

total area of lands which it was thought on 31st December 1943 could be made available for lease; some of these lands have subsequently been leased, some offered for lease, while others are waiting treatment under development schemes; some are occupied on 'implied' leases."⁴

(4) *A Survey of Palestine 1945-1946*, Vol. I, Chapter VIII, para. 104, p. 268.

Lands held under 'implied' leases were lands occupied by Arab farmers who signed no leases but paid rent equivalent to the amount of tax. After land settlement the farmers were given the option to acquire full ownership on payment of *badl misl*, an amount based on the unimproved capital value of the land.