SMALL HOLDINGS FOR EX-SERVICE MEN.

Quite a large sum is being spent in placing ex-service men on the land. The following is a summary of the particulars relating to prices and acreages of the farms to be acquired for small holdings: Greatham Farm (13 acres), £2,500, Black Elms Farm (13 acres), £2,000; Ham Farm (162 acres), £10,500; Mulberry Manor (180 acres), £23,000; and, a farm at Rainham (94 acres), £1,000. In all, these farms make a total of £52,500 (10% of applicants at 250 acres) for adaptation, and £50,000 for buildings, making a grand total of £102,500. In each case, the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries has approved the prices stated, and the Council now agrees to apply for sanction to borrow £52,500 for their adaptation and equipment. The County Architect was also authorised to appeal to the local architect and assistant for planning and equipment. The County Council set aside a certain amount for planning and equipment, and the Council now applies for sanction to borrow £52,500 for their adaptation and equipment. The County Council was also authorised to appeal to the local architect and assistant for planning and equipment. The County Council set aside a certain amount for planning and equipment, and the Council now applies for sanction to borrow £52,500 for their adaptation and equipment.

A further application is to be made for sanction to borrow £52,500—the amount required to purchase Alpington Farm (5 acres), which is to be adapted for training purposes. They have gone very carefully into the question of acquiring this farm, and it is considered that it is suitable for the purpose for which it is required. The buildings were in an extremely good condition, and the site was central. It was situated close to theиш Station and Market, and the exceptionally good kitchen gardens would be available for holding agricultural classes. The Board of Agriculture had impressed upon them the need for each institution in the county, and it is hoped that the Home Farm will play its full part in the agricultural work.