

ADVANCES MADE TO CROWN TENANTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND STOCKING OF THEIR HOLDINGS.

Amounts advanced for the year ended 31st March, 1942 :—

	£
Improvements	5,202
Stock	637
Number of advances made	57

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT ACT, 1915.

Owing to the necessity of conserving paper, and in view of the fact that operations under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, are now extremely limited, a separate report on this subject which has in previous years been published as parliamentary paper C.-9, is not being presented. The following particulars are supplied pursuant to section 14 of the Act mentioned :—

TOTAL AREA PROCLAIMED SINCE INCEPTION OF THE SCHEME.

Class of Land.	Area (Acres).
Ordinary Crown lands	1,048,361
Land for settlements land	404,307
Cheviot Estate land	3,356
	1,456,024

Proclamations have been issued revoking the setting-apart of 257,936 acres of Crown land and 107,412 acres of land for settlements land.

From the inception of the soldier-settlement scheme in 1915 the total applications received number 15,180 and the allotments made number 4,111, covering a total area of 1,444,422 acres.

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

Provision for the settlement of discharged servicemen returned from the present war was made in the Small Farms Amendment Act, 1940.

EXPENDITURE.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1942.

Name of Vote or Account.	Net Amount voted.	Gross Expenditure.	Recoveries.	Net Expenditure.
<i>Voted Expenditure.</i>	£	£	£	£
Vote "Lands and Survey"—				
Subdivision I	238,165	286,387	67,993	218,394
Subdivision II	156,256	138,396	..	138,396
Subdivision III	15,785	5,158	..	5,158
Total, vote "Lands and Survey"	410,206	429,941	67,993	361,948
Vote "Land for Settlements"	449,900	200,787	191	200,596
Vote "Small Farms Development"	388,200	463,746	260,064	203,682
Total voted expenditure	1,248,306	1,094,474	328,248	766,226
<i>Other Expenditure.</i>				
Land for Settlements Account: Expenditure from capital proceeds of sales of Crown and national-endowment lands		8,404	..	8,404
Refunds of revenue: Deposits Account expenditure and miscellaneous expenditure		30,687	..	30,687
Total, departmental expenditure		1,133,565	328,248	805,317

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