on the 31st March the Department had on its books 35,734 tenants, with an annual rent-roll of over £1,220,000. The problem of arrears appears to have been more acute in the purely pastoral districts, and now that the prospects of the sheep-farmer are so decidedly bright it is fair to assume that a large volume of arrears will be gradually extinguished.

Expenditure.

Summary of Expenditure approved during the Year ended 31st March, 1924.

Consolidated Fund.   2   2   28,8   8   4   110,235   19   7   120,045	1.4					_						
Vote Lands and Survey (Subdivision I)	Name of Vote or Account.		Amount				Recoveries.			Not Expenditure.		
Scenery Preservation Account   6,968   3,335   2   10   215   3   2   3,119	nd Survey (S nd Survey (S clements Acco tlements Acco	ubdivision 1) ubdivision 11) unt expenses unt (Lands fo	. 155,902 29,167 . 10,005 r 6,780	$\begin{bmatrix} 248, 281 \\ 26, 447 \\ 4, 983 \end{bmatrix}$	$17 \\ 16 \\ 1$	$\frac{2}{1} \\ 5$	119,235 571 1,019	19 3 15	798	$ \begin{array}{r r} 129,045 \\ 25,876 \\ 3,963 \end{array} $	$\frac{12}{5}$	$rac{4}{9}$
Public Works Fund.   Roads to open up land for settlements   104,900   49,547   4   5   361   11   5   49,185	oldiers Settle:	nent Account:										
Totals	Totals		258,822	345,731	12	2	123,871	0	7	221,860	11	7
Colher Accounts			104,900	49,547	4	5	361	11	5	49,185	13	0
Land for Settlements Account	Totals		104,900	49,547	4	5	361	11	5	49,185	13	0
Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account (section 7, Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910)   Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account (section 8, Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account (section 8, Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910)   Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account (section 5, Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910)   Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account (section 5, Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account (section 93, Rangitaiki Plains Settlement Account (section 95, Rangitaiki Plains Settlement Account (section 95, Rangitaiki Plains Settlement Account (section 95, Rangitaiki Plains Settlement Account (section 93, Rangitaitaitaitaitaitaitaitaitaitaitaitaitai	lements Acco	ınt										
Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account (section 8, Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910)	Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account (section 7,			41,396	4	9	866	7	9	40,529	17	U
Hauraki Plains Settlement Account (section 5, Hauraki Plains Amendment Act, 1922)   Hauraki Plains Amendment Act, 1922)   Hauraki Plains Settlement Account (section 93, Reserves, &c., Act, 1916   Swamp Land Drainage Account (section 95, Reserves, &c., Act, 1916)	Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account (section 8, Rangi-				14	0	1	12	O	200	2	U
Hauraki Plains Settlement Account (section 93, Reserves, &c., Act, 1916   Swamp Land Drainage Account (section 95, Reserves, &c., Act, 1916)	Hauraki Plains Settlement Account (section 5,				2	10	61	4	1	9,111	18	9
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It will be seen that the expenditure is an increase on that of previous years, the net expenditure for 1922–23 being £2,011,840. This is largely caused by operations under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account.