

of the land available under this heading totals 100,000 acres. Summarizing these figures, we arrive at the position that 75,000 acres are available for early settlement, and only 169,000 acres capable of development but which could not be available for a number of years. These estimates are subject to correction when the present detailed survey is completed.

An estimate of the land required for the rehabilitation of returned soldiers totals 1,200,000 acres. Hence, if these soldiers are to be settled, it is obvious that existing occupied land will have to be purchased, since there is only 244,000 acres of Crown land available and suitable for settlement.

Relevant to this discussion is the possibility of subdividing existing holdings so that further population could be absorbed. It is therefore of interest to examine the history of any change in the size of land holdings. The following two tables show over a period of years, first, the number of acres involved, and, secondly, the percentage distribution of these holdings according to acreage. These figures do not include holdings of less than 1 acre, land in boroughs, or land held on the Maori communal system.

Table No. 69.—Table showing Number of Acres in Holdings of various Sizes at Selected Years from 1878 to 1941

Area of Holdings, in Acres.	1878.	1881.	1886.	1891.	1896.	1900-01.	1905-06.
1- 10 ..	27,394	27,629	42,566	52,467	69,626	71,387	79,926
10- 50 ..	175,772	197,204	219,418	254,716	316,493	320,158	324,375
50- 100 ..	311,346	346,502	390,743	435,263	548,035	556,868	591,209
100- 200 ..	669,455	785,019	904,350	1,028,751	1,369,170	1,389,120	1,514,084
200- 320 ..	525,606	632,714	826,516	1,013,319	1,387,431	1,493,761	1,692,824
320- 640 ..	845,170	1,015,378	1,276,021	1,717,746	2,449,451	2,772,325	3,306,475
640- 1,000 ..	589,634	672,121	787,335	1,058,461	1,486,693	1,843,235	2,220,149
1,000- 5,000 ..	1,982,186	2,307,407	2,975,095	3,425,185	4,929,539	5,715,047	6,955,310
5,000-10,000 ..	1,196,951	1,379,833	1,617,887	1,768,799	2,422,197	2,591,497	2,874,562
10,000-20,000 ..	2,018,661	2,368,448	2,519,168	2,699,404	3,293,706	3,272,741	3,278,498
20,000-50,000 ..	2,923,876	3,284,287	3,070,560	3,340,931	4,913,228	5,417,990	5,273,472
50,000 and over	1,313,021	2,183,311	2,447,417	2,602,487	10,126,643	9,467,444	9,056,576
Total ..	12,579,072	15,206,897	17,077,074	19,397,529	33,312,212	34,911,573	37,167,460

Area of Holdings, in Acres.	1910-11.	1916.	1920.	1925.	1930.	1935.	1941.*
1- 10 ..	81,397	69,390	72,191	73,700	56,030	51,162	52,525
10- 50 ..	335,056	358,726	376,722	405,650	354,963	372,315	374,038
50- 100 ..	618,980	708,228	780,437	887,840	814,829	878,596	925,878
100- 200 ..	1,628,608	1,812,196	1,942,252	2,118,701	2,118,963	2,247,660	2,330,867
200- 320 ..	1,818,087	2,054,917	2,186,233	2,265,477	2,350,763	2,387,045	2,476,209
320- 640 ..	3,872,809	4,355,985	4,641,779	4,735,425	4,676,166	4,620,674	4,614,325
640- 1,000 ..	2,931,721	3,149,598	3,301,292	3,425,566	3,394,215	3,300,499	3,307,731
1,000- 5,000 ..	9,388,126	10,366,504	11,305,733	11,477,823	11,844,345	11,592,077	11,517,582
5,000-10,000 ..	3,525,514	3,593,266	3,824,623	3,905,686	3,740,004	3,805,689	3,707,175
10,000-20,000 ..	3,751,346	3,880,927	4,235,689	4,242,147	4,251,895	4,110,362	4,133,400
20,000-50,000 ..	4,157,740	5,126,470	5,371,215	5,139,745	4,942,770	4,549,725	4,406,409
50,000 and over	8,128,742	5,785,986	5,434,913	4,954,612	4,823,710	5,188,775	5,042,198
Total ..	40,238,126	41,262,193	43,473,079	43,632,372	43,368,653	43,104,559	42,888,337

* Latest figure available.