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NEW ZEALAND.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEY.

# DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1939.

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

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 1st July, 1939.

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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, 1939.

I have, &c.,

R. G. MACMORRAN,

Under-Secretary.

The Hon. Frank Langstone, Minister of Lands.

## LANDS PROCLAIMED.

The lands set apart for selection by discharged soldiers during the year totalled 148 acres, making a grand total of 1,454,221 acres proclaimed since the inception of the scheme. This large area is made up as follows:—

Class of Land.	Area (Acres).
Ordinary Crown lands .. .. .	614,160
Land-for-settlements land .. .. .	403,173
National-endowment land .. .. .	433,532
Cheviot Estate land .. .. .	3,356
	1,454,221

Proclamations have been issued revoking the setting-apart of 240,779 acres of Crown and national-endowment land and 105,141 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
” 1939 .. .. .	1	1	11
Totals for twenty-four years .. .. .	15,175	4,106	1,443,021

\* 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, 1939.

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	265	265	Acres. 45,156	£ 8,283	276	275	Acres. 47,310
Auckland .. .. .	55	55	3,349	20,168	459	459	69,533	18,077	514	514	72,882
Gisborne .. .. .	3	3	589	3,567	99	125	47,388	5,952	102	128	47,977
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	..	..	..	..	197	217	79,290	26,889	197	217	79,290
Taranaki .. .. .	2	2	91	2,080	85	84	21,113	5,667	87	86	21,204
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 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	42	43	13,726	2,654	42	43	13,726
Westland .. .. .	1	1	148	150	17	17	19,645	193	18	18	19,793
Canterbury .. .. .	30	30	1,741	15,493	353	343	215,556	36,564	383	373	217,297
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	76	10,759	3,201	71	81	11,785
Totals .. .. .	130	129	12,666	62,868	2,426	2,445	882,565	195,725	2,556	2,574	895,231

*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 .. .. .	2	2	164	4,710	37	46	37,439	2,661	39	48	37,603
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	..	..	..	..	75	87	39,271	8,152	75	87	39,271
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	329	64	60	16,358
Canterbury .. .. .	3	3	56	386	200	209	149,220	18,842	203	212	149,276
Otago .. .. .	3	3	76	457	205	200	860,571	20,881	208	203	860,647
Southland .. .. .	1	1	127	40	69	84	64,635	2,344	70	85	64,762
Totals .. .. .	89	86	27,708	36,835	1,596	1,570	1,734,229	109,699	1,685	1,656	1,761,937
Grand totals .. .. .	219	215	40,374	99,703	4,022	4,015	2,616,794	305,424	4,241	4,230	2,657,168

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