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115. Despite the great competition for building-supplies, it can be said that some measure of success has been achieved by the Building Organization of the Department of Maori Affairs during the year, and vigorous action is being maintained by that Department in meeting the housing needs and problems of Maori ex-servicemen.

116. During the year, 93 loan applications for the erection and purchase of houses were approved, making a total to date of 370 loan approvals.

SECTION XIV.—APPRECIATION

117. To the members of the National Rehabilitation Council, Local Rehabilitation Committees, Farming Sub-committees, Trade Training Advisory Committees, Education Committees, District Executive Committees, and Maori Tribal Executive Committees the Board again expresses its gratitude for their helpful co-operation throughout the year.

118. The Board owes its gratitude to all individuals, organizations, and the agency Departments who have in any way assisted the rehabilitation of ex-servicemen during the year under review, and it is realized that without such assistance the high activity figures recorded in this report would not have been attained.

119. The Board wishes to record its appreciation of the good work which has been accomplished by the staff, and the loyal support which they have given over the last twelve months.
