

Cascade need only be crossed once. I do not think much difficulty would be experienced in carrying the road right through to Big Bay and Martin's, as a valley appears to lead down to each place on an easy grade.

I failed to notice any novelty in the fauna or flora of the country passed through. Birds abounded in the lower parts, kakapos being especially numerous in the valley of the Jackson, but as we approached the snow game got very scarce. After an absence of thirteen days we returned to the Bay, having had fine weather nearly the whole time we were away.

Hon. Jas. A. Bonar,
Superintendent, Westland.

I have, &c.,
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Government Resident Agent.

Sub-Enclosures in No. 1.

A.—RETURN of Expenditure on Special Settlement, Jackson's Bay, from its initiation to date, 31st May, 1877.

On what Account.	Date.	HOKITIKA.	WELLINGTON.	Total.
		Paid out of Imprest.	Paid direct by Paymaster-General.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Buildings	Jan. 4, 1875, to May 21, 1877.	12 15 4	156 18 6	169 3 10
Freight of goods and sundries from Hokitika to Settlement	"	142 13 0	247 12 0	390 5 0
Stationery, medicine chest, printing, &c., and contingencies	"	95 12 4	...	95 12 4
Cost of surveys	"	2,749 2 1	96 15 8	2,845 17 9
Boats, horse, &c.	"	41 18 8	33 15 0	75 13 8
Cost of management, inclusive of twenty-nine months' salary of Resident Agent, and all necessary tools and appurtenances for works	Nov. 1, 1874, to Mar. 31, 1875.	775 5 0	494 19 4	1,270 4 4
Expenditure on Public Works, being actual amount paid to settlers for labour done	Jan. 1, 1874, to Mar. 31, 1875.	10,312 15 5	...	10,312 15 5
		14,130 1 10	1,030 0 6	15,159 12 4
Provisions		163 17 5	2,208 12 11	2,372 10 4
Totals		14,293 19 3	3,238 13 5	17,532 2 8

B.—POPULATION and STOCK RETURNS, Jackson's Bay Special Settlement, 31st March, 1877.

Locality.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Families.	Nationalities.	Houses.	Stock.				
								Cattle.	Horses.	Pigs.	Sheep.	Goats.
Jackson's Bay ...	11	10	27	48	8	English, Scotch, Irish, and Germans	Government store, 20 W.B. cottages, blacksmith's shop, school, and Resident Agent's house.	2	3	3	...	3
Smoothwater Valley ...	16	12	38	66	12	German Poles	12 two-roomed W.B. houses	...	...	...	...	5
Arawata River ...	59	30	93	182	28	English, Scotch, Irish, and Germans	22 W.B. houses from one to four rooms, 22 slab and shingle.	43	1	41	...	2
Waitoto River ...	10	1	4	15	1	Scandinavians	7 W.B. slab houses.	...	...	...	...	...
Okuro and Turnbull Rivers ...	27	9	17	53	9	Mostly Italians	Government store, 10 W.B. and 4 slab houses, and 6 tents.	27	3	2	...	...
Haast River ...	2	1	...	3	1	English	One large house containing 8 rooms, stable and dairy.	11	3	...	...	...
Totals ...	125	63	179	367	61		Total of settlers' houses, 81.	83	10	46	...	10

C.—LAND occupied by Settlers, Jackson's Bay.

Description.	Locality.	No. of Sections.	Area.			Price per Acre.	Total Amount.		
			A.	B.	P.		£	s.	d.
Suburban ...	Arawata ...	70	749	2	0	£ s. d. 2 0 0	1,499	0	0
Rural ...	Arawata ...	4	176	3	21				
" ...	Smoothwater ...	16	781	2	6				
" ...	Waitoto ...	20	905	0	12				
" ...	Okura ...	33	1,861	0	5				
" ...	Haast ...	1	250	0	0				
			3,974	2	4	1 0 0	3,974	10	6
							£5,473	10	6