

1938.
NEW ZEALAND.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEY.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1938.

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

SIR,—

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 1st July, 1938.

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, 1938.

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

The Hon. Frank Langstone, Minister of Lands.

LANDS PROCLAIMED.

The lands set apart for selection by discharged soldiers during the year totalled 9 acres, making a grand total of 1,454,073 acres proclaimed since the inception of the scheme. This large area is made up as follows :—

Class of Land.	Area. Acres.
Ordinary Crown lands	614,012
Land-for-settlements land	403,173
National-endowment land	433,532
Cheviot Estate land	3,356
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	1,454,073

Proclamations have been issued revoking the setting-apart of 240,098 acres of Crown and national-endowment land and 105,046 acres of land for settlements land.

APPLICATIONS FOR LAND.

One application for land under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, was 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
„ 1938	1	4*	315
Totals for twenty-three years	15,174	4,105	1,443,010

* Includes additions to existing holdings.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT.

The Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account was abolished by section 6 of the Finance Act, 1937.

TOTAL LANDS ACQUIRED FROM THE CROWN BY DISCHARGED SOLDIERS AND HELD AT THE 31ST MARCH, 1938.

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>											
North Auckland ..	11	10	Acres. 2,154	£ 2,765	269	269	Acres. 45,876	£ 8,616	280	279	Acres. 48,030
Auckland ..	54	54	3,250	19,648	463	463	70,530	18,148	517	517	73,780
Gisborne ..	5	5	753	8,277	106	105	49,368	11,605	111	110	50,121
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	198	218	79,437	26,969	198	218	79,437
Taranaki ..	2	2	91	2,080	86	85	21,194	5,734	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	20	20	12,916	1,492	23	23	14,132
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	44	45	14,349	3,341	44	45	14,349
Westland ..	1	1	148	150	17	17	19,645	193	18	18	19,793
Canterbury ..	29	29	1,736	15,203	353	342	215,556	38,296	382	371	217,292
Otago ..	4	4	1,935	5,470	100	96	181,610	11,451	104	100	183,545
Southland ..	5	5	1,026	6,010	66	74	10,759	3,532	71	79	11,785
Totals ..	130	129	12,726	66,768	2,445	2,434	887,113	204,679	2,575	2,563	899,839

Under other Acts. (This includes lands selected at ordinary ballots, leases and licenses purchased at auction, and holdings acquired by transfer or otherwise.)

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	4,107	46	43	41,174
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	76	88	39,733	8,198	76	88	39,733
Taranaki ..	7	6	1,776	7,478	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	91	83	47,384	1,035	94	86	48,483
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	202	209	151,528	21,463	205	212	151,584
Otago ..	3	3	76	457	205	200	860,571	20,881	208	203	860,647
Southland ..	1	1	127	40	70	85	79,959	2,824	71	86	80,086
Totals ..	87	84	27,544	32,125	1,609	1,589	1,756,058	114,304	1,696	1,653	1,783,602
Grand totals ..	217	213	40,270	98,893	4,054	4,003	2,643,171	318,983	4,271	4,216	2,683,441

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