,155,365; at 3¾ per cent., £136,500; at 4 per cent., £2,217,645; at 5½ per cent., £400) ..	3,775,393	18 8			Deferred-payment sales under section 9, Discharged Soldiers Settlement Amendment Act, 1921–22 ..			3,235 5 4
Hypothecation of securities, section 7 (2), Finance Act, 1931 (No. 4), at 3 per cent. ..	2,700,000	0 0			Realization Account ..			166,695 19 0
			13,299,670	18 4	Properties acquired by the Crown on realization ..	380,634	2 10	
Employment Promotion Fund: Capital ..			138	1 10	Less State Advances Corporation interests ..	536	6 6	380,097 16 4
Sundry creditors for interest—					House properties administered by State Advances Corporation under Housing Act—			
Interest due and unpaid on transfer from Consolidated Fund ..	1,155,884	18 7			Properties ..	313,230	6 5	
Interest accrued on transfer from Consolidated Fund ..	19,726	0 7			Miscellaneous charges ..	15	18 6	
Interest accrued on debentures ..	37,902	11 6			Rent ..	3,102	4 4	316,348 9 3
Interest on redemptions from Public Debt Repayment Account ..	130,879	4 5			Live-stock, &c. ..			16,604 9 10
Interest paid from Consolidated Fund ..	484	15 8			Capital expenditure, Employment Promotion Fund ..			138 1 10
			1,344,877	10 9	Sundry debtors for principal instalments—			
Sundry creditors: Miscellaneous services—					Merged transactions ..	2,076	17 9	
Miscellaneous ..	1,447	17 2			Buildings Account ..	2,159	12 9	
Departmental ..	9	9 1			Deferred-payment sales ..	67	14 5	4,304 4 11
			1,457	6 3	Sundry debtors for interest—			
Miscellaneous credit balances on debtors' accounts—					Current Account ..	158	7 4	
Advances: Current Account ..	295	14 6			Farms Account ..	36	19 8	
Principal instalments—					Merged transactions ..	3,094	15 2	
Dwellings, &c. ..	2	15 5			Buildings Account ..	832	0 4	
Buildings ..	30	10 4			Deferred-payment sales ..	118	13 6	
Miscellaneous advances ..	0	10 0			Miscellaneous advances ..	2	9 10	4,243 5 10
Interest—					Sundry debtors for—			
Dwellings ..	0	6 6			Rents of properties ..	32,322	12 0	
Buildings ..	5	4 11			Miscellaneous advances ..	19	8 10	
Rents ..	794	10 11			Departmental ..	168	3 2	
			1,129	12 7	Miscellaneous ..	15,826	4 0	
Rents charged in advance ..			5,254	2 6	Royalties ..	1,456	0 0	49,792 8 0
Interest charged in advance ..			188	3 9	Postponements—			
Royalty (not yet payable) ..			1,456	0 0	Under Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts, &c.—			
Suspense Accounts—					Instalments of principal: Buildings ..			298 9 1
Fire Loss Account ..	147	7 0			Interest—			
Receipts unallocated ..	1,478	13 2			Buildings ..	20	14 4	
Surpluses on realization not yet allocated ..	2,974	12 9			Rent ..	2,482	6 5	2,503 0 9
			4,600	12 11	Interest on advances accrued but not due ..			284 13 0
Writings-off in Suspense ..			76,011	2 5	Losses in Suspense ..			76,011 2 5
Liabilities discharged under section 22, Finance Act, 1927 (No. 2), to write off accumulated losses, as <i>per contra</i> ..			3,969,759	10 11	Interest on investments due and unpaid ..			15 7 11
					Cash balance—			
					In Public Account ..	332,572	12 5	
					Imprests outstanding ..	1,434	9 3	334,007 1 8
					Revenue Account: Accumulated loss ..			1,298,228 13 5
					Deposits Account: Miscellaneous ..			18 17 7
					Stock issued in respect of securities taken over by State Advances Corporation ..			8,760,000 0 0
					Contingent liabilities: State Advances Corporation ..			2,766,050 5 2
					Interest accrued on State Advances Corporation stock ..			81,711 17 5
					Accumulated losses written off under section 22, Finance Act, 1927 (No. 2) ..			3,969,759 10 11
								£18,704,543 2 3

W. ROBERTSON, Under-Secretary for Lands.  
WM. E. SHAW, Chief Accountant.

I hereby certify that the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet have been duly examined and compared with the relative books and documents submitted for audit, and correctly state the position as disclosed thereby. The following comment is appended: Assets of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account have been transferred to the Housing Account without legislative authority.—J. H. FOWLER, Controller and Auditor-General.

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