

Generally, it can be claimed that the Act is being administered with a minimum of friction and inconvenience to the applicants, and this has been made possible only by the sympathetic attitude and conscientious work of the Committees and the Court officers in the various registries working under pressure of understaffing on account of the prevailing war conditions.

Appended are tables showing the number of applications filed to 31st March, 1944, and how they have been dealt with, the number of cases where consent has been granted subject to a reduction in the consideration, and the number of appeals lodged and how they have been disposed of.

RETURN OF APPLICATIONS FROM BEGINNING OF ACT (18TH OCTOBER, 1943) TO 31ST MARCH, 1944

Registry.	Received.	Granted without Hearing.	Granted after Hearing.	Granted subject to Conditions.	Refused (or With-drawn).	Total finalized.	Action incomplete.
Farm lands—							
Auckland	381	129	76	8	16	229	152
Gisborne	21	14	4	1	1	20	1
Napier	44	31	1	1	..	33	11
New Plymouth	50	27	..	1	5	33	17
Wellington	76	45	1	4	..	50	26
Blenheim	21	4	8	3	..	15	6
Nelson	45	41	..	..	..	41	4
Hokitika	4	3	..	1	..	4	..
Christchurch	149	86	9	10	4	109	40
Dunedin	73	51	1	2	..	54	19
Invercargill	89	54	16	3	2	75	14
Totals	953	485	116	34	28	663	290
Other lands—							
Auckland	3,398	1,607	695	234	86	2,622	776
Gisborne	145	123	5	14	1	143	2
Napier	428	295	11	28	2	336	92
New Plymouth	357	284	17	21	3	325	32
Wellington	1,919	1,341	101	171	13	1,626	293
Blenheim	109	85	8	10	..	103	6
Nelson	189	149	4	3	9	164	25
Hokitika	88	66	7	8	..	82	6
Christchurch	1,650	900	113	238	27	1,278	372
Dunedin	962	749	15	98	5	867	95
Invercargill	425	276	62	66	5	409	16
Totals	9,670	5,875	1,038	891	151	7,955	1,715
Grand totals	10,623	6,360	1,154	925	179	8,618	2,005

REDUCTIONS IN CONSIDERATION DIRECTED BY LAND SALES COMMITTEES

Registry.	Farm Land.		Other Land.		Totals.	
	Number.	Amount	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£		£
Auckland	19	3,334	263	21,576	282	24,910
Gisborne	1	85	13	785	14	870
Napier	1	734	18	1,448	19	2,182
New Plymouth	1	301	21	1,337	22	1,638
Wellington	6	2,226	188	25,700	194	27,926
Blenheim	..	..	13	1,710	13	1,710
Nelson	1	50	18	1,900	19	1,950
Hokitika	1	25	9	423	10	448
Christchurch	7	1,129	239	20,198	246	21,327
Dunedin	2	1,071	96	5,284	98	6,355
Invercargill	5	528	65	4,009	70	4,537
Totals	44	9,483	943	84,370	987	93,853