

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PURCHASERS OF WORKERS' DWELLINGS SERVING WITH THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

The Workers' Dwellings Board has continued the policy of assisting purchasers while on active service by relieving their dependants of the payment of such portion of their instalments as represents a repayment of principal, and charging only interest on the balance of principal owing at the date of enlistment, together with a sufficient amount to cover the insurance premium payable in respect of the dwelling.

The Financial Assistance Board has made a practice of giving further assistance by granting in some instances the remaining payments, leaving the families entirely rent-free, and in others by paying the interest, leaving the rates and insurance to be paid by the occupants.

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Superintendent of Workers' Dwellings.

RETURNS.

(a). (b), and (c) made pursuant to section 18 of the Act.

(a.) THE MONEYS EXPENDED DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR IN ACQUIRING LAND UNDER THIS ACT, IN PREPARING THE SAME FOR WORKERS' DWELLINGS, AND IN ERECTING SUCH DWELLINGS.

1. Amount expended in acquiring land and dwellings already erected	£	s.	d.
2. Amount expended in preparing land for workers' dwellings	2,235	3	6
3. Amount expended in erecting dwellings...	950	0	0
	12,320	2	5
Total (paid out of Public Works Fund)	15,505	5	11
4. Amount expended in administration and travelling (paid out of Labour Department's vote)	412	2	10
Total	£15,917	8	9

The above return does not include the sum of £349 9s. 2d. incurred for maintenance, fire insurance, rates, &c., upon the dwellings erected and leased to the occupants under the Act of 1905, and £1,050 11s. 8d. for fire insurance and rates in respect of dwellings erected under the Act of 1910. These amounts are charged for in the rents and instalments collected.

The total expenditure in connection with the workers' dwellings during the year was thus £17,317 9s. 7d.—viz., £15,505 5s. 11d. out of Public Works Fund, and £1,812 3s. 8d. out of the Labour Department's vote.

(b.) THE NUMBER OF DWELLINGS ERECTED AND PURCHASED DURING THE YEAR, AND THE NUMBER DISPOSED OF.

The number of dwellings erected and purchased	...	...	...	21
The number of dwellings disposed of	...	...	...	21

(c.) THE WEEKLY OR OTHER PAYMENTS CONTRACTED FOR, THE AMOUNT OF SUCH PAYMENTS RECEIVED, AND THE AMOUNT OF ARREARS OUTSTANDING.

(1.) Settlement.	(2.) Arrears out- standing as at 31st March, 1917.	(3.) Weekly or other Payments con- tracted for (exclusive of Arrears, Col. 2). (Total for Year.)	(4.) Total Amount received for Year.	(5.) Arrears out- standing as at 31st March, 1918.	(6.) Number of Dwellings on Settlement.	(7.) Average Arrears per Dwelling.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Auckland—						
Lawry ..	138 15 6	3,069 6 9	2,904 9 9	303 12 6	81	3 15 0
Eccleston ..	28 16 1	1,200 9 8	1,191 11 3	37 14 6	31	1 4 4
Grey Lynn ..	2 17 4	206 7 11	208 6 9	0 18 6	6	0 3 1
Wellington—						
Taitville ..	29 19 7	1,539 13 10	1,524 9 8	45 3 9	33	1 7 5
Island Bay ..	26 17 1	982 17 9	970 18 6	38 16 4	25	1 11 1
Latta ..	4 9 2	419 14 6	383 6 8	40 17 0	8	5 2 1
Coromandel Street	Cr. 0 12 9	506 4 0	492 19 8	12 11 7	12	1 1 0
McIntosh (Roseneath)	Cr. 0 1 6	235 16 6	216 19 5	18 15 7	7	2 13 8
Heretaunga (Petone)	29 19 11	1,201 17 10	1,170 5 11	61 11 10	34	1 16 3
Christchurch—						
Camelot ..	90 7 5	1,190 13 10	1,193 11 2	87 10 1	35	2 10 0
Walker ..	15 5 0	547 2 6	519 4 7	43 2 11	16	2 13 11
Chancellor Street ..	9 8 10	245 0 1	250 16 5	3 12 6	7	0 10 4
Hulbert ..	27 14 0	466 14 0	479 5 11	15 2 1	11	1 7 6
Dunedin—						
Windle ..	14 11 11	966 3 11	946 2 11	34 12 11	27	1 5 8
Maia ..	Cr. 0 13 3	154 5 8	153 15 4	Cr. 0 2 11	4	..
Wanganui—						
Ballance ..	13 4 11	304 18 11	312 14 2	5 9 8	8	0 13 8
Willis ..	5 5 0	228 12 4	234 3 1	Cr. 0 5 9	6	..
Puriri ..	Cr. 0 15 4	204 2 0	197 3 0	6 3 8	5	1 4 9