

RETURN of all RENTS in ARREAR due under LEASES in the West Coast Settlement Reserves District, whether Confirmed or Original Leases; the Period for which such Rent has been in Arrear to 30th June, 1890; and Proceedings taken to enforce Payment of each of such Arrears.

Lease No.	Arrears of Rent owing.	Period for which Rent is due.	Proceedings taken to enforce Payment of Arrears.
2*	£ s. d. 80 0 0	From 3rd October, 1889, to 3rd October, 1890	£282 11s. 1d. has been paid on account of rent due under this and Leases Nos. 24, 25, 28, 48, and 54, but, owing to disputed area, cannot be allotted at present. Probably a test case will be necessary to decide this and similar cases where original survey is inaccurate. Lessee claims to have paid in full.
3*	385 4 6	Balance to 24th January, 1891	Lessees held that they had paid up. They were sued, and they tendered an amount, which was accepted as a payment on account. Lessees paid costs.
4*	32 10 0	Balance to 9th June, 1891 ..	Amount disputed on account of inaccuracy of original survey.
5*	86 0 6	From 17th August, 1889, to 17th August, 1890	Lessee has made statutory declaration of inability to pay, and has been allowed twelve months to the 17th August, 1890, in which to pay, under Act, section 4 of "The West Coast Settlement Reserves Amendment Act, 1887."
8*	21 0 0	From 1st April, 1890, to 1st October, 1890	Lessee claims to have paid in full under award.
9*	..	..	A few Natives, four in number, having given unstamped orders on lessee for a whole year's rent, payable to a Mr. Foreman, of Manutahi, the Public Trustee was asked by the lessee to recognise these orders; but, as there were eighty-seven grantees, some of whom protested against a small minority having the benefit of the money, the orders were not allowed, and lessee was so informed; but he said he had paid the orders, although warned not to do so. As the Public Trustee declined to recognise any deductions from rent due, and lessee (D. McGregor) refused to pay, he was proceeded against in the Supreme Court, when it was found that he had been insolvent, and that the lease had been transferred to lessee's brother (J. McGregor), thus necessitating a fresh action. Mr. J. McGregor is being sued for £500 and possession of the land. The case is to come on at the next sitting of the Supreme Court at Whanganui.
12*	97 4 10	Balance to 9th May, 1891 ..	Lessee claimed to be allowed to pay under award. Full rent was sued for; but case was adjourned from 24th June, 1890, to 8th July, 1890, on which latter date, the Reserves Trustee, a material witness, being in Wellington, case was again adjourned by mutual consent.
17*	52 2 1	Balance to 19th July, 1890 ..	Sued for, but case adjourned. (See note against No. 12.)
20*	27 10 0	Balance to 29th October, 1890	Since paid.
24*	161 17 0	Balance to 26th March, 1891..	Disputed. (See No. 2.)
25*	6 16 5	Balance to 7th July, 1890 ..	Disputed. (See No. 2.)
28*	63 18 8	Balance to 1st May, 1891 ..	Disputed. (See No. 2.)
31*	113 3 0	Balance to 12th December, 1890	Disputed on account of inaccuracy of original survey.
32*	160 4 0	From 1st November, 1889, to 1st May, 1891	Disputed on account of short acreage. Claims to pay under award.
33*	18 9 6	Balance to 6th September, 1890	Disputed on account of short acreage.
37*	5 0 0	From 17th April, 1889, to 17th April, 1890.	
41*, 42*	358 5 0	From 1st September, 1889, to 1st September, 1890	Lessee claims to pay under award, and was being sued, when case was adjourned. (See note against No. 12.)
43*	14 4 0	Balance to 4th September, 1890	Lessees claim to have paid up in full under award.
44*	21 10 4	Balance to 1st October, 1890 ..	Lessees claim to have paid up in full under award.
45*	75 0 0	From 1st December, 1889, to 1st June, 1890	Due 1st June, 1890.
46*	136 8 0	From 1st January, 1890, to 1st January, 1891	Proceedings taken, but case postponed. (See No. 12.)
48*	136 2 6	From 10th March, 1889, to 10th September, 1890	Disputed. (See No. 2.)
53*	11 15 9	From 13th October, 1889, to 13th October, 1890.	
54*	7 14 6	Balance to 15th November, 1890.	Disputed. (See No. 2.)
55*	100 0 0	From 19th July, 1889, to 19th July, 1890	Lessee has made statutory declaration of inability to pay, and has been allowed twelve months in which to pay, under Act. (See section 4, "The West Coast Settlement Reserves Act, 1887.")
5450†, 5451†	8 0 6	From 1st January, 1890, to 1st July, 1890	Proceedings not yet taken for the recovery of this amount, the share divisible per grantee being so small.

* Confirmed.

† Original.

7th August, 1890.

R. C. HAMERTON,
Public Trustee.