

GENERAL REVIEW.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT.

Loans authorized during the year number 719, involving a total amount of £66,517, as follows :—

				New Loans.		Additional Loans.	
				Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
					£		£
Advances on current account	..	..	..	12	3,971	294	40,459
Advances on farms	..	..	..	3	2,475	22	2,384
Advances on dwellings	..	..	..	5	2,880	383	14,348
				20	9,326	699	57,191

Cash receipts for the year have risen by £144,987.

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

		1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
		£	£	£	£	£
Capital		668,396	625,316	788,757	877,113	1,034,895
Revenue		527,436	488,048	525,578	560,104	547,309
		1,195,832	1,113,364	1,314,335	1,437,217	1,582,204

LANDS PROCLAIMED.

The lands set apart for selection by discharged soldiers during the year totalled 304 acres, making a grand total of 1,452,829 acres proclaimed since the inception of the scheme. This large area is made up as follows :—

Class of Land.	Area. Acres.
Ordinary Crown lands	613,397
Land-for-settlements land	402,544
National-endowment land	433,532
Cheviot Estate land	3,356
1,452,829	

Proclamations have been issued revoking the setting-apart of 238,359 acres of Crown and national-endowment land and 105,046 acres of land-for-settlements land.

APPLICATIONS FOR LAND.

Applications for land under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, to the number of twelve 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
„ 1936	..	..	..	12	7	3,638
Totals for twenty-one years				15,165	4,093	1,440,818