

No. 7.—NUMBER and Area of Leases and Licenses, other than Agricultural and Pastoral, issued during the Year ending 30th June, 1879, and Revenue therefrom.

Provincial District.					Area leased.			Rent and Royalty.		
					A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	...	...	...	...	83	1	15	780	19	4
Hawke's Bay	...	...	...	...	20	1	18	56	0	0
Taranaki	...	...	...	...	105	0	0	15	0	0
Wellington	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nelson	...	...	...	...	97	0	0	2	10	0
Marlborough	...	...	...	...	1,875	0	0	*	...	...
Canterbury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Westland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	†180	0	0
Otago	...	...	...	...	2,177	2	13	736	7	0
Southland	...	...	...	...	12,236	0	39	1,947	0	1
Total	...	...	...	...	16,594	2	5	3,717	16	5

A 10th of 4d. per 100 feet on all timber cut.

† These are not for particular areas.

No. 8.—NUMBER of Licenses revoked during the Year ending 30th June, 1879.

Provincial District.	Description of Licenses Forfeited or Revoked.	At Licensee's Request.	For Non-payment of Fees.	Non-compliance with and Violation of Conditions.	Issued in Error.	Total Number.	Extent.	
							A.	R. P.
Auckland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hawke's Bay*	Pasture occupation licenses	...	3*	...	...	3	12,154	0 0
Taranaki	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wellington	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nelson	Depasturing license	...	1	...	...	1	1,000	0 0
Marlborough	Depasturing licenses	...	2	...	...	2	5,950	0 0
	Cutting and removing timber	...	...	3	...	3	4,270	0 0
Canterbury	Pastoral	...	19	...	...	19	24,422	0 0
Westland	Pastoral	...	11	...	...	11	129,990	0 0
Otago	Deferred payment	...	...	13	...	13	2,362	2 25
Southland	Depasturing licenses	21	...	...	...	21	267,600	0 0
	Deferred payment	1	...	6	...	7	871	1 21
Total		22	36	22	...	80	448,620	0 6

* In addition to above three, occupation licenses over about 6,810 acres expired during the year.

No. 9.—RETURN of Crown Grants dealt with in the General Crown Lands Department during the Year ending 30th June, 1879.

Draft Grants Received.	Executed and Despatched.	Cancelled and others issued in lieu thereof.	Corrected.	Antevested.	Duplicates Issued.
3,304	3,680	13	25	9	5

AUCKLAND.

REPORT of the COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS for the YEAR ended 30th JUNE, 1879.

1. *Lands absolutely Disposed of.*

A COMPARISON of last year's return under this heading with that of the preceding year shows the former to great disadvantage, notwithstanding that a contrary result was looked forward to, and with some degree of confidence, at the commencement of the last financial year. The area stated (9,933 acres 3 roods 20 perches) falls very far short indeed of that which was anticipated as the probable sales for the year; and, although the causes which led to this were somewhat fully explained to you in my memorandum of the 20th May last, they may not, I think, be inappropriately reproduced here. They are the following, viz.—

1. The withdrawal from the administration of the Land Board of the whole of the Waikato confiscated lands—town, suburban and rural.