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## CHAPTER V. LAND TENURE AND SETTLEMENT.

### § 1. Introduction.

1. **General.**—A comprehensive description of the land tenure systems of the several States was given in Official Year Book No. 4 (pp. 235 to 333), while later alterations were referred to in subsequent issues. In this chapter a summary is given of the principal features of existing land legislation. In previous issues an account of the various tenures under which Crown lands may be taken up was given, but considerations of space preclude its repetition herein. (See Year Book No 22, p.p. 133-195; see also 2 hereunder for a conspectus of legislation at present in force.) Special paragraphs are devoted to the settlement of returned soldiers on the land, the tenure of land by aliens, and advances to settlers. Particulars as to the areas of land alienated in each State and similar matter are also included.

2. **State Land Legislation.**—The legislation in force relating to Crown lands, Closer Settlement, Returned Soldiers' Settlement, and other matters dealt with in this chapter is summarized in the following conspectus:—

#### STATE LAND LEGISLATION.

New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.
<b>CROWN LANDS ACTS.</b>		
Crown Lands Act 1913-1930 : Western Lands Act 1901-1930 : Crown Lands Purchase Validation Act 1923. Crown Lands Amendment (Disposal) Act 1923. Crown Lands and Closer Settlement (Amending) Act 1924. Prickly Pear Act 1924-1930.	Land Act 1928.	Land Acts 1910-1930. Upper Burnett and Callide Land Settlement Act 1923. Prickly Pear Land Acts 1923-1930. Sugar Workers' Selections Acts 1923-1930.
<b>CLOSER SETTLEMENT ACTS.</b>		
Closer Settlement Act 1904-1919 : Closer Settlement Purchases Validation Act 1923. Closer Settlement and Returned Soldiers' Settlement (Amendment) Act 1927.	Closer Settlement Act 1928-1929.	Closer Settlement Acts 1906-1930.
<b>MINING ACTS.</b>		
Mining Act 1906-1924 : Mining Leases (Validation) Act 1924.	Mines Act 1928.	Mining Acts 1898-1930 : Mining for Coal and Mineral Oil Act 1912 : Petroleum Acts 1923-1929 : Miners' Homestead Leases Act 1913-1930 : Coal Mining Act 1925-1930.
<b>SOLDIERS' SETTLEMENT ACTS.</b>		
Returned Soldiers' Settlement Act 1916-1928.	Closer Settlement Act 1928-1929 (Part II.).	Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act 1917-1930.
<b>ADVANCES TO SETTLERS ACTS.</b>		
Government Savings Bank Act 1906-1923 : Returned Soldiers' Settlement Act 1916-1925.	State Savings Bank Act 1915-1922 : Primary Products Advances Act 1919-1922 : Closer Settlement Act 1928-1929 : Fruit Act 1915-1920 : Cultivation Advances Act 1928.	State Advances Act 1916 : Co-operative Agricultural Products and Advances to Farmers Act 1914-1919 : Agricultural Bank Act 1923-1929.

3. **North Australia and Central Australia Land Legislation.**—In the Territories of North Australia and Central Australia, the legislation relating to Crown lands is embodied in the Crown Lands Ordinance 1927–1930, that relating to mining in the Northern Territory Mining Act 1903, the Gold Dredging Act 1899, the Tin Dredging Ordinance 1911–1920, the Mineral Oil and Coal Ordinance 1922–1923, and the Encouragement of Mining Ordinance 1913–1926; and that relating to Advances to Settlers in the Wire and Wire Netting Act 1927, and the Encouragement of Primary Production Ordinance 1927–1928.

4. **Federal Capital Territory Land Legislation.**—In the Federal Capital Territory the Ordinances relating to Crown lands are the Leases Ordinance 1918–1927, the Public Parks Ordinance 1928, the City Area Leases Ordinance 1924–1929, the Church Lands Leases Ordinance 1924–1930, and the Leases (Special Purposes) Ordinance 1925–1930.

STATE LAND LEGISLATION—*continued.*

South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.
<b>CROWN LANDS ACTS.</b>		
Crown Lands Act 1929: Pastoral Act 1904–1929.	Land Act 1893–1930.	Crown Lands Act 1911–1924.
<b>CLOSER SETTLEMENT ACTS.</b>		
Crown Lands Act 1929.	Agricultural Lands Purchase Act 1909–1922: Closer Settlement Act 1927.	Closer Settlement Act 1913–1924.
<b>MINING ACTS.</b>		
Mining Act 1893–1928: Gold Dredging Act 1905: Mining on Private Property Act 1909–1916.	Mining Act 1904–1923: Sluicing and Dredging for Gold Act 1899.	Mining Act 1917–1929: Aid to Mining Act 1924.
<b>RETURNED SOLDIERS' SETTLEMENT ACTS.</b>		
Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act 1917–1925.	Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act 1918–1919.	Returned Soldiers' Settlement Act 1916–1923.
<b>AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES SETTLEMENT ACTS.</b>		
Agricultural Graduates Act 1922.		
<b>ADVANCES TO SETTLERS ACTS.</b>		
Irrigation Act 1930: Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act 1917–1925: State Bank Act 1925–1928: Advances to Settlers on Crown Lands Act 1914–1927: Agricultural Graduates Act 1922.	Agricultural Bank Act 1906–1930.	State Advances Act 1907–1927: Advances to Fruit-growers Act 1918–1921: Closer Settlement Act 1913–1929: Returned Soldiers' Settlement Act 1916–1923.

5. Administration and Classification of Crown Lands.—In each of the States there is a Lands Department under the direction of a responsible Cabinet Minister who is charged generally with the administration of the Acts relating to the alienation, occupation and management of Crown lands. The administrative functions of most of the Lands Departments are to some extent decentralized by the division of the States into what are usually termed Land Districts, in each of which there is a Lands Office, under the management of a lands officer, who deals with applications for selections and other matters generally appertaining to the administration of the Acts within the particular district. In some of the States there is also a local Land Board or a Commissioner for each district or group of districts. In the Northern Territory the North Australia Commission is charged with the general administration of the Lands Ordinance and of Crown lands in the Northern Territory. In the Federal Capital Territory the administration of the Leases Ordinances is in the hands of the Department of Home Affairs.

Crown lands are generally classified according to their situation, the suitability of the soil for particular purposes, and the prevailing climatic and other conditions. The modes of tenure under the Acts, therefore, as well as the amount of purchase money or rent, and the conditions as to improvements and residence, vary considerably. The administration of special Acts relating to Crown lands is in some cases in the hands of a Board under the general supervision of the Minister, e.g., the Western Lands Board in New South Wales.

In each of the States and in the Northern Territory there is also a Mines Department which is empowered under the several Acts relating to mining to grant leases and licences of Crown Lands for mining and auxiliary purposes.

6. Classification of Tenures.—The tabular statement which follows shows the several tenures under which Crown lands may be acquired or occupied in each State. In the Northern Territory perpetual leases of pastoral and agricultural land are granted, as well as miscellaneous leases, and grazing and occupation licences. The mining leases and holdings are, generally speaking, similar to those of the States. In the Federal Capital Territory only city leases and leases of other lands are issued.

STATE CROWN LANDS—TENURES.

New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.
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FREE GRANTS, RESERVATIONS AND DEDICATIONS.

Free Grants: Reservations: and Dedications.	Free Grants: Reservations.	Free Grants: Reservations.
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UNCONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF FREEHOLD.

Auction Sales: After-auction Purchases: Special Purchases: Improvement Purchases.	Auction Sales.	Sales (at or after auction): Unconditional Selections.
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CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF FREEHOLD.

Residential Conditional Purchases: Non-residential Conditional Purchases: Additional Conditional Purchases: Conversions of various Leasehold Tenures into Conditional Purchases: Purchases of Town Leases: Suburban Holdings: Returned Soldiers' Special Holdings: Residential Leases: Week-end Leases.	Residential Selection Purchase Leases: Non-residential Selection Purchase Leases: Licences of Auriferous worked-out Lands: Conditional Purchase Leases of Swamp or Reclaimed Lands: Selection Purchase Leases of Mallee Lands: Murray River Settlements: Special Settlement Areas: Conversions into Selection Purchase Leases.	Agricultural Farms: Agricultural Homesteads: Free Homesteads: Prickly Pear Selections.
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STATE CROWN LANDS—TENURES—*continued.*

New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.
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## LEASES AND LICENCES UNDER LAND ACTS.

Conditional Leases : Conditional Purchase Leases : Special Conditional Purchase Leases : Homestead Selections : Homestead Farms : Settlement Leases : Special Leases : Annual Leases : Scrub Leases : Snow Leases : Inferior Lands Leases : Crown Leases : Improvement Leases and Leases under Improvement Conditions : Occupation Licences : Leases of Town Lands : Suburban Holdings : Weekend Leases : Residential Leases : Leases in Irrigation Areas : Western Lands Leases : Forest Leases : Forest Permits.	Perpetual Leases : Auriferous Lands Licences : Leases of Swamp or Reclaimed Lands : Perpetual Leases of Swamp or Reclaimed Lands : Grazing Licences : Perpetual Leases (Mallee) : Miscellaneous Leases and Licences : Bee Farm Licences : Bee Range Area Licences : Eucalyptus Oil Licences : Forest Leases : Forest Licences : Forest Townships.	Perpetual Lease Selections : Perpetual Lease Prickly Pear Selections : Pastoral Leases : Preferential Pastoral Leases : Stud Holdings : Prickly Pear Leases : Occupation Licences : Special Leases : Grazing Selections : Development Grazing Selections : Auction Perpetual Leases : Pastoral Development Leases.
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## CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

Sales by Auction and Tender : After-auction Sales and Tenders : Settlement Purchases.	Sales of Land : Conditional Purchase Leases : Conditional Purchase Leases in Mountainous Areas.	Agricultural Farms : Unconditional Selections : Perpetual Lease Selections : Settlement Farm Leases : Perpetual Town, Suburban and Country Leases.
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## LEASES AND LICENCES UNDER MINING ACTS.

Holdings under Miners' Rights : Gold Mining Leases : Mineral Leases : Coal and Oil Mining Leases : Business Licences : Residence Areas.	Holdings under Miners' Rights : Gold Mining Leases : Mineral Leases : Business Areas : Residence Areas.	Holdings under Miners' Rights : Permits to Prospect for Petroleum : Petroleum Leases : Licences to Prospect for Coal and Mineral Oil : Gold Mining Leases : Mineral Leases : Business Areas : Residence Areas : Miners' Homestead Leases and Miners' Homestead Perpetual Leases.
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## SETTLEMENT OF DISCHARGED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Soldiers' Group Purchases : Returned Soldiers' Special Holding Leases : Returned Soldiers' Special Holding Purchases : also Purchases and Leases under Crown Lands Act of lands set apart for application by discharged soldiers exclusively.	(Same Tenures as under the Land and Closer Settlement Acts.)	Agricultural Farms : Perpetual Lease Selections : Perpetual Town and Suburban Leases.
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STATE CROWN LANDS—TENURES—*continued.*

South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.
<b>FREE GRANTS, RESERVATIONS, AND DEDICATIONS.</b>		
Free Grants : Reservations.	Free Grants : Reservations.	Free Grants : Reservations.
<b>UNCONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF FREEHOLD.</b>		
Auction Sales.	Auction Sales.	Auction Sales : After-auction Sales : Sales of Land in Mining Towns.
<b>CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF FREEHOLD.</b>		
Agreements to Purchase : Special Agreements to Purchase (40 years' term) : Homestead Blocks.	Conditional Purchases with Residence : Conditional Purchases without Residence : Conditional Purchases by Direct Payment : Conditional Purchases of Land for Vineyards, etc. : Conditional Purchases of Inferior Lands : Conditional Purchases by Pastoral Lessees : Conditional Purchases of Grazing Lands : Homestead Farms : Village Allotments : Workingmen's Blocks : Special Settlement Leases.	Selections for Purchase : Additional Selections for Purchase : Homestead Areas : Selections in Mining Areas : Sales by Auction : Sales by Private Contract : After-auction Sales : Special Settlement Areas.
<b>LEASES AND LICENCES UNDER LAND ACTS.</b>		
Perpetual Leases : Special Perpetual Leases (Free Period) : Perpetual Leases of Homestead Blocks : Miscellaneous Leases : Grazing and Cultivation Leases : Licences : Licences of Resumed Land : Pastoral Leases : Leases of Unoccupied Pastoral Land : Irrigation Blocks : Town Allotments in Irrigation Areas : Forest Leases.	Pastoral Leases : Special Leases : Residential Leases : Leases of Town and Suburban Lands : Irrigation Leases.	Grazing Leases : Pastoral Leases : Leases of Land covered with Button Grass, etc. : Leases of Mountainous Land : Miscellaneous Leases : Temporary Licences : Occupation Licences : Residence Licences : Business Licences : Forest Leases, Licences and Permits.
<b>CLOSER SETTLEMENT.</b>		
Sales by Auction : Agreements to Purchase : Miscellaneous Leases.	Conditional Purchases : Town and Suburban Areas.	Leases with Right of Purchase : Special Sales.
<b>LEASES AND LICENCES UNDER MINING ACTS.</b>		
Holdings under Miners' Rights : Search Licences : Occupation Licences : Gold Leases : Mineral Leases : Business Areas : Residence Areas : Miscellaneous Leases (Salt and Gypsum).	Holdings under Miners' Rights : Gold Mining Leases : Mineral Leases : Business Areas : Residence Areas : Miners' Homestead Leases.	Holdings under Miners' Rights : Prospectors' Licences : Gold Mining Leases : Mineral Leases.
<b>SETTLEMENT OF DISCHARGED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.</b>		
Perpetual Leases : Pastoral Leases : Agreements to Purchase.	Ordinary Tenure : Special Tenure.	Free Grants : Ordinary Tenure : Special Tenure.
<b>AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES SETTLEMENT ACTS.</b>		
Agreements to Purchase.		

## § 2. Free Grants, Reservations, and Dedications.

1. *New South Wales.*—(i) *Free Grants.* Crown lands may, by notification in the *Gazette*, be dedicated for public purposes and be granted therefor in fee-simple. Such lands may be placed under the care and management of trustees, not less than three in number, appointed by the Minister.

(ii) *Reservations.* Temporary reservations of Crown lands from sale or lease may be made by the Minister.

(iii) *Areas Granted and Reserved.* During the year 1929–30 the total area for which free grants were prepared was 4,411 acres, including grants of 3,783 acres of land resumed under the 12th clause of the Public Roads Act 1902. During the same period 4,133 acres were dedicated and permanently reserved, the number of separate dedications being 111.

On the 30th June, 1930, the total area reserved, including temporary reserves, was 17,450,459 acres, of which 5,270,818 acres were for travelling stock, 2,406,285 acres for forest reserves, 658,884 acres for water, 1,101,827 acres for mining, and the remainder for temporary commons, railways, recreation reserves and parks, reserves for aborigines, and miscellaneous purposes.

2. *Victoria.*—(i) *Free Grants.* The Governor may grant, convey or otherwise dispose of Crown lands for public purposes.

(ii) *Reservations.* The Governor may temporarily or permanently reserve from sale, lease or licence any Crown lands required for public purposes, and may except any area of Crown lands from occupation for mining purposes or for residence or business under any miner's right or business licence.

(iii) *Areas Granted and Reserved.* During the year 1929, one acre was granted without purchase, and reservations of both a permanent and temporary nature, comprising a net area of 7,298 acres, were made. At the end of 1929, the total area reserved was 7,709,871 acres, consisting of roads, 1,794,218 acres; water reserves, 314,111 acres; agricultural colleges, etc., 87,042 acres; permanent forests and timber reserves under Forests Act, 4,418,384 acres; forests and timber reserves under Land Acts, 329,385 acres; reserves in the Mallee, 410,000 acres; and other reserves, 356,731 acres.

3. *Queensland.*—(i) *Free Grants.* The Governor may grant in trust any Crown land which is or may be required for public purposes. Under the Irrigation Act land to be used for the purpose of any undertaking under that Act may be vested in fee-simple in the Irrigation Commission.

(ii) *Reservations.* The Governor may reserve from sale or lease, either temporarily or permanently, any Crown land which is or may be required for public purposes. Reserved lands may be placed under the control of trustees who are empowered to lease the same for not more than 21 years with the approval of the Minister.

Under the State Forests and National Parks Act, the Governor may permanently reserve any Crown lands and declare them to be a State Forest or a National Park.

(iii) *Areas Granted and Reserved.* During the year 1930 the area of reserves cancelled was 222,701 acres less than the area set apart as reserves. The total area reserved, up to the end of 1930 was 17,926,139 acres, made up as follows:—timber reserves, 3,432,945 acres; State forests and national parks, 2,058,646 acres; for use of aborigines, 6,241,992 acres; and general, 6,192,556 acres.

4. *South Australia.*—(i) *Free Grants.* The Governor may dedicate Crown lands for any public purpose and grant the fee-simple of such lands, with the exception of foreshores and land for quays, wharves or landing-places, which are inalienable in fee-simple from the Crown.

(ii) *Reservations.* The Governor may reserve Crown lands for (a) the use and benefit of aborigines, (b) military defence, (c) forest reserves, (d) railway stations, (e) park lands, or (f) any other purpose that he may think fit.

(iii) *Areas Granted and Reserved.* During the year 1930 free grants were issued for a total area of 245 acres. During the same year reserves comprising 77,840 acres were proclaimed. At the 30th June, 1930, the total area reserved was 16,414,324 acres including 14,016,000 acres in the north-west of the State set apart as an aboriginal reserve in 1921.

5. Western Australia.—(i) *Free Grants.* The Governor may dispose of, in such manner as for the public interest may seem best, any lands vested in the Crown for public purposes, and may grant the fee-simple of any reserve to secure the use thereof for the purpose for which such reserve was made.

(ii) *Reservations.* The Governor may reserve any lands vested in the Crown for public purposes. Areas not immediately required may be leased from year to year. Reserves may be placed under the control of a local authority or trustees, with power to lease them for a period not exceeding 21 years, or may be leased for 99 years. Temporary reserves may also be proclaimed.

(iii) *Areas Granted or Reserved.* During the year ended 30th June, 1930, a few small areas of land were granted in fee-simple, and approximately 1,167,246 acres were reserved for various purposes. At the 30th June, 1930, the total area reserved was about 33,760,000 acres.

6. Tasmania.—(i) *Free Grants.* The only mention in the Crown Lands Act respecting free grants of land is that the Governor may agree with the Governor-General of the Commonwealth for the grant of any Crown land to the Commonwealth, and it is expressly stated that no lands may be disposed of as sites for religious purposes except by way of sale under the Act. Under the Returned Soldiers' Settlement Act of 1916, returned soldiers who applied prior to 31st March, 1922, are eligible to receive free grants of Crown land not exceeding £100 each in value, but these grants are conditional on the land being adequately improved.

(ii) *Reservations.* The Governor in Council may except from sale or lease, and reserve to His Majesty any Crown land for public purposes, and vest for such term as he thinks fit any land so reserved in any person or corporate body. Any breach or non-fulfilment of the conditions upon which such land is reserved renders it liable to forfeiture. A school allotment, not exceeding 5 acres in area, may also be reserved.

(iii) *Areas Granted or Reserved.* During the year ended 31st December, 1930, the area granted free was 472 acres, all of which was granted to soldiers under the Returned Soldiers' Settlement Act, while during the same year, free leases were issued to 2 local bodies for municipal purposes, and 4,117 acres were reserved, of which 498 acres were for forest reserves, 100 acres for recreation purposes, 39 acres for gravel reserves, 11 acres for cemetery purposes, one acre for a public hall, 15 acres for a stock resting reserve, 3,451 acres for a scenery reserve and 2 acres for school purposes. The total area reserved to the end of 1930 was 4,774,473 acres.

7. North Australia and Central Australia.—(i) *Reservations.* The Governor-General may resume for public purposes any Crown lands, not subject to any right of or contract for purchase, and may reserve, for the purpose for which they are resumed, the whole or any portion of the land so resumed.

(ii) *Areas Reserved.* The area of land held under reserve at 31st December, 1930, was—North Australia, 8,049 square miles, and Central Australia, 21,875 square miles.

### § 3. Unconditional Purchases of Freehold.

1. New South Wales.—(i) *Auction Purchases.* Crown lands, not exceeding in the aggregate 200,000 acres in any one year, may be sold by public auction in areas not exceeding half-an-acre for town lands, 20 acres for suburban lands, and 640 acres for country lands, at the minimum upset price of £8, £2 10s., and 15s. per acre respectively. At least 10 per cent. of the purchase-money must be paid at the time of sale, and the balance within three months, or the Minister may allow the payment of such balance to be deferred for a period not exceeding 10 years, 5 per cent. interest being charged. Town blocks in irrigation areas may also be sold by auction.



(ii) *After-auction Purchases.* In certain cases, land offered at auction and not sold may be purchased at the upset price, but one-quarter of the purchase-money must be paid as deposit with the application, and the balance as notified in the *Gazette*. Any such application is, however, subject to the approval of the Minister.

(iii) *Special Purchases.* Under certain circumstances, land may be sold in fee-simple, the purchaser paying the cost of survey and of reports thereon, in addition to the purchase-money. The minimum upset price per acre is the same as in the case of land sold by auction.

(iv) *Improvement Purchases.* The owner of improvements in authorized occupation by residence, under any mining or Western Lands Act of land within a gold-field or mineral field, may purchase such land without competition at a price determined by the local Land Board, but at not less than £8 per acre for town lands or £2 10s. per acre for other lands. The area must not exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre within a town or village, or 2 acres elsewhere, and no person may purchase more than one such area within 3 miles of a similar prior purchase by him.

2. *Victoria.*—(i) *General.* Lands specially classed for sale by auction may be sold by auction in fee-simple, not exceeding 100,000 acres in any one year, at an upset price of £1 an acre, or at any higher price determined. The purchaser must pay the survey fee at the time of the sale, together with a deposit of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. of the whole price; the residue is payable in equal half-yearly instalments with interest. Any unsold land in a city, town or borough, areas specially classed for sale, isolated pieces of land not exceeding 50 acres in area, and sites for churches or charitable purposes, if not more than three acres in extent, may be sold by auction on the same terms. Swamp or reclaimed lands may also be sold by auction, subject to the condition that the owner keeps open all drains, etc., thereon.

(ii) *Areas sold at Auction and by Special Sales.* During the year 1929, a total of 1,162 acres was disposed of under this tenure, 606 acres being country lands, while 556 acres of town and suburban lands were sold by auction.

3. *Queensland.*—(i) *General.* During the years 1917 to 1929 the law precluded land being made available for any class of selection which gave the selector the right to acquire the freehold title. By reason of the amending Act of 1929 land may now be made available under terms that will enable the freehold title to be obtained.

(ii) *Sales by Auction.* Crown land may be offered for sale by auction, with no conditions imposed, in areas not exceeding 640 acres. The minimum purchasing price is 10s. per acre and is payable on 10 years terms.

(iii) *Unconditional Selection.* The freehold title may also be acquired unconditionally where Crown land is made available and acquired as "Unconditional Selection." The maximum area allowed for this class of selection is 1,280 acres. The purchase price ranges from 13s. 4d. per acre upwards and is payable in 20 annual instalments. A deed of grant may be obtained, at any time on payment of the balance of the purchase price owing.

4. *South Australia.*—(i) *Sales by Auction.* The following lands may be sold by auction for cash :—(a) special blocks, (b) Crown lands which have been offered for lease and not taken up within 2 years, (c) town lands, and (d) suburban lands, which the Governor excepts from the operations of the Land Board. A purchaser must pay 20 per cent. of the purchase money in cash, and the balance within one month or within such extended time as the Commissioner of Crown Lands may allow. Town lands may be sold subject to the condition that they cannot be transferred or mortgaged for 6 years.

(ii) *Areas Sold, etc.* During the year ended 30th June, 1930, the area of town lands and special blocks sold by auction was 267 acres. In addition, 5,160 acres were sold at fixed prices, and the purchases of 34,246 acres on credit were completed, making a total of 39,673 acres.

5. *Western Australia.*—(i) *Sales by Auction.* Town, suburban, and village lands, after being surveyed into lots and notified in the *Gazette*, must be sold by auction. Ten per cent. of the purchase money must be paid in cash, together with the value of any improvements, and the balance in four equal quarterly instalments. Suburban land must be fenced within 2 years, and, until that is effected, no Crown grant may be issued.

(ii) *Areas Sold.* During the year ended 30th June, 1930, the area of town and suburban allotments sold was 1,305 acres in 613 allotments.

6. Tasmania.—(i) *Sales by Auction.* Town lands may be sold by auction for cash or on credit, no conditions being imposed beyond the payment of the purchase money. No town land, the price of which is less than £15, may be sold on credit.

(ii) *After-auction Sales.* Town lands, not within 5 miles of any city, which, after having been offered at auction, have not been sold, may be sold at the upset prices by private contract.

(iii) *Sales of Land in Mining Towns.* Any town land in a mining area may be sold by auction for cash, provided that any person, being the holder of a residence licence or business licence in lawful occupation of a residence area or business area and the owner of permanent improvements of a value equal to or greater than the upset price, is entitled to purchase such area at the upset price, prior to the sale by auction. The upset price of the unimproved value must not be less than £10, and the area must not exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre.

(iv) *Areas Sold.* During the year 1930 the area sold by auction or by special sale amounted to 30 acres.

**§ 4. Conditional Purchases of Freehold.**

1. New South Wales.—(i) *General.* The various methods of obtaining Crown lands by conditional purchase are given in some detail in preceding issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 22 pp. 141-2), but it is not proposed to repeat this information in the present volume.

(ii) *Areas Sold by Auction, by Special Purchase, and by Improvement Purchase (exclusive of Town Blocks within Irrigation Areas).* During the year ended 30th June, 1930, the total area sold was 1,212 acres, of which 372 acres were sold by auction and 157 acres as after-auction purchases, while 24 acres were sold as improvement purchases and 659 acres as special purchases. The amount realized for the sale of the whole area was £93,003.

(iii) *Areas Alienated as Conditional Purchases.* At the 30th June, 1930, the total number of conditional purchases in existence was 65,343, covering an area of 20,397,734 acres. The following table gives particulars of conditional purchases, including non-residential conditional purchases and special area conditional purchases, for the year ended 30th June, 1930, together with the total area for which deeds had been issued up to 30th June, 1930 :—

**CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, NEW SOUTH WALES, 1929-30.**

Year ended 30th June—	Applications Received.(a)		Applications Confirmed.(a)		Areas for which Deeds have been Issued.	
	Number.	Area.	Number.	Area.	During the Year.	To end of Year.
1930 .. ..	266	Acres. 52,771	177	Acres. 29,116	Acres. 299,485	Acres. 23,741,923

(a) Exclusive of conversions from other tenures.

2. Victoria.—(i) *General.* Allusion to the methods of obtaining Crown lands by conditional purchase will be found on pp. 143-4 of Official Year Book No. 22.

(ii) *Areas Purchased Conditionally.* Exclusive of selection in the Mallee country, the total area purchased conditionally in 1929 was 65,294 acres, comprising 62,401 acres with residence and 2,893 acres without residence. The number of selectors was 277.

3. Queensland.—(i) *General*. From 1917 until the passing of "The Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1929" the law prohibited land being made available for any class of selection which gave the selector the right to acquire the freehold title. The 1929 measure, however, amended the law in this respect, but considerations of space preclude the publication of details herein.

(ii) *Lands Acquired*. During the year 1930 the following new selections were acquired :—Agricultural farms to the number of 293 comprising an area of 77,777 acres, and 94 prickly pear selections of a total area of 53,405 acres. No agricultural homestead and no free homestead selections were made during the year.

4. South Australia.—(i) *General*. The various methods of obtaining Crown lands by conditional purchase will be found in Official Year Book No. 22, pp. 144-5.

(ii) *Lands Allotted*. The land allotted under Agreements to Purchase, exclusive of land for Soldier Settlement, during the year 1929-30 was 278,880 acres, comprising Eyre's Peninsula Railway Lands 186,924 acres, Murray Railway Lands 13,751 acres, Pinnaroo Railway Lands 19,509 acres, Closer Settlement Lands 5,199 acres, Buckleboo Railway Lands 10,142 acres, and other Crown lands 43,355 acres.

5. Western Australia.—(i) *General*. Allusion to the methods of obtaining Crown lands by conditional purchase is made in some detail in Official Year Book No. 22, pp. 145-7.

(ii) *Areas Alienated*. During the year ended the 30th June, 1930, the number of holdings for which Crown grants were issued was 2,240, covering free homestead farms 69,165 acres and conditional purchases 561,514 acres. The number of holdings conditionally alienated for the year was 2,114, the total area affected being 1,562,056 acres, comprising conditional purchases by deferred payments with residence and without residence of 1,446,302 and 8,331 acres respectively, conditional purchases by direct payments (without residence) 1,299 acres, and free homestead farms 106,124 acres. Under the heading "Deferred payments (with residence)" are included conditional purchases of grazing lands.

6. Tasmania.—(i) *General*. Preceding issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 22, pp. 148-9) give details regarding the methods of acquiring Crown lands by conditional purchase, but it is not proposed to repeat the information in this volume.

(ii) *Areas Conditionally Purchased*. During the year 1929, conditional purchases of 36,102 acres were completed. The total area sold conditionally was 22,292 acres, comprising selections for purchase 21,259 acres, auction sales on credit 735 acres, and town and suburban allotments 298 acres. The numbers of applications received and confirmed during the year were 463 and 192 respectively.

## § 5. Leases and Licences under Land Acts.

1. New South Wales.—(i) *General*. Information regarding the methods of obtaining leases and licenses of Crown lands is given in preceding issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 22, pp. 149-152), but it is not proposed to repeat this matter in the present issue.

(ii) *Areas Occupied under Leases and Licences*. On the 30th June, 1930, the area of leases and licences under the control of the Department of Lands, the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission, and the Western Land Board, comprised 113,381,359 acres of Crown lands.

The following table shows the areas which were granted under lease or licence during the year 1929-30, and those held under various descriptions of leases and licences at the end of that year :—

AREAS (a) TAKEN UP AND (b) OCCUPIED UNDER LEASE OR LICENCE.—NEW SOUTH WALES, 1929-30.(a)

Particulars.	Area taken up during the Year.	Particulars.	Area occupied at end of Year.
<i>Areas taken up under Crown Lands Act.</i>		Acres.	
Occupation licences .. .. .	.. .. .	Outgoing pastoral leases .. .. .	147,294
Conditional leases .. .. .	26,440	Occupation licences { (i) Ordinary .. .. .	2,049,400
Conditional purchase leases .. .. .	4,059	licences { (ii) Preferential .. .. .	723,934
Settlement leases .. .. .	6,133	Homestead leases .. .. .	11,722,588
Improvement leases .. .. .	7,505	Conditional leases .. .. .	173,333
Annual leases .. .. .	135,518	Conditional purchase leases .. .. .	2,848,724
Scrub leases .. .. .	.. .. .	Settlement leases .. .. .	759,007
Special leases .. .. .	83,273	Improvement leases .. .. .	1,127,013
Residential leases .. .. .	450	Annual leases .. .. .	286,078
Permissive occupancies .. .. .	557,409	Scrub leases .. .. .	272,300
Prickly-pear leases .. .. .	20,898	Snow leases .. .. .	707,417
Crown leases .. .. .	282,154	Special leases .. .. .	53,732
Homestead farms .. .. .	122,233	Inferior land leases .. .. .	.. .. .
Homestead selections and grants .. .. .	5,128	Residential leases (on gold and mineral fields) .. .. .	8,624
Suburban holdings .. .. .	824	Church and school lands .. .. .	1
Week-end leases .. .. .	4	Permissive occupancies (b) .. .. .	4,213,614
Leases of town lands .. .. .	.. .. .	Prickly-pear leases .. .. .	62,343
Returned soldiers' special holdings .. .. .	.. .. .	Crown leases .. .. .	5,631,875
Inferior land leases .. .. .	.. .. .	Homestead farms .. .. .	4,086,663
Irrigation farms .. .. .	63,250	Homestead selections and grants .. .. .	1,190,090
Snow leases .. .. .	264,100	Suburban holdings .. .. .	51,779
<i>Areas taken up under Western Lands Act.</i>		Week-end leases .. .. .	112
Leases .. .. .	773,671	Leases of town lands .. .. .	16,883
Permissive occupancies .. .. .	35,678	Returned soldiers' special holdings .. .. .	220,240
		Irrigation farms and blocks .. .. .	77,128,113
		Western land leases and licences (c) .. .. .	.. .. .
Total .. .. .	2,388,727	Total .. .. .	113,381,359

(a) See also § 7. 1. (ii), hereinafter. (b) Permissive occupancies in the Western Division not included. (c) Includes permissive occupancies.

2. Victoria.—(i) *General.* Information regarding the methods of obtaining leases and licences of Crown lands may be found in preceding issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 22, pp. 154-5).

(ii) *Areas held under Leases and Licences.* The area of Crown lands occupied under leases and licences in 1929 was 7,481,669 acres, comprising grazing licences (exclusive of Mallee) 5,610,956 acres, Mallee lands 1,738,449 acres, auriferous lands (licences) 38,727 acres, swamp lands (leases) 2,519 acres, perpetual leases, 5,046 acres, and perpetual leases under Land Act 1928, 85,972 acres.

3. Queensland.—(i) *General.* In preceding issues of the Official Year Book reference was made to the methods of obtaining leases and licences of Crown lands (see No. 22, pp. 155-7). The Land Acts Amendment Act of 1929, however, amended the law considerably, but limitations of space preclude the inclusion of a detailed account in this issue.

(ii) *Areas taken up under Lease or Licence.* The total area taken up under lease or licence during the year 1929 was 53,033,970 acres, made up as follows:—Pastoral leases 42,740,200 acres; occupation licences 3,928,000 acres; grazing farms 443,997 acres; grazing homesteads 3,134,030 acres; perpetual lease selections 178,858 acres; perpetual lease prickly-pear selections 257,255 acres; auction perpetual leases—town 121 acres, suburban 57 acres, and country 1,353 acres; special leases 51,269 acres; leases of reserves 66,510 acres, and prickly-pear leases 2,232,320 acres.

The following particulars are available respecting leases taken up in 1930:—

Grazing farms .. .. .	691,514 acres.
Grazing homesteads .. .. .	1,866,464 acres.
Perpetual lease selections .. .. .	53,785 acres.
Perpetual lease prickly-pear selections .. .. .	37,542 acres.
Agricultural farms .. .. .	77,697 acres.
Prickly-pear selections .. .. .	53,405 acres.

The gross area held at the end of the year 1929 for purely pastoral purposes was 368,456 square miles.

Two non-competitive perpetual leases were issued during 1929, the total area being 12 acres.

The total areas occupied under lease or licence will be found in a table at the end of this chapter.

4. South Australia.—(i) *General*. The methods by which Crown lands may be obtained by lease or licence are given at some length in preceding Year Books (see No. 22, pp. 157-8).

(ii) *Areas Leased*. The total area leased during 1929-30 under the different forms of lease tenure was 471,657 acres, made up as follows:—Perpetual leases—irrigation and reclaimed lands 970 acres, non-irrigable land in irrigation areas 3,052 acres, and other Crown lands 230,891 acres; pastoral leases 74,880 acres; and miscellaneous leases—grazing 117,939 acres, grazing and cultivation 43,922 acres, and closer settlement lands 3 acres.

The total areas held under lease are given in the table at the end of this chapter.

5. Western Australia.—(i) *General*. In preceding Year Books some account is given of the methods of acquiring Crown lands under various forms of leasehold tenure (see No. 22, p. 159).

(ii) *Areas Leased*. The number of leases issued by the Lands Department during the year ended 30th June, 1930, was 309, and the total area of leases issued 8,693,510 acres, comprising pastoral leases 8,626,234 acres, special leases 1,818 acres, and leases of reserves 65,458 acres.

The total areas leased are given in the table at the end of this chapter.

6. Tasmania.—(i) *General*. The various forms of tenure of Crown lands under leases, licences, or permits are alluded to in some detail in preceding issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 22, pp. 160-1).

(ii) *Areas Leased*. The area of pastoral leases during the year 1929 was 243,853 acres.

The total areas leased are given in the table at the end of this chapter.

7. North Australia and Central Australia.—(i) *General*. Reference to the various forms of tenure of Crown lands under leases, licences, and permits may be found in Official Year Book No. 22, pp. 161-2.

(ii) *Areas held under Leases, Licences, and Permits*. The following table shows the total areas held under lease, licence, and permit, and areas of reserves, at the end of the year 1930:—

NORTHERN TERRITORY.—AREAS HELD UNDER LEASES, LICENCES, OR PERMITS, AND AREAS OF RESERVES, 1930.

Particulars.	North Australia.	Central Australia.	Total.
	Square Miles.	Square Miles.	Square Miles.
<b>Leases and licences—</b>			
Pastoral leases .. .. .	134,215	69,830	204,045
Pastoral permits .. .. .	2,084	..	2,084
Grazing licences .. .. .	21,244	3,747	24,991
Agricultural leases .. .. .	183	..	183
Miscellaneous leases, including water leases ..	8	387	395
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>157,734</b>	<b>73,964</b>	<b>231,698</b>
<b>Reserves—</b>			
Aboriginal native .. .. .	8,049	21,875	29,924
Prospecting for mineral oil and coal .. .. .	1,000	..	1,000
Mission station .. .. .	611	901	1,512
Other .. .. .	1,931	..	1,931
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>11,591</b>	<b>22,776</b>	<b>34,367</b>

8. **Federal Capital Territory.**—(i) *General.* Reference to the various leases of Crown lands may be found in Official Year Book No. 22, p. 163.

(ii) *Areas of Acquired, Leased, etc., Lands.* At the end of the year 1930 the area of acquired lands was 213,830 acres; of lands alienated, 66,904 acres; of lands in process of alienation, 39,977 acres; of leases, 279,032 acres; and unoccupied, 197,767 acres. These figures are exclusive of 17,920 acres in the Jervis Bay area.

The number of leases granted under the City Area Leases Ordinance 1924–29 to the 30th June, 1930, was 495 representing a capital value of £274,626.

Seven leases for church purposes have been granted under the Church Lands Leases Ordinance 1924–27, which requires the lessees to submit a definite building programme within a specified period.

Five leases have been granted to date under the Leases (Special Purposes) Ordinance 1925–29, for church and scholastic purposes.

One hundred and ninety-two leases granted under the City Area Leases Ordinance have been surrendered or forfeited, representing a capital value of £107,990.

### § 6. Closer Settlement.

1. **New South Wales.**—(i) *General.* Particulars regarding the methods of acquisition and disposal of land for closer settlement are given in preceding Year Books (see No. 22, pp. 163–4), but this information will not be repeated in the present volume.

(ii) *Areas Acquired and Disposed of.* Up to the 30th June, 1930, 1,861 estates, including 953 single farm propositions acquired for discharged soldiers or sailors, had been acquired for closer settlement.

The number of farms allotted under the Promotion Sections of the Closer Settlement Acts to date is 3,796, the area 1,818,406 acres, and the amount advanced by the Crown £8,450,113.

The following statement gives particulars of the aggregate areas opened up to the 30th June, 1930 :—

#### CLOSER SETTLEMENT AREAS (a).—NEW SOUTH WALES, TO 30th JUNE, 1930.

To 30th June—	Areas.			Values.		
	Acquired Lands.	Adjoining Crown Lands.	Total.	Cost of Acquired Lands.	Value of Adjoining Crown Lands.	Total.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	£	£	£
1930 .. ..	4,073,971	196,369	4,270,340	14,593,799	414,291	15,008,090

(a) Includes 64 long-term leases resumed for closer settlement.

The total area was divided into 7,436 farms, comprising 4,233,785 acres, the remaining area being reserved for public purposes (roads, stock routes, schools, etc.).

The following table gives particulars regarding the disposal of the farms by closer settlement purchase at the 30th June, 1930 :—

#### CLOSER SETTLEMENT ALLOTMENTS.—NEW SOUTH WALES, AT 30th JUNE, 1930.

To 30th June—	Farms Allotted to Date.			Total Amount received in respect of Closer Settlement Farms.
	Number.	Area.	Capital Value.	
	No.	Acres.	£	
1930 .. ..	7,928	4,156,222	15,219,517	7,055,518

2. Victoria.—(i) *General*. The methods of acquiring and of disposing of land for closer settlement are given in some detail in preceding issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 22, pp. 165-6).

(ii) *Areas acquired and made available for Closer Settlement*. The following statement shows the operations under the provisions of the Closer Settlement Acts to the 30th June, 1930 :—

CLOSER SETTLEMENT.—VICTORIA, TO 30th JUNE, 1930.

(INCLUDING IRRIGATED AREAS.)

To 30th June—	Total Area Acquired by Government.	Total Cost.	How Made Available for Settlement.					Number of Applications Granted.	Total Receipts (Land and Advances).	Repayments of Principal.	Area Available for Settlement at 30th June.
			Farm Allotments.	Workmen's Homes Allotments.	Agricultural Labourers' Allotments.	Town Allotments. (a)	Roads and Reserves.				
	Acres.	£	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	No.	£	£	Acres.
1930	1,111,167	8,399,672	944,835	786	3,509	53,879	3,003	7,800	8,187,474	2,115,541	51,145

(a) Includes all land sold other than under Conditional Purchase Lease.

3. Queensland.—(i) *General*. Information regarding methods of acquiring and of disposing of land for closer settlement will be found in Official Year Book No. 22, pp. 166-7.

(ii) *Areas Acquired and Selected*. The total area acquired to 30th June, 1930, was 970,778 acres, costing £2,292,881. The following are the particulars of transactions under the Closer Settlement Act up to 30th June, 1930 :—Total area selected 910,725 acres; number of selectors 3,047; agricultural farms 2,115; unconditional selections 257; perpetual lease selections 582; prickly-pear selections 5; perpetual lease prickly-pear selections 10; area sold by auction 12,870 acres; and number of settlement farm leases 78.

4. South Australia.—(i) *General*. Allusion to the acquisition and disposal of land for closer settlement will be found in Official Year Book No. 22, p. 167.

(ii) *Areas Acquired and Selected*. The following table shows the area of land acquired for the purposes of closer settlement, and the manner in which it has been dealt with to the 30th June, 1930 :—

CLOSER SETTLEMENT.—SOUTH AUSTRALIA, TO 30th JUNE, 1930.

To 30th June—	Area of Lands Repurchased.	Agreements with Covenants to Purchase.	Total Area Leased as Homestead Blocks.		Perpetual Leases.	Miscellaneous Leases.	Sold.	Remainder Un-occupied (including Roads and Land in Irrigation Areas).
			Right of Purchase.	Perpetual Lease.				
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1930	781,447	522,095	321	1,210	33,261	81	192,533	31,916

The total area repurchased at 30th June, 1930, was 781,447 acres. The purchase money was £2,510,959. Of the total area, 749,531 acres have been allotted to 2,740 persons, the average area to each being 274 acres.

5. Western Australia.—(i) *General.* Preceding issues of the Official Year Book contain references to the methods of acquiring and of disposing of land for closer settlement (see No. 22, p. 168).

(ii) *Areas Acquired and Selected.* The total area acquired for closer settlement up to the 30th June, 1930, was 560,703 acres, costing £575,368. Of this area, 19,404 acres have been set aside for roads, reserves, etc., leaving a balance of 541,299 acres available for selection. Particulars of operations under the Act for the year ending 30th June, 1930, are as follows:—Area selected during the year 4,784 acres; number of farms, etc., allotted to date 965; total area occupied to date 448,266 acres; balance available for selection 93,033 acres; and total revenue £565,342.

6. Tasmania.—(i) *General.* A brief statement regarding the acquisition and disposal of land for closer settlement is given in preceding issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 22, pp. 168–9).

(ii) *Areas Acquired and Selected.* Up to the 30th June, 1930, 36 areas had been opened up for closer settlement. The total purchase money paid by the Government was £366,097, and the total area acquired amounted to 101,231 acres, including 10,000 acres of Crown lands.

7. Summary.—The following table gives particulars of operations under the Closer Settlement Acts at the 30th June, 1930:—

CLOSER SETTLEMENT.—TOTAL AREAS ACQUIRED AND ALLOTTED AT 30th JUNE, 1930.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Area acquired (a) acres	4,270,340	1,111,167	970,778	781,447	560,703	101,231	7,785,666
Purchase price (b) £	14,593,799	8,358,819	2,292,881	2,510,959	575,368	366,097	28,697,923
Farms, etc., allotted	No. 7,928	(c) 7,800	3,047	2,740	965	310	22,790
	acres 4,156,222	c1,008,140	910,725	749,531	448,266	82,000	7,349,884

(a) Includes Crown lands—New South Wales, 192,369 acres; Victoria, 67,762 acres; Tasmania, 10,000 acres. (b) Private lands only. (c) Includes 676 allotments of a total area of 66,859 acres granted to discharged soldiers under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts.

§ 7. Leases and Licences under Mining Acts.

1. New South Wales.—(i) *General.* Information regarding the various forms of leases and licences under Mining Acts is given in preceding issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 22, p. 170).

(ii) *Areas Occupied under Mining Acts.* The following table gives particulars of operations for the year 1929-30:—

AREAS TAKEN UP UNDER MINING ACTS.—NEW SOUTH WALES, 1929-30.

Purposes for which Issued or Occupied.	Areas Taken up during Year.	Total Areas Occupied at End of Year.
	Acres.	Acres.
Gold-mining .. .. .	1,106	4,726
Mining for other minerals .. .. .	26,960	269,575
Authorities to prospect .. .. .	32,314	14,821
Other purposes .. .. .	1,377	21,646
Total .. .. .	61,757	310,768



2. Victoria.—(i) *General*. Particulars of the various forms of leases and licences under Mining Acts are given in preceding issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 22, p. 171).

(ii) *Leases and Licences Issued*. During the year 1930, leases, licences, etc., were issued covering an area of 26,777 acres, the rent, fees, etc., for which amounted to £855. The area occupied at the end of the year was 71,628 acres.

3. Queensland.—(i) *General*. In preceding Official Year Books an account is given of the various forms of leases and licences under Mining Acts (see No. 22, pp. 171–2).

(ii) *Areas held under Lease or Licence*. During the year 1930 the number of miners' rights issued was 5,359, and of business licences 11. The following table gives particulars regarding the areas of lands taken up under lease or licence, and the total areas occupied for the year 1930. In addition, an area estimated at 25,000 acres was at the end of 1930 held under miners' rights and dredging claims.

#### AREAS TAKEN UP UNDER MINING ACTS.—QUEENSLAND, 1930.

Particulars.	Areas Taken up during Year.	Total Areas Occupied at End of Year.
	Acres.	Acres.
Gold-mining .. .. .	500	832
Mining for other minerals .. .. .	4,222	28,716
Coal-prospecting licences .. .. .	6,756	6,756
Miners' homestead leases .. .. .	18,247	320,289
Mineral oil-prospecting areas .. .. .	..	..
Petroleum-prospecting permits .. .. .	524,520	1,509,540
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>554,245</b>	<b>1,866,133</b>

4. South Australia.—(i) *General*. Reference to the various forms of leases and licences under Mining Acts is made in preceding issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 22, p. 173).

(ii) *Areas Occupied under Mining Acts*. The following table gives particulars of operations for the year 1930:—

#### AREAS TAKEN UP UNDER MINING ACTS.—SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1930.

Particulars.	Areas Taken up during Year.	Total Areas Occupied at End of Year.
	Acres.	Acres.
Gold-mining leases .. .. .	157	579
Mineral and miscellaneous leases .. .. .	2,360	47,991
Claims .. .. .	6,009	14,249
Search licences and permits .. .. .	119,680	103,680
Occupation licences .. .. .	8	58
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>128,214</b>	<b>166,557</b>

5. Western Australia.—(i) *General*. A brief explanation of the various forms of leases and licences under Mining Acts will be found in Official Year Book No. 22, pp. 174-5.

(ii) *Particulars of Areas Occupied*. The following table gives particulars of operations for the year 1930, the figures being exclusive of holdings under miners' rights and mineral oil licences. Of the areas shown as taken up in 1930, the area under lease was 1,453 acres for gold-mining, 458 for mining for other minerals, and 110 for miners' homesteads—a total of 2,021 acres. The balance was taken up under licences.

## AREAS TAKEN UP UNDER MINING ACTS.—WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1930.

Particulars.	Areas Taken up during Year.	Total Areas Occupied at End of Year.
	Acres.	Acres.
Gold-mining .. .. .	22,097	21,668
Mining for other minerals .. .. .	22,303	90,060
Other Purposes .. .. .	1,530	33,957
Total .. .. .	45,930	145,685

6. Tasmania.—(i) *General*. A description of the various forms of leases and licences under Mining Acts is given in preceding Official Year Books (see No. 22, pp. 175-6).

(ii) *Leases and Licences Issued and Areas Occupied*. During the year 1930, the number of leases issued was 178, of which the more important were 14 for gold-mining, covering 184 acres; and 66 for tin, covering 2,619 acres. Two licences to search for coal and oil were also granted. The following table gives particulars of operations for the year 1930:—

## AREAS TAKEN UP UNDER MINING ACTS.—TASMANIA, 1930.

Particulars.	Areas Taken up during Year.	Total Areas Occupied at End of Year.
	Acres.	Acres.
Gold-mining .. .. .	913	1,117
Mining for other minerals .. .. .	7,382	27,671
Licences to search for coal or oil .. .. .	2,212	980
Other purposes .. .. .	113	2,453
Total .. .. .	10,620	32,221

7. Northern Territory.—(i) *General*. A brief statement regarding the various forms of leases and licences under Mining Acts is given in Official Year Book No. 22, pp. 176-7.

(ii) *Leases Issued and Areas Occupied.* (a) *North Australia.* During 1929-30, 19 mineral blocks were taken up. At the 30th June, 1930, there existed 20 mineral leases for 540 acres, 4 gold-mining leases for 66 acres, 47 protected (approved) gold-mining leases for 895 acres, 15 mineral reef claims for 160 acres, and protected (approved) mining lease applications for 34 blocks covering 1,020 acres. In addition, 2 exclusive prospecting licences covering approximately 5 square miles were issued.

(b) *Central Australia.* During 1929-30, 5 gold-mining blocks with an area of 200 acres and 82 mineral blocks (3,040 acres) were taken up. At the 30th June, 1930, a total area of 840 acres was held under gold-mining leases and approved gold-mining leases and 3,560 acres under mineral leases and approved mineral leases.

8. *Summary.*—The following table shows the areas under leases and licences for mining purposes and the total areas occupied for mining purposes for the year 1930 :—

#### CROWN LANDS, LEASES AND LICENCES FOR MINING PURPOSES, 1930.

Year.	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land.(b)	S. Aust.(b)	W. Aust.(b)	Tas.(b)	Total. (c)
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#### AREAS FOR WHICH LEASES AND LICENCES ISSUED DURING YEAR.

1930 ..	Acres. 61,757	Acres. 26,777	Acres. 554,245	Acres. 128,214	Acres. 45,930	Acres. 10,620	Acres. 827,543
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#### TOTAL AREAS OCCUPIED AT END OF YEAR.

1930 ..	310,768	71,628	1,866,133	166,557	145,685	32,221	2,592,992
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(a) Year 1929-30. (b) Exclusive of lands held under miners' rights only. (c) Exclusive of Northern Territory, see 7 above.

### § 8. Settlement of Returned Soldiers and Sailors.

1. *General.*—Information in regard to the methods adopted in each State for providing land for the settlement of returned soldiers and sailors, together with the conditions under which such land could be acquired, is given in preceding issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 18, pp. 187-189), but limits of space preclude its repetition herein.

Particulars respecting the position of soldier settlement in each State at the latest available date are, however, given in the sub-sections immediately following.

2. *New South Wales.*—At the 30th June, 1930, the area set apart exclusively for soldiers was 9,746,361 acres, of which 1,912,664 acres comprised acquired land purchased at a cost of £8,085,108. The number of soldiers settled was 10,051, of whom 3,860 subsequently transferred, forfeited, or surrendered their holdings. The area of the farms held at that date was 8,039,358 acres, of which 6,454,022 acres were Crown lands (including 4,090,397 acres in the Western Division taken up under the Western Lands Act), 1,504,486 acres of acquired lands, and 80,850 acres within Irrigation Areas.

3. *Victoria.*—At the 30th June, 1930, the area acquired or set apart for soldier settlement was 2,500,844 acres, of which 1,763,090 acres comprised private land purchased at a cost of £13,360,408. The number of farms allotted was 8,446, containing 2,165,038 acres.

4. Queensland.—At the 30th June, 1929, the area acquired or set apart for soldier settlement was 577,633 acres, of which 41,101 acres comprised private land, purchased at a cost of £270,480. The number of farms allotted was 1,148, containing 440,992 acres. Some of these selections were acquired under the ordinary provisions of the Land Act, and do not include areas specially set apart for soldiers.

As special records are not now kept respecting the areas held by discharged soldier settlers later information cannot be given.

5. South Australia.—At the 30th June, 1930, the area acquired or set apart for soldier settlement was 2,915,660 acres, of which 1,563,050 acres comprised private land purchased at a cost of £4,358,042. The number of farms allotted was 2,417, containing 2,295,583 acres.

6. Western Australia.—At the 30th June, 1930, the area of land acquired or set apart for soldier settlement was 14,287,643 acres, of which 345,110 acres comprised private land purchased at a cost of £605,076. The number of farms allotted was 1,134, containing 14,287,643 acres. Assistance has been given to 5,213 returned soldiers, and the Agricultural Bank holds 3,661 properties as security for advances. The area held, including pastoral leases, is approximately 25,864,000 acres, and advances approved amount to £6,586,370.

7. Tasmania.—At the 30th June, 1930, the area acquired or set apart for soldier settlement was 339,000 acres, of which 268,209 acres comprised private land purchased at a cost of £2,010,225. The number of farms allotted was 1,968, containing 333,300 acres.

8. Summary.—The following table gives a summary of the area acquired, the purchase price thereof, and the number and area of farms allotted in all the States to the 30th June, 1930 :—

**SOLDIER SETTLEMENT.—AREAS ACQUIRED AND ALLOTTED AT  
30th JUNE, 1930.**

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.(b)	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Area acquired or set apart—							
(i) Private land acquired .. acres	1,912,664	1,763,090	41,101	1,563,050	345,110	268,209	5,893,224
(ii) Crown lands set apart .. „	7,833,697	737,754	536,532	1,352,610	13,942,533	70,791	24,473,917
Farms, etc., allotted { No.	(a)6,191	8,446	1,148	2,417	1,134	1,968	21,304
acres	8,039,358	2,165,038	440,992	2,295,583	14,287,643	333,300	27,561,914
Price paid by Government for private land acquired ..	£ 8,085,108	13,360,408	270,480	4,358,042	605,076	2,010,225	28,689,339

(a) Farms occupied.

(b) At 30th June, 1929. No later information available.

### § 9. Tenure of Land by Aliens.

Information regarding the terms and conditions under which land can be held by aliens is contained in previous issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 18, pp. 190-1), but limits of space preclude its repetition in the present issue.

### § 10. Advances to Settlers.

1. New South Wales.—(i) *General*. A detailed statement regarding the terms and conditions governing advances to settlers will be found in preceding issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 22, pp. 179-180).

(ii) *Amount of Advances*. The following table gives particulars respecting advances, etc., to 30th June, 1930 :—

#### ADVANCES TO SETTLERS.—NEW SOUTH WALES, 1929-30.

Particulars.	Advances made during 1929-30.	Total Advances at 30th June, 1930.	Amount outstanding at 30th June, 1930.
	£	£	£
Government Savings Bank Advances ..	2,696,210	26,392,200	14,260,961
Soldier Settlement Advances ..	146,302	7,522,368	4,023,385
Advances for Purchase of Wire Netting ..	42,788	988,842	367,361
Advances to Necessitous Farmers ..	600,593	4,333,551	(a) 1,039,443
Advances to Civilian Settlers on Irrigation Areas .. ..	45,492	625,515	224,354
Shallow Boring Advances .. ..	64,059	576,875	258,289
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>3,595,444</b>	<b>40,439,351</b>	<b>20,173,793</b>

(a) Includes interest charges accrued, £48,724.

2. Victoria.—(i) *General*. In preceding issues of the Official Year Book an account is given of the terms and conditions governing advances to settlers (see No. 22, pp. 180-1).

(ii) *Amount of Advances*. The following table gives particulars respecting advances, etc., to 30th June, 1930 :—

#### ADVANCES TO SETTLERS.—VICTORIA, 1929-30.

Authority Making Advances.	Advances made to—	Advances made during 1929-30.	Total Advances at 30th June, 1930.	Amount Outstanding at 30th June, 1930.
		£	£	£
State Savings Bank	Civilians .. ..	882,377	9,895,432	5,118,538
	Discharged soldiers ..	95,655	790,140	593,147
Closer Settlement Board	Closer Settlement settlers	1,041,662	12,553,164	9,064,967
	Soldier settlers .. ..	116,706	22,554,659	18,145,577
Treasurer .. ..	Cool stores, canneries, etc.	..	615,182	384,859
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>.. ..</b>	<b>2,136,400</b>	<b>46,408,577</b>	<b>33,307,088</b>

3. Queensland.—(i) *General*. Reference may be made to preceding issues of the Official Year Book for detailed information regarding terms and conditions of advances to settlers (see No. 22, pp. 182-3).

(ii) *Amount of Advances.* The following table gives particulars of advances, etc., to 30th June, 1930 :—

ADVANCES TO SETTLERS.—QUEENSLAND, 1929-30.

Act under which Advances were made.	Advances made during Year 1929-30.	Total Advances made to 30th June, 1930.	Amount outstanding at 30th June, 1930.
	£	£	£
Agricultural Bank Acts .. .. .	318,731	5,732,890	2,457,279
Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act (a) .. .. .	15,238	2,384,748	1,272,811
Water Facilities .. .. .	12,959	62,327	57,661
Wire Netting, Marsupial Proof Fencing, &c. .. .. .	38,941	729,959	532,123
Seed Wheat .. .. .	1,554	(b)55,845	9,670
Drought Relief .. .. .	..	67,381	44,806
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>387,423</b>	<b>9,033,150</b>	<b>4,374,350</b>

(a) Includes advances to group settlements through the Lands Department as well as advances through the Agricultural Bank. (b) Includes accrued interest to 30th June, 1930.

4. South Australia.—(i) *General.* A brief statement regarding the terms and conditions of advances to settlers is given in preceding issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 22, pp. 183-4).

(ii) *Amount of Advances.* The following table gives particulars respecting advances, etc., to 30th June, 1930 :—

ADVANCES TO SETTLERS.—SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 30th JUNE, 1930.

Particulars.	Advances made during 1929-30.	Total Advances at 30th June, 1930.	Amount outstanding at 30th June, 1930.
	£	£	£
Department of Lands—			
Advances to soldier settlers .. .. .	103,617	5,381,612	3,942,121
Advances to blockholders .. .. .	..	41,451	102
Advances for sheds and tanks .. .. .	..	75,693	60,428
Advances in drought-affected areas .. .. .	508,674	1,650,821	858,586
Advances under Closer Settlement Acts .. .. .	9,398	2,407,173	1,550,079
Advances under Agricultural Graduates Settlement Act .. .. .	1,302	22,152	21,939
State Bank of South Australia .. .. .	158,735	4,726,027	1,416,786
Advances to settlers for improvements .. .. .	45,356	769,583	371,426
Advances under Vermin and Fencing Acts .. .. .	63,168	1,269,707	466,429
Advances under Loans to Producers Act .. .. .	54,706	247,710	224,815
Irrigation Commission—			
Civilians .. .. .	12,292	255,179	141,054
Soldier settlers .. .. .	36,465	(a)1,151,179	1,068,833
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>993,713</b>	<b>17,998,287</b>	<b>10,122,598</b>

(a) Since June, 1927, a considerable sum has been written off advances to soldier settlers under Section 8 of the Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Relief Act 1925.

5. Western Australia.—(i) *General.* Reference to advances to settlers made by the Agricultural Bank, which was established in 1895, will be found in Official Year Book No. 22, p. 184.

(ii) *Amount of Advances.* The following table gives particulars respecting advances, etc., to 30th June, 1930 :—

ADVANCES TO SETTLERS.—WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1929-30.

Particulars.	Advances made during Year 1929-30.	Total Advances at 30th June, 1930.	Amount outstanding at 30th June, 1930 (inclusive of interest).
	£	£	£
Development loans .. .. .	725,698	8,023,687	5,151,792
Soldier settlement loans .. .. .	46,504	5,937,592	4,900,112
Advances to rural industries .. .. .	5,091	31,017	36,521
Cropping advances .. .. .	311,642	12,930,742	1,752,496
Group Settlement advances .. .. .	882,570	882,570	882,570
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>1,971,505</b>	<b>27,805,608</b>	<b>12,723,491</b>

6. Tasmania.—(i) *General.* A description of the terms and conditions of advances to settlers is incorporated in previous issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 22, p. 185).

(ii) *Amount of Advances.* The following table gives particulars respecting advances, etc., to 30th June, 1930 :—

ADVANCES TO SETTLERS.—TASMANIA, 30th JUNE, 1930.

Authority making Advances.	Advances made to—	Advances made during 1929-30.	Total Advances to 30th June, 1930.	Amount outstanding at 30th June, 1930.
		£	£	£
Agricultural Bank .. .. .	Settlers .. .. .	50,252	424,407	279,907
„ .. .. .	Orchardists' Relief, 1926 .. .. .	..	46,832	26,506
Minister for Lands .. .. .	Soldier Settlers .. .. .	5,385	689,956	220,097
„ .. .. .	Closer Settlers .. .. .	1,100	27,575	12,031
„ .. .. .	Fruit Growers .. .. .	..	1,897	543
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>.. .. .</b>	<b>56,737</b>	<b>1,190,667</b>	<b>539,084</b>

7. North Australia and Central Australia.—(i) *General.* A brief statement explanatory of the terms and conditions of advances to settlers is given in preceding issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 22, p. 186).

(ii) *Amount of Advances.* During the financial year 1929-30 the sum of £4,882 was advanced, making the total amount advanced to 30th June, 1930, £18,953 (approximately). The balance outstanding at 30th June, 1930, including interest, was £18,159.

8. Summary of Advances.—The following table gives a summary for each State to the 30th June, 1930 :—

ADVANCES TO SETTLERS.—AUSTRALIA, 30th JUNE, 1930.

State.	Advances made during 1929-30.	Total Advances to 30th June, 1930.	Amount outstanding at 30th June, 1930.
	£	£	£
New South Wales .. ..	3,595,444	40,439,351	20,173,793
Victoria .. ..	2,136,400	46,408,577	33,307,088
Queensland.. ..	387,423	9,033,150	4,374,350
South Australia .. ..	993,713	17,998,287	10,122,598
Western Australia .. ..	1,971,505	27,805,608	12,723,491
Tasmania .. ..	56,737	1,190,667	539,084
North and Central Australia .. ..	4,882	18,953	18,159
Total .. ..	9,146,104	142,894,593	81,258,563

§ 11. Alienation and Occupation of Crown Lands.

1. General.—The figures given in the previous parts of this chapter show separately the areas alienated, in process of alienation, or occupied under various tenures. The following tables set out in summarized form the position in regard to the tenure of land in each State, in the Northern Territory, and in the Federal Capital Territory during the latest year for which information is available. The area unoccupied includes roads, permanent reserves, forests, etc. In some cases, lands which are permanently reserved from alienation are occupied under leases and licences, and have been included therein. Lands occupied under leases or licences for pastoral purposes are frequently held on short tenures only, and could thus be made available for settlement practically whenever required.

2. New South Wales.—At the 30th June, 1930, of the total area of New South Wales, 22.1 per cent. had been alienated absolutely, 12.0 per cent. was in process of alienation, 57.4 per cent. was held under leases and licences, and the remaining 8.5 per cent. was unoccupied.

The following table gives particulars for the year ended 30th June, 1930 :—

ALIENATION AND OCCUPATION OF CROWN LANDS.—NEW SOUTH WALES, 1929-30.(a)

Particulars.	Acres.	Particulars.	Acres.
<b>1. Alienated.</b>		<b>2. In Process of Alienation.</b>	
Granted and sold prior to 1862	7,146,579	Conditional purchases ..	20,397,734
Sold by auction and other sales, 1862 to date .. ..	15,009,617	Closer settlement purchases ..	2,833,699
Conditionally sold, 1862 to date .. ..	23,741,974	Soldiers' group purchase ..	425,859
Granted under Volunteer Land Regulations, 1867 to date .. ..	172,198	Other forms of sale .. ..	23,599
Granted for public and religious purposes .. ..	259,079	Total .. ..	23,680,891
	46,329,447	<b>3. Held under Leases and Licences.</b>	
Less lands resumed or reverted to Crown .. ..	2,579,086	Total under Lands Department, Water Conservation and Irrigation Commissioner, and Western Lands Commissioners	113,381,359
		Mineral and auriferous leases and licences (Mines Department)	310,768
Total .. ..	43,750,361	Total .. ..	113,692,127
		<b>4. Unoccupied (approximate)</b>	
			16,913,121

(a) Exclusive of Lord Howe Island, 3,220 acres.  
Area of State—198,036,500 acres.



3. *Victoria.*—The total area of the State of Victoria is 56,245,760 acres, of which 46.6 per cent. had been alienated absolutely up to the end of the year 1929; 14.1 per cent. was in process of alienation under deferred payments and Closer Settlement Schemes; 13.4 per cent. was occupied under leases and licences; while 25.9 per cent. was unoccupied.

The following table shows the distribution :—

ALIENATION AND OCCUPATION OF CROWN LANDS.—VICTORIA, 1929.

Particulars.	Acres.	Particulars.	Acres.
1. <i>Alienated</i> .. .. .	26,204,928	3. <i>Leases and Licences held—</i>	
2. <i>In Process of Alienation—</i>		Under Lands Department ..	7,481,669
Exclusive of Mallee, etc. ..	1,907,900	Under Mines Department ..	57,807
Mallee Lands .. .. .	5,344,849	Total .. .. .	7,539,476
Under Closer Settlement Acts ..	664,563		
Village Settlements .. .. .	720	4. <i>Unoccupied Crown Lands</i> ..	14,583,324
Total .. .. .	7,918,032		
Total .. .. .	7,918,032		

Total area of State—56,245,760 acres.

4. *Queensland.*—The total area of this State is 429,120,000 acres, of which, on the 31st December, 1929, 4.3 per cent. was alienated absolutely; 1.4 per cent. was in process of alienation; and 74.0 per cent. was occupied under leases and licences. The remainder (20.3 per cent.) was either unoccupied or held as reserves, or for roads.

The distribution is shown in the following table :—

ALIENATION AND OCCUPATION OF CROWN LANDS.—QUEENSLAND, 1929.

Particulars.	Acres.	Particulars.	Acres.
1. <i>Alienated Absolutely—</i>		3. <i>Occupied under Leases and Licences—</i>	
By Purchase .. .. .	18,397,595	Pastoral Leases .. .. .	203,842,480
Without Payment .. .. .	88,589	Occupation Licences .. .. .	20,262,680
		Grazing Farms and Homestead	76,124,204
		Scrub Selections .. .. .	12,435
		Leases—Special Purposes ..	752,510
		Under Mines Department ..	344,858
		Perpetual Lease Selections ..	4,698,247
		Auction Perpetual Leases ..	19,525
		Prickly-pear Leases .. .. .	11,706,320
Total .. .. .	18,486,184	Total .. .. .	317,763,259
2. <i>In Process of Alienation</i> ..	5,911,240	4. <i>Reserves, Surveyed Roads and Surveyed Stock Routes</i> ..	20,626,904
		5. <i>Unoccupied</i> .. .. .	66,332,413

Total area of State—429,120,000 acres.

5. *South Australia.*—The area of the State of South Australia is 243,244,800 acres, and at the end of the year 1930, 4.9 per cent. was alienated absolutely; 1.7 per cent. in process of alienation; 47.9 per cent. occupied under leases and licences; and 45.5 per cent. unoccupied.

The subjoined table shows the distribution :—

ALIENATION AND OCCUPATION OF CROWN LANDS.—SOUTH AUSTRALIA,  
1930.

Particulars.	Acres.	Particulars.	Acres.
1. <i>Alienated—</i>		3. <i>Held under Lease and Licence—</i>	
Sold .. .. .	11,811,902	Right of Purchase Leases ..	1,777,796
Granted for Public Purposes	232,975	Perpetual Leases, including	
		Irrigation Leases ..	15,373,688
		Pastoral Leases ..	97,440,085
		Other Leases and Licences ..	1,695,276
		Mining Leases and Licences	166,557
Total .. .. .	12,044,877	Total .. .. .	116,453,402
2. <i>In Process of Alienation</i> ..	4,175,985	4. <i>Area Unoccupied</i> .. .. .	110,570,536

Total area of State—243,244,800 acres.

6. *Western Australia.*—The total area of Western Australia is 624,588,800 acres, of which, at the 30th June, 1930, 2.3 per cent. was alienated absolutely ; 3.5 per cent. was in process of alienation ; while 39.3 per cent. was occupied under leases and licences issued either by the Lands or the Mines Departments. The balance of 54.9 per cent. was unoccupied.

The following table shows the distribution :—

ALIENATION AND OCCUPATION OF CROWN LANDS.—WESTERN AUSTRALIA,  
1929–30.

Particulars.	Acres.	Particulars.	Acres.
1. <i>Alienated Absolutely</i> ..	14,506,064	3. <i>Leases and Licences in Force—</i>	
2. <i>In Process of Alienation—</i>		(i) Issued by Lands Department—	
Midland Railway Concessions	54,800	Pastoral Leases ..	241,504,687
Free Homestead Farms ..	908,889	Special Leases ..	46,664
Conditional Purchases ..	6,707,300	Leases of Reserves ..	2,346,343
Selections from the late W.A. Company	5,297	Residential Lots ..	74
Selections under the Agricultural Lands Purchase Act	526,110	(ii) Issued by Mines Department—	
Special Occupation Leases and Licences ..	900	Gold-mining Leases ..	5,910
Homestead or Grazing Leases	13,315,282	Mineral Leases ..	47,201
Poison Land Leases or Licences	14,989	Miners' Homestead Leases ..	31,472
Village Allotments ..	87	(iii) Issued by Forests Department—	
Working-men's Blocks ..	87	Timber Leases and Concessions ..	44,218
		Timber Permits ..	1,358,680
Total .. .. .	21,533,054	Total .. .. .	245,385,249
		4. <i>Area Unoccupied</i> .. .. .	343,164,433

Total area of State—624,588,800 acres.

7. *Tasmania.*—At the end of the year 1929, 34.0 per cent. of the total area had been alienated absolutely ; 3.3 per cent. was in process of alienation ; 25.8 per cent. was occupied under leases and licences for either pastoral, agricultural, timber, or mining purposes, or for closer or soldier settlement, or occupied or reserved by the Crown ; the remainder (36.9 per cent.) was unoccupied.

The following table shows the distribution :—

ALIENATION AND OCCUPATION OF CROWN LANDS.—TASMANIA, 1929.

Particulars.	Acres.	Particulars.	Acres.
1. <i>Alienated Absolutely</i> .. ..	5,698,697	3. <i>Leases and Licences</i> —continued.	
		(ii) <i>Issued by Mines Department</i>	53,359
2. <i>In Process of Alienation</i> .. ..	560,070	(iii) <i>Occupied by Commonwealth and State Departments</i> ..	18,100
3. <i>Leases or Licences</i> —		(iv) <i>Reserved for Public Purposes</i>	1,500,000
(i) <i>Issued by Lands Department</i> —			
<i>Islands</i> .. ..	112,000		
<i>Ordinary Leased Land</i> .. ..	2,035,049		
<i>Land Leased for Timber</i> .. ..	266,261	Total .. ..	4,335,635
<i>Closer Settlement</i> .. ..	82,000		
<i>Soldier Settlement</i> .. ..	126,630	4. <i>Area Unoccupied</i> .. ..	6,183,598
<i>Other Leases</i> .. ..	142,236		

Total area of State—16,778,000 acres.

8. *North Australia and Central Australia.*—(i) *North Australia.* The area of North Australia is 183,715,840 acres, of which, at the end of 1930, only 0.26 per cent. was alienated absolutely; 54.95 per cent. was held under leases and licences; while the remaining 44.79 per cent. was unoccupied.

(ii) *Central Australia.* Of the total area of Central Australia, viz., 151,400,960 acres, only 11 acres were alienated absolutely, while of the remainder, 31.27 per cent. was held under leases and licences.

(iii) *Distribution of Tenures.* The following shows the mode of occupancy of areas at the end of 1930 :—

ALIENATION AND OCCUPATION OF CROWN LANDS.—NORTH AND CENTRAL AUSTRALIA, 1930.

Particulars.	North Australia.	Central Australia.	Total.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1. <i>Alienated</i> .. ..	477,842	11	477,853
2. <i>Leased</i> —			
<i>Right of purchase</i> .. ..			
<i>Pastoral</i> .. ..	85,897,760	44,691,200	130,588,960
<i>Other leases and licences</i> .. ..	15,052,371	2,645,999	17,698,370
Total .. ..	100,950,131	47,337,199	148,287,330
3. <i>Unoccupied (a)</i> .. ..	82,287,867	104,063,750	186,351,617
4. <i>Total area</i> .. ..	183,715,840	151,400,960	335,116,800

(a) Including Aboriginal and other Reserves, Mission Stations, and lands occupied by Commonwealth Departments.

At the end of the year 1930 only 0.14 per cent. was alienated absolutely; 44.26 per cent. was held under leases and licences; while the remaining 55.60 per cent. was unoccupied.

9. *Federal Capital Territory.*—Particulars of the alienation and occupation of Crown lands in the Territory (exclusive of Jervis Bay area) for the year 1930 are as follows :—Alienated 66,904 acres; in process of alienation 39,977 acres; leased 279,032 acres; and unoccupied 197,747 acres. The area of acquired lands was 213,830 acres. The total area of the Territory (exclusive of Jervis Bay area, 17,920 acres) is 583,660 acres.

Alienated land comprised in 1930 11.5 per cent. of the total area, land in process of alienation 6.8 per cent., land held under lease 47.8 per cent., and unoccupied land 33.9 per cent. of the total area.

**§ 12. Classification of Alienated Holdings According to Size.**

The classification of private holdings according to their area is of interest chiefly in relation to the efforts made by the several States in recent years to promote settlement on the land on blocks of suitable size, especially by means of the Closer Settlement Acts.

The following table gives particulars of the number and areas of private holdings of alienated land and land in process of alienation at the latest date for which the information has been compiled:—

**CLASSIFICATION OF HOLDINGS (ONE ACRE AND OVER) IN AREA SERIES, 1928-29.**

Size of Holdings.	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Fed. Cap. Ter.	Total. (b)
<b>NUMBER.</b>							
1 and under 50 acres	14,190	19,791	6,202	4,812	3,164	3	48,162
50 " 100 "	7,527	8,388	1,776	874	2,108	1	20,674
100 " 500 "	25,710	25,979	5,907	3,093	4,779	19	65,496
500 " 1,000 "	11,394	12,449	4,570	3,204	726	18	32,361
1,000 " 5,000 "	10,948	6,929	4,632	7,768	775	15	31,067
5,000 " 10,000 "	1,255	297	133	440	146	3	2,274
10,000 " 20,000 "	524	90	33	116	67	1	831
20,000 " 50,000 "	214	15	8	23	29	..	289
50,000 and over ..	59	..	..	7	5	..	71
Total ..	71,830	73,938	23,261	20,337	11,799	60	201,225

<b>AREA.</b>							
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1 and under 50 acres	322,082	374,677	113,921	63,130	58,351	91	932,252
50 " 100 "	584,269	601,533	143,072	72,827	147,259	65	1,549,025
100 " 500 "	6,739,650	6,384,766	1,745,181	746,982	1,095,434	5,267	16,717,280
500 " 1,000 "	8,056,717	8,828,038	3,409,573	2,756,642	593,506	12,778	23,657,254
1,000 " 5,000 "	21,865,261	11,858,819	8,277,929	16,394,494	1,600,262	30,050	60,026,815
5,000 " 10,000 "	8,587,485	2,047,281	912,394	3,003,200	1,017,754	21,354	15,589,468
10,000 " 20,000 "	7,240,069	1,196,469	457,244	1,568,720	924,784	12,600	11,419,886
20,000 " 50,000 "	6,374,610	390,876	188,305	617,972	812,306	..	8,384,069
50,000 and over ..	5,337,288	..	..	519,326	383,633	..	6,240,247
Total ..	65,107,431	31,682,459	15,247,619	25,763,293	6,033,289	82,205	144,516,296

(a) Year 1924-25. (b) Information not available for Queensland and the Northern Territory.

**§ 13. Present Position of Land Settlement.**

1. Condition of Public Estate.—The position in regard to land settlement in each State and Territory and in Australia as a whole in 1929 is shown in the table hereunder.

During the past ten years, the area alienated absolutely in the whole of Australia increased by 12,903,330 acres, and that in process of alienation by 7,333,078 acres, or a total of 20,236,408 acres during the decade, while the area leased advanced from 938,685,701 acres in 1919 to 954,970,623 acres in 1929.

## AREAS ALIENATED, IN PROCESS OF ALIENATION, HELD UNDER LEASE OR LICENCE, AND UNOCCUPIED, 1929.

Year.	Alienated.		In Process of Alienation.		Held under Lease or Licence.		Occupied by the Crown or Unoccupied.	
	Area in Acres.	Per Cent.	Area in Acres.	Per Cent.	Area in Acres.	Per Cent.	Area in Acres.	Per Cent.
NEW SOUTH WALES (a).—AREA, 198,036,500 ACRES.								
1929 <sup>e</sup>	643,491,984	21.96	23,153,865	11.69	114,164,082	57.65	17,223,349	8.70
VICTORIA.—AREA, 56,245,760 ACRES.								
1929	26,204,928	46.59	7,918,032	14.08	7,539,476	13.40	14,583,324	25.93
QUEENSLAND.—AREA, 429,120,000 ACRES.								
1929	18,486,184	4.31	5,911,240	1.38	317,763,259	74.05	86,959,317	20.26
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—AREA, 243,244,800 ACRES.								
1929	12,004,959	4.94	3,933,568	1.62	118,249,913	48.61	109,056,360	44.83
WESTERN AUSTRALIA (a).—AREA, 624,588,800 ACRES.								
1929	13,594,254	2.18	21,804,506	3.49	243,724,065	39.02	345,465,975	55.31
TASMANIA.—AREA, 16,778,000 ACRES.								
1929	5,698,697	33.96	560,070	3.34	4,335,635	25.84	6,183,598	36.86
NORTHERN TERRITORY.—AREA, 335,116,800 ACRES.								
1929	477,853	0.14	..	..	148,905,274	44.44	185,733,673	55.42
FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY.—AREA, 601,580 ACRES.								
1929 <sup>c</sup>	46,968	8.05	60,844	10.42	288,919	49.50	186,929	32.03
AUSTRALIA.—AREA, 1,903,732,240 ACRES.								
1929 <sup>d</sup>	120,005,827	6.30	63,342,125	3.33	954,970,623	50.16	765,392,525	40.21

(a) To 30th June. (b) Excludes lands alienated but subsequently resumed or reverted to the Crown.

(c) Excludes Jervis Bay area, 17,920 acres. (d) Excludes Lord Howe Island, 3,220 acres, and Jervis Bay area, 17,920 acres. (e) Excludes Lord Howe Island, 3,220 acres.

2. Diagram showing Condition of Public Estate.—The following diagram shows the condition of the public estate at the end of the year 1929. The square itself represents the total area of Australia, while the relative areas of individual States are shown by the vertical rectangles. The areas alienated absolutely, in process of alienation under systems of deferred payments, and the areas held under leases or licences, are designated by the differently-shaded areas as described in the reference given below the diagram, while the areas unoccupied are left unshaded.

