

SESSION II.  
1912.  
NEW ZEALAND.

## STATE-GUARANTEED ADVANCES OFFICE

(REPORT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1912.

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.*

### ADVANCES TO SETTLERS BRANCH.

#### EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE-SHEET.

FIVE thousand three hundred and fifty-five applications for loans, amounting to £2,593,084, were received during the year. The advances actually granted numbered 4,136, amounting to £2,174,085, which exceeds those of the previous year by 953, and the amount by £969,775. The Board had from the commencement of its business up to the 31st March, 1912, authorized 36,916 advances, amounting to £13,719,445. Applicants to the number of 4,133 declined the grants offered them, amounting to £1,668,065, making the number of advances authorized to the 31st March, 1912, 32,783, and the amount £12,051,380 net. The total amount of advances actually paid over during the year for both the Advances to Settlers and Advances to Workers Branches was £2,717,925.

Classified according to provincial districts, the total number and amount of advances, including repayments advanced again, authorized to date are,—

Provincial District.	Number of Applications.	Amount of Advances authorized. £
Auckland .. .. .	10,570	3,596,013
Taranaki .. .. .	4,622	2,134,944
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	1,821	570,615
Wellington .. .. .	9,338	3,644,018
Marlborough .. .. .	1,057	447,265
Nelson .. .. .	609	190,190
Westland .. .. .	757	188,935
Canterbury .. .. .	3,457	1,154,670
Otago .. .. .	2,107	832,220
Southland .. .. .	2,578	960,575
Total .. .. .	36,916	£13,719,445

Classified according to provincial districts, the advances authorized during the year ended 31st March, 1912, were,—

Provincial District.	Number of Applications.	Amount of Advances authorized. £
Auckland .. .. .	1,717	794,745
Taranaki .. .. .	361	236,475
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	263	102,150
Wellington .. .. .	1,024	525,150
Marlborough .. .. .	121	64,465
Nelson .. .. .	120	41,675
Westland .. .. .	80	26,165
Canterbury .. .. .	554	210,235
Otago .. .. .	174	88,850
Southland .. .. .	196	101,390
Total .. .. .	4,610	£2,191,300