

GENERAL REVIEW.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT.

Loans authorized during the year number 574, involving a total amount of £59,028, as follows :—

				New Loans.		Additional Loans.	
				Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
					£		£
Advances on current account	..	..	..	4	1,110	276	42,814
Advances on farms	..	..	..	1	100	5	1,456
Advances on dwellings	..	..	..	2	1,300	286	12,248
				7	2,510	567	56,518

Cash receipts for the year have risen by £122,882.

The comparative figures of cash receipts on Capital and Revenue Accounts for the last five years are :—

		1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.
		£	£	£	£	£
Capital	..	749,090	668,396	625,316	788,757	877,113
Revenue	..	604,988	527,436	488,048	525,578	560,104
		1,354,078	1,195,832	1,113,364	1,314,335	1,437,217

LANDS PROCLAIMED.

The lands set apart for selection by discharged soldiers during the year totalled 3,857 acres, making a grand total of 1,452,525 acres proclaimed since the inception of the scheme. This large area is made up as follows :—

Class of Land.	Area. Acres.
Ordinary Crown lands	613,093
Land-for-settlements land	402,544
National-endowment land	433,532
Cheviot Estate land	3,356
1,452,525	

Proclamations have been issued revoking the setting-apart of 237,733 acres of Crown and national-endowment land and 103,790 acres of land-for-settlements land.

APPLICATIONS FOR LAND.

Applications for land under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, to the number of eight were received during the year. The following table gives the number of applications and the area allotted for each year from the inception of the soldier-settlement scheme :—

Year ending					Applications received.	Allotments made.	
						Number.	Area (Acres).
31st March, 1916	..	..	..	..	272	2	629
„ 1917	..	..	..	..	522	319	143,524
„ 1918	..	..	..	..	513	313	103,362
„ 1919	..	..	..	..	1,379	348	117,018
„ 1920	..	..	..	..	5,041	932	403,891
„ 1921	..	..	..	..	5,396	1,087	414,867
„ 1922	..	..	..	..	878	403	97,972
„ 1923	..	..	..	..	284	146	25,113
„ 1924	..	..	..	..	216	79	16,910
„ 1925	..	..	..	..	123	47	9,014
„ 1926	..	..	..	..	109	86	20,500
„ 1927	..	..	..	..	78	66	17,412
„ 1928	..	..	..	..	96	60	15,695
„ 1929	..	..	..	..	90	77	13,275
„ 1930	..	..	..	..	63	53	16,665
„ 1931	..	..	..	..	41	31	8,495
„ 1932	..	..	..	..	22	16	4,215
„ 1933	..	..	..	..	12	6	4,133
„ 1934	..	..	..	..	10	8	1,536
„ 1935	..	..	..	..	8	7	2,954
Totals for twenty years					15,153	4,086	1,437,180