

GENERAL REVIEW.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT.

Loans authorized during the year numbered 660, involving a total amount of £85,042, as follows :—

	New Loans.		Additional Loans.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Advances on current account	37	10,550	276	50,511
Advances on farms	4	1,860	26	6,513
Advances on dwellings	2	1,605	315	14,003
	43	14,015	617	71,027

LANDS PROCLAIMED.

The lands set apart for selection by discharged soldiers during the year totalled 1,235 acres, making a grand total of 1,454,064 acres proclaimed since the inception of the scheme. This large area is made up as follows :—

Class of Land.	Area. Acres.
Ordinary Crown lands	614,003
Land-for-settlements land	403,173
National-endowment land	433,532
Cheviot Estate land	3,356
	1,454,064

Proclamations have been issued revoking the setting-apart of 239,230 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 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
„ 1936	12	7	3,638
„ 1937	8	8	1,877
Totals for twenty-two years	15,173	4,101	1,442,695