

I think, Sir, the statements I have laid before you will show that the Corporation, on its part, has faithfully and liberally carried out its obligations. They will also show that at present the undertaking has been anything but profitable to the Corporation, nor do I think it can be while the present conditions remain unaltered. I believe, however, that the proposals made to the Government lately by me, on behalf of the Corporation, will, if acceded to by the Assembly, place the undertaking on such a footing as will both guarantee to the Government the more speedy occupation of the block by improving settlers, and also give the Corporation a fair expectation of recouping the heavy expenditure which it has been, and will for many years be, obliged to incur.

I have, &c.,

A. FOLLETT HALCOMBE,

Agent and Attorney, E. and C. Aid Corporation, (Limited).

The Hon the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

APPENDIX A.

MEMORANDUM of LANDS SOLD to 31st July, 1877.

Description of Land.	Area Sold.			Price.			Amount Received.			Amount Outstanding.			Average Price per Acre.		
	A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rural	18,620	3	25	46,619	14	2	29,010	15	5	17,608	18	9	2	10	0
Suburban	2,354	2	30	8,202	3	0	7,449	16	0	752	7	0	3	9	8
Town	525	3	4	12,742	1	0	11,240	6	0	1,501	15	0	24	4	6
	21,501	1	19	67,563	18	2	47,700	17	5	19,863	0	9	3	2	10

APPENDIX B.

RETURN of ROAD-WORK to 31st July, 1877.

Roads Inside Block.

						Miles.	chs.	Miles.	chs.
Metalled, formed, and felled in bush	...	...	...	...	...	6	23		
" " in open	...	...	...	...	...	4	9	10	32
Felled and formed in bush	...	...	...	...	...	13	15		
" in open	...	...	...	...	...	5	11		
Stumped, cleared, and felled, only in bush	...	...	...	...	...			18	26
Underscrubbed only	...	...	...	...	...			4	79
Kimbolton Road Tramway	...	...	...	...	...			11	1
								3	10
Totals roads dealt with inside Manchester Block	...							47	68

Roads Outside Block.

Awahuri Road, formed and metalled	...	...	...	...	...	4	14		
Halcombe Road, heavy cuttings	...	...	...	...	...	0	30		
								4	44
Total roads dealt with	...	...	...	...	...			52	32

APPENDIX C.

NUMBER of IMMIGRANTS SELECTED and SENT OUT up to 31st July 1877.

1873. Duke of Edinburgh ...	25½ statute adults.	1875. Hindostan ...	9 statute adults.
Salisbury ...	62½ "	Collingwood ...	8½ "
Ocean Mail ...	89 "	Himalaya ...	4 "
Woodlark ...	59 "	Waipa ...	52 "
Mongol ...	10 "	1876. Waimea ...	56½ "
1874. Golden Sea ...	54½ "	Howrah ...	9½ "
La Hogue ...	59½ "	*Fritz Reuter ...	65½ "
Waikato ...	22½ "	Hurunui ...	22½ "
Euterpe ...	102 "	Leicester ...	17½ "
Douglas ...	107½ "	Rakaia ...	10 "
Star of India ...	55 "	Loch Dee ...	8 "
Howrah ...	40½ "	Northampton ...	46½ "
Carnatic ...	73 "	1877. Wennington ...	21½ "
Berar ...	55½ "	City of Madras ...	23 "
Total ...	...		1,170

* These immigrants were, by arrangement with the Government, selected by Mr. Halcombe for settlement on the Manchester Block.