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few cases that there is to be found a clear and good reason. There are some cases that you can attribute clearly. Of course, in the death cases, you know the reason for them; but in the cases of actual out and out failures, it may be a combination of the land and the man, a disaster of some sort, or a variety of reasons. If the Committee desires me to have a statement prepared, I could readily do so. We have a record of them.

Mr. ARTHURS: I think it would be interesting to the Committee in view of the proposed amendments to have them subdivided.

WITNESS: I will have a statement prepared as to the causes and present it to the Committee at a later sitting. The 4,463 cases represent 18 per cent or slightly over 18 per cent, of the total number of settlers granted loans.

By Mr. Caldwell:

Q. You make a report, I see, under the head of "Cost of Administration", but I do not see anything for rent or buildings or offices?—A. No, nothing is charged to any Government Department for rent. It all goes through the Public Works Department.

Q. Do you not think we should have some statement as to the rent that is paid on account of Soldiers Settlement?—A. It would be easy enough to prepare a statement. Roughly speaking, it amounts probably to \$200,000 a year. Of course, we have not the control of our own space.

Q. We want to get the outlay. What do you say that would amount to to date? Could you prepare us a statement of that?—A. Yes, we know what our rents are and we know the space we have. I say roughly \$200,000 at the present time, but it may be a little more than that.

Q. You might get your statement of that up to date?—A. Yes, I will get that.

Q. Including your district offices, head office, and everything?—A. Yes.

Q. It will make this statement complete to date?—A. The reason we did not give it is that it is not chargeable to us, so far as Government book-keeping is concerned.

Mr. CALDWELL: I am not criticizing you, we simply want the information.

By Mr. Speakman:

Q. Have you the collections to date?—A. I was just looking for the revenue statement; that is what I was going to give you. Our revenue statement shows—collected on initial payments, \$5,900,000. It is necessary to give that figure because that is included in the amount of loans advanced to settlers. That is, we charge up to the settler the total purchase price; then he is credited with whatever his initial payment is. The credited initial payments for the whole period of years up to the end of the last fiscal year amount to \$5,900,141.

By Mr. Caldwell:

Q. In this report it is stated as \$3,762,835?—A. That report does not cover the same period. That report is a year back. This is up to March 31st of this year.

Q. Do you make the statement that in the last year the initial payments would amount to in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000?—A. No, I have not got a copy of that report with me.

Q. Your figure on page 35 is "gross loans \$94,733,547.39 less initial payments, \$3,762,835.86"?—A. It is difficult to understand some of those statements. For instance...

Q. Do you not think that if we are to have a report the members of this Committee should have it up to date?—A. You have to take the report to the end of the last fiscal year. You could not print a report right up to date. All the reports come out covering a year back.