

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

Amounts advanced for the year ended 31st March, 1944 :—

	£
Improvements	726
Stock	255
Number of advances made	31
Readvances from sales of farm produce to meet obligations ..	7,241

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT ACT, 1915

The following particulars are supplied pursuant to section 14 of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915 :—

TOTAL AREA PROCLAIMED SINCE INCEPTION OF THE SCHEME

Class of Land.	Area (Acres).
Ordinary Crown lands	1,048,430
Land for settlements land	405,952
Cheviot Estate land	3,356
	1,457,738

Proclamations have been issued revoking the setting-apart of 257,936 acres of Crown land and 108,409 acres of land for settlements land.

From the inception of the soldier-settlement scheme in 1915 the total applications received number 15,181 and the allotments made number 4,112, covering a total area of 1,446,136 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, 1944

Name of Vote or Account.	Net Amount voted.	Gross Expenditure.	Recoveries.	Net Expenditure.
<i>Voted Expenditure</i>				
Vote "Lands and Survey"—	£	£	£	£
Subdivision I	287,285	319,500	63,593	255,907
Subdivision II	108,238	82,151	..	82,151
Subdivision III	8,165	3,347	..	3,347
Total, vote "Lands and Survey"	403,688	404,998	63,593	341,405
Vote "Land for Settlements"	198,200	147,324	167	147,157
Vote "Small Farms Development"	834,250	459,178	331,913	127,265
Total, voted expenditure	1,436,138	1,011,500	395,673	615,827
<i>Other Expenditure</i>				
Land for Settlements Account: Expenditure from capital proceeds of sales of Crown and national endowment lands	..	1,228	..	1,228
Refunds of revenue: Deposits Account expenditure and miscellaneous expenditure	..	37,196	..	37,196
Total, departmental expenditure	..	1,049,924	395,673	654,251