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The SECRETARY for CROWN LANDS to the Hon. the MINISTER of LANDS.

SIR,— Department of Lands and Surveys, Wellington, 30th June, 1891.

I have the honour to forward herewith the annual report and returns of the Crown Lands Department for the twelve months ending the 31st March, 1891.

The Hon. J. McKenzie, Minister of Lands.

I have, &c.,
S. PERCY SMITH,
Secretary for Crown Lands.

REPORT.

DURING the period ending the 31st March last the lands have been administered under "The Land Act, 1885," and the amending Acts of 1887 and 1888, and regulations made thereunder. There are no very prominent features in the transactions of the last year which distinguish it from other years since these Acts came into force, if we except the larger amount of cash sales which have taken place in the Canterbury District, as will be seen by the returns.

The following summary will show at a glance the year's transactions, whilst full details will be found in the appended tables :—

					Number of Purchasers or Selectors	Area.			Cash and Scrip Received on Cur- rent and Past Transactions.		
						A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Town lands	...	...	...	...	145	102	3	37	102,499	9	5
Suburban lands	...	...	...	...	50	365	1	36			
Rural	"	...	...	...	378	99,545	1	36			
Deferred payment	...	...	...	...	258	34,091	0	25	45,374	7	1
"	village settlement			...	51	369	2	0	3,290	5	0
Special-settlement associations, deferred payment	...	...	...	...	2	71	0	0	11,148	0	2
Village settlement, cash	...	...	...	...	87	210	0	14	968	2	0
Perpetual lease	...	...	...	...	788	288,916	2	34	32,683	16	8
Village settlement, perpetual lease	...	...	...	...	56	954	0	6	246	2	7
Village homestead special settlement	...	...	...	...	10	349	3	37	1,949	13	1
Agricultural lease	...	...	...	...	4	550	3	6	463	15	5
Small grazing-runs	...	...	...	...	43	86,161	1	20	11,831	9	7
Homesteads	...	...	...	...	9	945	0	0	...	...	...
Pastoral runs	...	...	...	...	195	1,596,600	3	15	125,473	3	9

Table T, attached hereto, will show the tenure under which lands have been taken up since 1881; but, in order to compare last year's transactions with those of the previous period, the summary given above may be stated as follows: Classifying all dealings under the headings of cash, deferred-payments, perpetual-lease, and pastoral leases, we have,—

					1890.		1891.			
					No.	Area.	No.	Area.		
Cash	...	...	...	...	702	47,478 acres	...	661	100,222 acres	
Deferred payments	...	...	...	...	426	47,181 "	...	315	35,081 "	
Perpetual lease	...	...	...	...	852	238,904 "	...	854	290,248 "	
Pastoral	...	...	...	...	308	3,794,636 "	...	195	1,682,761 "	

It will be seen from the above that, whilst the total number of cash purchasers for both periods does not differ very greatly, that the area selected during 1890-91 is more than doubled, or, in other words, that the holdings have increased in size; and, taking the rural selections for the two periods as criteria, it will be found that the average size of the selections has risen from 128 acres in 1889-90 to 263 acres in 1890-91. This change in the total amount taken up is due in great

measure—first, to the large amount of land in Canterbury which, after being released from pastoral tenure, was thrown open for free selection at prices more in accordance with the real value of the land than had prevailed under the old regulations; secondly, to a number of purchasers having taken advantage of the purchasing clauses in the perpetual leases.

Deferred-payment selections, under the various modifications of this system in force, show a decline in number and in area, and this has been the tendency, with slight variations, for the past few years in this once-popular system of tenure. The average sizes of rural holdings for 1889–90 was 110 acres, and that for 1890–91 was 111 acres.

Perpetual-lease selections remain very nearly the same as for last year, the numbers under all headings being 852 for 1889–90 and 854 for 1890–91, but the average size of the rural holdings has increased from 313 acres to 366 acres—the natural result of the more remote and more broken nature of the country that we now have to deal with.

Exclusive of pastoral leases, the total number of selectors or purchasers of Crown lands for the year was 1,881, as against 2,015 for the previous period, and of this number 1,221 selections are held on conditions involving improvement of holdings, which is less by 91 than for the previous year. The falling off in the number of selectors is due to various causes, the principal of which is the decrease in the amount of land readily accessible to settlement through its absorption by selection, leaving only the more remote and broken lands in the hands of the Crown, and which lands can only be profitably occupied in larger holdings. The difficulty of access to the Crown lands still left is very considerable, and this deters settlers from taking up land the only way to which is often nothing more than a surveyor's line. Another reason which operates unfavourably towards the increase of the number of selectors shown in the Crown land returns is this: that large areas in the South Island are not open for selection, owing to the reservations for the Midland Railway. Such selections as do take place within that area are only included in these returns in the gross areas granted to the company on fulfilment of the conditions of contract.

The average prices at which rural lands have been disposed of for the past period are: For cash, a trifle under £1 an acre; for deferred payment, 14s. 2d.; for perpetual lease, 18s. 9d.

The area of land open for selection on the 31st March last, including both surveyed and unsurveyed lands, was 959,961 acres.

The endowments for various purposes administered by the department during the year were disposed of as follows:—

	Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Consideration.
Cash ...	43	5,370 acres	£8,102 18 7
Deferred payment ...	5	1402 "	128 17 10
Perpetual lease ...	12	2179 "	97 11 11
Miscellaneous leases	11	153 "	32 5 0

The tables will give full particulars, and show that the total revenue received on this account was £22,613 18s. 1d.

	£	s.	d.
The table Q attached hereto, shows that the land revenue received was	182,497	3	5
Whilst the territorial revenue amounted to	182,440	19	0
	364,938	2	5

Of which £4,395 6s. 9d. is represented by scrip.

RESERVES.

The following is the summary of reserves made during the year:—

	A.	R.	P.
23 for primary education	4,461	1	21
19 " recreation	7,476	1	22
219 " miscellaneous public purposes	5,265	0	37
	17,203	0	0

SETTLEMENT CONDITIONS, TRANSFERS, ETC.

The total area held under deferred payment, perpetual lease, or as small grazing-runs, &c., amounts to 2,070,182 acres, in 9,589 separate holdings, most of which are subject to certain conditions of improvements and residence, involving inspection by officers of the department, in order to ensure that the requirements of the Act are carried out. It is the duty of the sixteen Crown Lands and Forest Rangers to attend to this work so far as they are able. Assistance has sometimes been given by the officers of the Survey Department, but even then the large number of properties requiring inspection is more than the present staff is able to cope with within the periods required, when taken in conjunction with the extra duties they have had to perform during last year. Special inspections, in the case of those who have completed their conditions and require transfers, together with the valuations necessary under the Selectors' Lands Revaluation Act have taken up a large portion of the Ranger's time, to the detriment of the regular inspections.

The Commissioners' reports generally show that the conditions of settlement are fairly well carried out; indeed, in some districts the value of improvements very largely exceeds the amount required under the Act. The residence condition seems to be that in which there is the greatest laxity, and the assigned cause is the want in many cases of access to the properties, which prevents the settlers from conveying their families and furniture on to the ground. The clauses of the Act under which exemption from residence can be obtained, by performing double the amount of improvements is therefore freely availed of.

The forfeitures and surrenders during the year amounted to 186, covering an area of 25,885 acres, exclusive of fourteen small grazing-runs, containing 25,127 acres. These are caused by the inability of the selectors to comply with the conditions of their holding, such as residence, or non-compliance with the improvement clauses of the Act. These forfeited selections are very generally taken up again as soon as offered for reselection.

Including the small grazing-runs, but exclusive of endowments, there are on the books of the department 9,589 selectors, most of whose holdings require inspection during the year, and with whom an account is kept as to payment of rent, instalments, &c., all of which involve a large amount of correspondence during the year. To these have to be added the 1,266 pastoral tenants, making the number of accounts kept 10,855.

TRANSFERS.

The number of transfers of holdings approved by the Boards during the year was 499. In this number are included all systems of lands held on settlement conditions, the approval of the Board being necessary in all cases where the title is not freehold.

PASTORAL RUNS.

During the year 195 runs, with a gross area of 1,596,600 acres, situated principally in Nelson Canterbury, and Southland, have been disposed of by auction. Some of these are let for short periods, such as in cases where the country may possibly be required for other kinds of settlement during the next few years; others for terms of twenty-one years, where the nature of the country is such that it can never be utilised for other than pastoral pursuits. In some cases the runs let consist of odd pieces of country lying conveniently to other runs, and not suitable as runs by themselves, for want of lower country to work them from. It is not likely that any large areas of pastoral country will fall in for reletting during the next few years; consequently, little more revenue from this source is likely to arise. Some of the North Island runs, of which the Crown owns but few, have to be made, by clearing and improving, before they will carry much stock, so that this system of tenure is not a very popular one so far as the public estate is concerned. The number of runs disposed of last year is less by 80 than for the previous period.

There were forty-three small grazing-runs, containing 86,161 acres, giving an average of 2,003 acres each, let during the year, for a term of twenty one years; and, taking the whole of the colony, there are now 300 of these runs, with a total area of 554,396 acres, under lease.

SPECIAL-SETTLEMENT AND VILLAGE HOMESTEAD LANDS.

There were no new special-settlement associations formed during the past period, but an area of 90,840 acres is held on this tenure (deferred payment), with 913 selectors. These are principally in the Wellington District. Not more than half of these settlers are residing on their selections, as many of them take advantage of the "double improvement" clauses of the Act to postpone residence until their properties are more improved and communications better before taking their families on to the ground.

Of village homestead special settlements there are now 790 holdings, occupying 22,404 acres, and these are scattered in all parts of the colony, except the west coast of the South Island. Only ten fresh selections took place during the year. The greater number of the settlements are in Auckland and Canterbury, and, in order that some idea may be formed of the progress that has been made by the settlers in making homes for themselves under this system, the reports of the Village Stewards for those two districts are printed in the Appendix to this report. During the year the Hon. Mr. Copely, Minister of Lands for South Australia, visited New Zealand and saw a good many of these settlements. A summary of his report has already been placed before Parliament.

ARREARS.

The following figures show the state of the arrears due to the Crown for the past three years, including deferred-payment, perpetual-lease, small grazing-runs, and pastoral leases:—

31st March, 1889	...	...	...	3,862 selectors, owing £44,533
" 1890	...	...	...	3,755 " " £52,891
" 1891	...	...	...	3,548 " " £37,341

It will be observed that the number and the amount for the past period is less than it has been for some time. This is in a great measure due to the effect of "The Selectors' Lands Revaluation Act, 1889," under the provisions of which the revaluations do not take effect until all arrears to date on the basis of the new valuation are paid up. This being so, there should not be so large an amount as £37,341 outstanding, but it has frequently been pointed out that these are in great measure arrears only in a technical sense *e.g.*, the deferred-payment and perpetual-lease payments being due on the 1st January and 1st July each year, and being payable in advance, the selectors do not consider themselves in arrear if their payments are made within the six months period for which the rent or instalments is due. Small grazing-runs and pastoral rents are only due at the half-year ending the 1st day of March and September each year, so that many of the rents are only due thirty days before the date at which the accounts shown in this report are closed.

REVALUATIONS.

Under the provisions of "The Selectors' Lands Revaluation Act, 1889," the following holdings had been revalued and approved by the Minister up to the 31st March last:—

Deferred payment—1,298 holdings, 201,053 acres; decrease in valuation, £147,879 2s. 10d.
Perpetual lease—503 holdings, 61,464 acres; annual decrease in rent, £1,664 10s. 3d.

To the above may be added the figures relative to the endowment lands revalued:—

Deferred payment—50 holdings, 12,859 acres; decrease in valuation, £12,194 5s.
Perpetual lease—31 holdings, 7,213 acres; annual decrease in rent, £218 12s. 8d.

The above figures show the totals since the Act came into force. There are a number of cases which have not yet been finally dealt with. In several cases the revaluations have shown that the payments have been sufficient to entitle the holder to his grant.

The figures show that the loss per acre on the deferred-payment holdings amounts to 14s. 8d. per acre, and that on perpetual-lease holdings 2s. 7d. per acre.

“NAVAL AND MILITARY SETTLERS’ AND VOLUNTEERS’ LAND ACT, 1889.”

Up to the present time the Commissioners have reported favourably on 624 cases, which, if taken at 10s. per acre as an equivalent, amounts to £20,026 as the value of the land represented the by claims.

THERMAL SPRINGS, ETC.

The thermal springs establishments, which are under the charge of the Lands Department, are those of the Hanmer Plains in the South Island, and partly also those of Rotorua in the North Island, the hospital, &c., at the latter place being under the direction of the Colonial Secretary’s Department. The number of visitors has increased very materially during the year, the number of baths taken being:—

Hanmer Plains	...	...	...	6437 baths; fees received, £228 12s. 6d.
Rotorua	...	...	...	10,442 “ “ £227 2s. 0d.

As both these places become better known outside the colony, and the curative properties of the waters better appreciated, the number of visitors who will take advantage of them will no doubt be largely augmented. The approximate number of visitors from all parts of the world to Rotorua last year was about 2,590.

Appended to this report are some extracts from Mr. C. Malfroy’s report for the year, which gives some interesting information as to the various springs, and as to the success of some of the experiments carried on by him.

STATE FORESTS, ETC.

The area of land reserved either for the preservation of the timber or for climatic purposes, remains the same as at date of last report—viz., 1,327,533 acres.

A good deal of timbered land both inside and outside the State forests has been sold by auction during the year, especially in cases where such timber had been injured by fire.

It is useless trying to preserve small clumps of timber in the neighbourhood of districts where settlement operations are going on, for they almost invariably get burnt, and this is especially the case in the North where the kauri-trees are themselves inflammable. It is best, therefore, to dispose of them before their value is deteriorated.

During the year the experimental nursery at Papatawa, together with the Kioreroa Plantations, have been handed over to the care of the Whangarei County Council, which, being on the spot, can manage them with greater economy than the department.

The Waerenga Plantation still remains in the charge of the department. The wattle- and gum-trees are all in good condition and the former have now arrived at such a stage that systematic thinning out must soon be taken in hand. It is probable that some revenue will be received from the sale of the bark this next year.

The amount received for licenses to dig gum in the State forests amounted to £254. The Rangers have had their hands full to keep down fires, luckily none of any consequence have taken place.

DEPARTMENTAL AND GENERAL.

The work of the department increases from year to year, as more and more lands are taken up on settlement conditions, involving more inspection in the field to insure that the improvement conditions are carried out, and more work in the offices, due to the larger number of accounts to be kept against the selectors. The number of selectors on the books of the department is always a fluctuating one. Some selectors acquire their freeholds and cease their connection with the department, whilst new ones take their places. The revaluations in the field, and the adjustment of the accounts in the office-books, has taken up a large amount of time during the past twelve months. Added to this have been the inquiries into the claims under “The Naval and Military Settlers’ and Volunteers’ Land Act, 1889,” a work which requires great patience, and often a large amount of correspondence, before the claims are finally disposed of.

A start has been made in the important work of furnishing full information to settlers on the subject of improving the methods and appliances for the production of cheese and butter. Mr. Sawyer and his assistants have visited several of the dairying districts of the colony, spreading information and giving practical instruction in all branches connected with the subject, to the great benefit of the settlers. The industry has become so important to the colony now, and the export of dairy-products so large—amounting last year to £207,687—that every effort should be made to produce a first-class article, which will secure an ever-widening market for it.

Mr. Sawers has furnished a very valuable report on the operations of the year, which it is contemplated to publish for distribution.

Another edition of the “Crown Lands Guide” (Vol. xi.) was published in February last, in which will be found every information as to the land-laws, the lands open for selection, and those about to be thrown open. It is distributed very widely to all parts of the world, and serves as a useful advertisement to the lands and the general character of the institutions of the colony.

APPENDICES.

AUCKLAND.

EXTRACTS from REPORT by Mr. C. MALFROY.

Rotorua, 6th April, 1891.

1. THE new sanatorium building was completed on the 22nd December last, and the term of maintenance expired on the 22nd March. It is a good substantial building, where the convenience and comforts of invalids are well provided for, and, having a nice appearance, it adds greatly to the importance and attraction of the place. It is calculated to give accommodation for twenty-one patients—viz., twelve males and nine females. It was open at the beginning of February, and has been well patronised, considering that it has not been advertised in any way, and it is therefore hardly known that such an institution is in existence.

2. The grounds have been improved by the extension of the clearing, formation of new footpaths, and planting of trees. The ornamental trees, shrubs, fruit-trees, flower- and kitchen-gardens all show a healthy growth. This is a subject of surprise to those visitors who saw the place in its early days, when it was thought that nothing would grow here.

3. The bath-accommodation has been improved by the covering in and the erection of dressing-rooms in the gentlemen's Rachel sitz-bath, and increased by the erection of a new Priest bath for the use of the sanatorium patients. This new building is 24ft. by 12ft., with 8ft. walls, built on the panel pattern, and specially grooved boards for roof, so as to use as few nails as possible, owing to the corrosive influence of the atmosphere. The bath proper consists of a piscine 12ft. by 10ft. and 3ft. deep, with broad flights of stairs and submerged seats around three sides.

4. The baths have been well patronised during the past twelve months. The number of baths taken was 10,442, and cash received £227 2s., besides hospital patients and free baths amounting to 762, showing a slight increase in the number of baths, and a decrease of £27 in the receipts. This, however, can be accounted for—First, there were 724 hospital patients' baths not paid for; and, secondly, last year was the Exhibition year. But the high reputation which this place is slowly acquiring as the health resort of the Australian Colonies is proved by the fact that, independent of the excursionists or sight-seeing tourists, there are quite a number of persons whose faces become familiar by their repeated visits and long stay in this place. Those from the Australian Colonies come here to spend a few months of the summer and thus escape the excessive heat of their own; whilst those from the south of this colony come here in winter for a milder and drier climate.

5. The number of visitors to the place from the 1st of April, 1890, to the 31st March, 1891, is 2,590. This number is only approximately correct, as several of the houses keep no record, and there is also a small number of visitors who put up with residents, as relations or friends, not included in the above.

6. Taking the foregoing into consideration, and the fact that the railway, which is being steadily extended, will in all probability be completed to this place in a couple of years, also that this district is now practically a public domain, I would most respectfully suggest that a substantial sum of money be placed on the estimates to lay out and form roads and tracks—these should be laid out at once before any of the land is disposed of—plant trees, &c., in the different public reserves, before the great influx of visitors—which the completion of the railway is bound to bring—actually takes place, for, in addition to its being much easier to protect young plantations now than it will be later on, any public money so expended judiciously and at the proper season of the year would so enhance the value of the land in the eyes of the public that the Government would be more than repaid in the increased rental they would receive.

7. The works proposed are:—Clearing, laying out roads and tracks, planting trees and shrubs. First, in the sanatorium reserve; second, in the Pukeroa Reserve; third, in the public reserve about Arikikapakapa; fourth, to lay out and form roads and tracks to the most important sights of this locality, which contain almost every variety of thermal phenomena, from bubbling hot springs to the terrifying geysers, hot and cold lakelets of various colours, mud volcanoes, mud puffs and boiling-mud holes of all colours, shapes, and forms. I feel certain that if the thermal wonders in the vicinity of Rotorua were known and made accessible, so that tourists could walk amongst them at their leisure, without the cost, weariness, and hurry-scurry of the present system of long journeys to far-off places, they would stay longer in the district, and be better pleased with it than they are under present circumstances.

8. As to expenditure or improvements to the baths, I have very little to say beyond what is contained in the report I gave on my return from visiting the European thermal establishments. The only pressing requirements to meet the increased patronage is the erection of more dressing-rooms in connection with the gentlemen's and ladies' Priest baths; also more accommodation with sulphur-vapour bath, which seems to be greatly patronised.

In conclusion, I would say that the more I become acquainted with the resources and natural wonders of this district, and compare the great climatic advantages which they possess over those of the same class which I have seen and read about in Europe and America, the more I am convinced that they are sure to eventually prove a great source of wealth to the colony; but, like many well-known rich mines, it is useless unless there is a proper plant with modern scientific knowledge to extract all possible good out of it; and, from what I saw, heard, and read on this subject during my leave of absence, I am confident that we are not affecting half the cures which might be done with better balneals and therapeutic appliances and knowledge.

With regard to the volcanoes, springs, &c., I have to report having visited the Tarawera Mountains lately, and, from the changes which I noticed, I believe that it is evidently becoming an active volcano. There are now several places about the mountains where a stick can be charred and set ablaze by simply thrusting it for a minute or so into the scoria to be found about the different craters.

Old Rotomahana Lake.—The water has risen very fast during the last twelve months. It is now filled to about its original level—namely, 10ft. above the present level of Tarawera Lake. It will require to rise about 150ft. more before it overflows into said lake through the blocked-up valley of the original creek, which seems the lowest spot on the dividing-ridge, but, as the superficial area of Rotomahana Lake will greatly increase as the water rises, it may not overflow for years.

Echo Lake.—The water of this lake, which was formerly cold, is now steaming all over, and it may, in reality, be named the real Rotomahana of the district.

Lakes Tarawera, Rotoehu, and Rotomahana have all gone down considerably from 10ft. to 15ft. below the original level. The cause of this rather sudden fall in the lakes, as more fully reported in my report of 3rd March, should be worth inquiring into. The erosion of the surface about the ash-fields is still going on, and offers a most interesting lesson in practical geological formations, for it is very seldom that so good an opportunity offers itself to watch the great changes which are made in a few months by the ordinary rainfall, and, to my mind, the study would offer a solution to many of the disputed theories of the formation of our alluvial goldfields.

The thermal springs, &c., have generally been at their usual or normal state of activity during the past year. The experiments I carried out in 1888 to make the Pohutu Geyser play more frequently have quite succeeded. It played regularly twice in twenty-four hours from the time the works were finished—September, 1888, to December, 1889—when it stopped playing altogether. On my return from Europe in February, 1890, being informed that Pohutu had not been in eruption for the last nine weeks, I went over the same day, and, finding that my former works had been tampered with, I had them repaired, and the consequence was that Pohutu played up beautifully throwing water from 40ft. to 80ft. high for two hours, a few hours afterwards, and it has continued to play twice in twenty-four hours ever since. The works about Pohutu had also the effect of starting a new geyser, in the river-bed known as the "Torpedo," from the peculiar noise it makes in its explosion under several feet of river-gravel and water.

The experimental works in connection with the acceleration of the new terrace formation round the Waikite Geyser have also been a success. The rough walls of moss and stones built in September, 1888, are all thoroughly cemented together, and one of them specially is now so completely coated over with stalactites and stalagmites of a siliceous formation that it is difficult to detect anything of the artificial works.

The Oruawhata springs became so quiet about the beginning of last year that at times there was no water discharged, and the Blue Bath could not be kept warm. It occurred to me that perhaps by contracting the orifice of the spring-tube, and extending it upwards, so as to prevent the hot water flowing out of the actual spring from mixing with the cooled water of the pool, I might be able to get it to rise a foot or so, which would enable us to take it direct to the Blue Bath. On experimenting I found that this theory was correct, but instead of a small force I found there was a powerful geyser-action. I thereupon fixed three pipes in the three principal spring-tubes, connected them by a similar number of pipes to three valves, so as to be able to regulate the admission of the cooled water ejected into the different geysers or springs, and I find by these means that I am able to regulate and control the geyser-action at will, causing either one or the other of them to play constantly or intermittently, throwing water as much as 40ft. high, or to reduce it to a mere bubbling hot spring and even silencing them for two or three months at a time. This novelty of having hot-water fountains or geysers which can be controlled at will in a flower-garden is greatly attracting the attention of visitors. I also notice that this geyser-action of the Oruawhata and Rohutu has increased the silicating property of the water. At Pohutu especially the whole area reached by the water is becoming quite white, and the spray has killed the manuka over a large area.

SIR,—

Auckland, 16th April, 1891.

Re Village Settlements.—I have the honour to report as follows: In my report of 1890 each settlement was treated so exhaustively that there is very little to add, except that during the year twenty-nine sections in the various settlements have been forfeited, mostly abandoned from eighteen to twenty-four months, but held over to give the original settlers a chance of reoccupying them if they so desired. The reason this has been done is because some of the settlers were so restless and shifting that it was very difficult to know if it was their intention to permanently occupy their holdings. Some would be absent through having obtained work in the district, or at a distance; others would go out on the gumfields, returning occasionally, and eventually remaining altogether. So the greatest care had to be exercised, and, with the approval of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, the widest latitude was given them, so that they would not have the slightest ground for complaint when their sections were forfeited. This leniency has, I am afraid, been abused, sometimes to the detriment of intending settlers, who wished to obtain the land, whilst the section also depreciated in value.

I do not anticipate a repetition of the above, as it is now well understood that it will not be allowed in the future. If a settler wishes to leave his section it is necessary for him to apply for leave of absence, which is only granted by the Commissioner of Crown Lands on condition that the settler arranges for the protection of his improvements,

Of the present village settlers, fifty-six have each acquired, in addition to village holdings, sections on deferred-payment and perpetual-lease conditions amounting to 2,757 acres. Most of these are abandoned village sections, a few of them only being unallotted sections within the settlement. Sixteen late village settlers have acquired 2,329 acres under ordinary settlement conditions, some of the sections taken up being abandoned on unallotted village sections. Forty-two persons other than village settlers have acquired forfeited and unallotted village sections, amounting to 2,001 acres.

The total area now occupied as a direct result of the village-settlement system, in addition to village homesteads still held, is 7,087 acres. It is therefore evident that there is now in occupation a larger area of land than there would have been if all the village settlers had remained on their holdings.

The amount of advances this year, as anticipated in my last annual report, is much less than in any previous years. This looks as if the settlers are in a better position, or more self-supporting; but the real reason is that they are compelled to leave their homes and sometimes go great distances to obtain employment to enable them to support their families, or to obtain money to buy stock; consequently, the improvements for which advances are made are not so great as in previous years. Still, in the various settlements there is work done of value to the settlers, representing a great deal of time and labour, and may be claimed as general improvements, but for which no advances are made. At the same time the cultivations on some sections are not so good as could be desired. This to some extent may be owing to the sections being mostly bush, which requires (in the absence of capital) a great deal of time, manual labour, and perseverance to obtain remunerative returns. I notice that the settlers who can manage to work a great part of their time on their sections are doing, and will do, better than those settlers who are almost continually working away from home. The former may not earn so much money in wages, but they are improving their sections, and their produce helps to support them when they obtain occasional employment; but it takes all the money the latter may earn to support themselves and families, whilst their sections are not being improved, and yield them little or nothing.

Taking the settlements as a whole, I consider the increase of stock, the general improvements, the amount of land added to their holdings, and progress made by the settlers as very satisfactory.

I have, &c.,

The Commissioner of Crown Lands.

H. P. KAVANAGH, Village Steward.

NUMBER of Horses, Cows, Calves, Pigs, Fowls, Sheep, and Bullocks, with Chains of Fencing in Various Village Settlements; also, Number of Women and Children, Acres in Grass, and Approximate Area in Gardens, Orchards, &c.

Name of Settlement.	Horses.	Cows.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Fowls.	Calves.	Chains of Fencing.	Bullocks.	Number of Women.	Number of Children.	Acres in Grass.	Acres in Cultivation—Garden Orchard.
Herekino ...	40	42	35	53	358	39	136	24	23	79	263	9
Waimamaku ...	18	28	...	10	240	22	72	7	13	37	120	10
Takahue ...	13	14	194	24	44	16	64	1	8	26	185	8½
Fern Flat ...	10	9	40	12	60	14	56	...	7	17	134	4
Kohukohu ...	6	9	...	1	20	...	165	...	4	9	56	1
Motukaraka ...	9	58	...	21	90	51	316	11	26	71	332	10
Punakitere ...	28	65	141	56	155	61	422	2	18	69	191	14
Hukerenui ...	60	74	...	59	292	75	608	...	25	93	171	12½
Pataua ...	13	27	16	4	21	39	200	...	8	28	93	7
Omaha ...	12	43	270	11	219	28	407	12	16	36	170	5
Waitakerei and Swanson ...	2	6	...	4	180	...	60	...	14	56	15	10
Karaka ...	2	12	...	...	14	10	69	...	3	13	13	3
Komokorau and Firewood Creek ...	12	18	...	2	188	29	124	2	7	30	83	5
Te Aroha ...	22	71	...	16	173	24	415	...	21	70	111	16
Whananaki ...	24	37	31	35	262	51	380	...	8	28	93	7½
Motatau ...	29	19	...	12	77	20	121	...	5	18	26	4½
	300	532	727	320	2,393	479	3,615	59	206	680	2,056	127

CANTERBURY.

REPORT ON VILLAGE HOMESTEAD SPECIAL SETTLEMENTS.

SIR,—

I have the honour to forward herewith full details in connection with village homestead special settlements in the Provincial District of Canterbury for the year ending 31st March, 1891.

The total number of settlers is 166, and the total area of land occupied by them is 5,217 acres. Of this, they have brought under cultivation 3,613 acres. The amount advanced by Government for dwelling-houses was £2,260. The settlers have paid in rent £1,853 15s. 9d., and in interest £295 10s., making a total of £2,149 5s. 9d. The arrears on the 31st December last amounted to £91 6s. 11d.

Owing to the very poor harvest, and the consequent dearth of employment, the instalment due on the 1st January last has not been so promptly paid as heretofore; consequently, the arrears on the 31st March were £286 19s. 6d. I have not thought it desirable either to press for or enforce payment, as I felt assured, under the circumstances I have named, the Board would not wish me to do so, ample security being on the land for the amount unpaid.

I now come to an important point with regard to these settlements. I allude to the improvements placed on the land; and here I should state that, in forming a valuation of these improvements, I have only taken into consideration dwellings, out-buildings, and fencing.

The improvements made to the soil have not in any case been included. Thus, for instance, several settlers returned so many acres laid down in permanent pasture, value so much. Others, again, returned so many acres planted with fruit- or forest-trees, value so-and-so. All this I struck out, although no doubt these improvements might fairly have been included. On the other hand, it is impossible to say at present whether orchards, plantations, or permanent pasture will be a success. I thought it best, therefore, not to include any improvements made to the land.

I find after careful inspection that the total value of the improvements made by the settlers under the three headings I have named amounts to £10,665. If the sum advanced by Government for dwelling-houses is deducted from this valuation, the actual value of the materials and work done by the settlers amounts to £8,405. I also find that the settlers have altogether 255 horses, 453 head of cattle, 295 pigs, 2,228 head of poultry, and 80 sheep.

In addition to the 166 village homestead special settlers, thirty-seven other sections have been taken up in these settlements, the land having been acquired under the following tenure, namely: twelve for cash, six on deferred payments, and nineteen on the ordinary perpetual-lease conditions.

I trust you will consider the returns I now forward satisfactory, not merely to the department, but to the settlers themselves.

I have, &c.,

The Commissioner of Crown Lands, Canterbury District.

J. E. MARCH.

CANTERBURY.

RETURN of VILLAGE HOMESTEAD SPECIAL SETTLEMENTS on Perpetual-lease Conditions.

Settlements.	Date when formed.	Number of Settlers.	Area held by each.	Total Area taken up.		Total Area cultivated.		Amounts advanced by Government.		Value of Improvements.		Paid to 31st March, 1891.			Total Rent and Interest paid.	Arrears.		Livestock.													
				A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£		s. d.	On 31st December, 1890.	On 31st March, 1891.	Horses.	Cattle.	Pigs.	Poultry.	Sheep.								
				Acres.																											
Ashburton	Aug., 1886	6	20	120	0	118	0	0	120	0	509	15	0	102	10	0	18	0	0	120	10	0	9	10	10	57	..				
Arundel	" 1886	7	14 to 20	142	1	70	2	0	80	0	393	19	0	68	0	3	9	0	0	177	0	3	9	11	5	24	..				
Alford Forest	Oct., 1886	10	20	216	2	165	3	24	180	0	598	16	0	107	1	8	30	0	0	137	0	8	14	58	8	77	30				
Alford	April, 1887	2	14 to 20	33	1	26	1	16	40	0	135	0	0	12	14	0	5	0	0	17	14	0	1	7	2	65	..				
Arowhenua	" 1887	4	1	4	1	37	4	1	80	0	261	10	0	22	1	0	11	0	0	33	1	0	2	3	7	34	..				
Chertsey	July, 1886	16	7 to 20	245	3	33	245	3	33	0	1,038	5	0	144	8	2	38	10	0	182	18	2	14	9	5	11	128				
Dromore	Dec., 1886	8	20 to 25	134	0	164	2	36	60	0	296	6	0	53	5	0	8	10	0	61	15	0	3	0	0	13	13	108			
Fairlie Creek	Jan., 1887	2	4	7	3	20	7	3	20	..	201	11	0	8	8	0	..	..	..	8	8	0	7	4	3	94	..				
Glenavy	Oct., 1886	4	13 to 23	95	1	11	79	0	20	0	339	0	0	53	6	7	3	0	0	56	6	7	8	13	3	16	..				
Geraldine	Feb., 1887	3	2 to 9	16	2	3	16	2	3	60	0	206	10	0	23	19	9	7	0	3	13	0	4	8	19	11	50				
Hakateramea	Oct., 1886	2	41 to 46	87	2	3	76	2	3	..	98	0	0	28	17	0	..	..	..	23	17	0	..	..	..	10	..				
Hinds	May, 1887	15	50	740	0	0	510	0	260	0	1,102	15	0	120	16	6	28	0	0	148	16	6	28	3	9	5	375				
Hurunui	July, 1887	16	40 to 50	736	2	9	495	1	13	0	1,240	12	0	216	8	6	26	10	0	242	18	6	14	2	6	37	124				
Medbury	Feb., 1887	12	50	600	0	0	455	2	0	0	773	6	0	243	15	0	16	10	0	260	5	0	12	5	0	42	130				
Oxford	Sept., 1886	14	50	700	0	0	335	0	80	0	737	0	0	83	15	0	13	10	0	97	5	0	..	..	8	8	147				
Orari	Feb., 1887	8	5	40	3	14	40	3	14	0	390	15	0	45	18	0	14	10	0	60	8	0	..	..	21	34	180				
Rakaia	Dec., 1886	8	14 to 20	134	1	35	134	1	35	0	510	15	0	204	6	4	16	0	0	220	6	4	17	5	0	13	12	206			
Rangitika	" 1886	1	41	41	0	0	22	0	20	0	65	0	0	17	18	9	3	0	0	20	18	9	..	..	3	1	5	20			
Winslow	" 1886	1	10	10	0	0	10	0	20	0	62	12	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	7	0	0	..	..	2	4	..	40			
Waitaki	Oct., 1886	10	38 to 50	480	1	39	372	0	4	0	632	7	6	161	9	0	16	10	0	177	19	0	3	0	0	15	17	107			
Waimate	Jan., 1887	5	4 to 9	32	2	35	32	2	35	..	227	15	0	43	16	0	..	..	..	43	16	0	..	..	1	16	4	73			
Waitaki	May, 1887	12	28 to 50	547	0	34	230	0	0	0	843	18	0	87	1	3	28	0	0	115	1	3	5	15	0	29	79	202			
		166	..	5,217	2	11	3,613	3	2	2,260	0	0	10,665	7	6	1,853	15	9	295	10	0	2,149	5	9	91	6	11	453	295	2,228	80

Christchurch, 31st March, 1891.

J. E. MARCH.

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Summary of LANDS DISPOSED OF from Foundation of the Colony, with Total Cash received, to 31st March, 1891.

District.	Total Area sold.			Total Area reserved or granted under Acts.			Total Area sold or otherwise disposed of since the Foundation of the Colony.			Total Cash received.		
	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	1,735,723	0	37	2,793,390	2	10	4,529,113	3	7	619,936	2	5
Hawke's Bay	1,234,954	3	30	218,380	1	24	1,453,335	1	14	561,662	8	5
Taranaki	211,320	3	38	520,183	2	26	731,504	2	24	577,370	15	5
Wellington	1,727,596	0	0	730,359	1	26	2,457,955	1	26	971,703	0	0
Nelson	1,073,240	0	0	175,308	3	25	1,248,548	3	25	394,881	0	0
Marlborough	788,941	3	1	178,177	0	7	967,118	3	8	280,471	7	7
Canterbury	3,077,877	1	21	668,957	3	21	3,746,835	1	2	6,135,373	15	10
Westland	56,167	1	29	74,828	3	19	130,996	1	8	69,195	14	0
Otago	1,998,762	0	0	575,012	3	29	2,573,774	3	29	2,087,490	0	0
Southland	1,372,730	0	33	536,370	3	36	1,909,101	0	29	1,622,925	12	3
Totals	13,277,313	3	29	6,470,970	2	23	19,748,284	2	12	13,321,009	15	11

Table A.—SUMMARY of LANDS taken up during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

For Details see	Auckland.		Hawke's Bay.		Taranaki.		Wellington.		Nelson.		Marlborough.		Canterbury.		Westland.		Otago.		Southland.		Total Area taken up during the Year.		Revenue.				Area taken up during previous Years to 31st March, 1890.		Total Forfeitures (including exchanges).		Total Area held on 31st March, 1891, on Settlement Conditions.		Total Area made Freehold to Date.	
	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.		
Table C—Cash lands ..	15,018	3 25	1,885	3 13	20 2 34	7,300	3 39	15,811	0 7	746	2 32	54,373	1 21	272	2 7	4,149	0 6	434	3 5	100,013	3 29	98,014	2 8	4,286	9 6	12,707,485	0 1	..	..	12,807,498	3 30			
“ D—Deferred payments	6,109	1 29	1,781	0 0	9,311	0 0	3,394	1 20	7,672	1 5	428	1 39	634	0 10	..	2,728	0 27	2,032	1 15	34,091	0 25	1,405	2 10	43,969	4 9	1,136,445	0 12	220,358	2 10	523,934	2 8	445,666	2 8	
“ E—Perpetual-lease and small areas	55,536	2 20	28,058	1 8	19,109	2 17	92,392	1 19	325	0 18	767	1 8	57,494	3 28	40	0 0	24,923	1 10	269	0 35	288,916	2 34	6,410	17 10	26,272	18 10	628,953	1 10	58,099	2 19	841,620	3 22	12,073	2 20
“ G—Agricultural lease..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	550	3 6	..	..	550	3 6	34	11 3	429	4 2	283,720	1 5	141,740	1 22	7,187	2 33	136,514	0 21	
“ H—Village settlement, cash	..	..	3 1 0	..	4 0 0	72	3 32	..	..	10	0 0	3 3 0	..	..	..	85	3 2	30	1 20	210	0 14	968	2 0	..	..	5,782	0 35	..	..	..	..	5,992	2 9	
“ I—Village settlement, deferred payment	..	..	1 0 24	..	..	135	0 29	..	..	..	..	8 0 3	..	..	..	86	0 32	198	3 32	369	2 0	126	12 0	3,163	13 0	13,766	1 13	1,442	1 31	6,467	3 6	6,225	2 16	
“ J—Village settlement, perpetual lease	..	..	0 3 21	..	..	70	3 30	..	..	..	..	310	1 28	..	..	169	2 13	402	0 34	954	0 6	52	19 6	193	3 1	2,315	3 27	119	0 0	3,074	2 32	76	1 1	
“ K—Village homestead special settlement	..	..	..	..	..	30	0 17	..	..	..	..	300	0 0	..	..	..	..	19	3 20	349	3 37	2	14 3	1,946	18 10	34,332	0 11	12,277	3 26	22,404	0 22	..	..	
“ L—Special - settlement associations under clause 163	..	..	..	..	..	71	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	0 0	7	2 0	11,140	18 2	95,364	0 12	1,941	1 13	84,438	2 2	9,570	3 37	
“ M—Homestead ..	905	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	0 0	..	..	945	0 0	87	10 0	..	..	87,500	2 28	7,535	1 9	26,662	1 19	54,248	0 0	
“ N—Small-grazing runs	17,940	0 0	13,873	0 0	5,340	0 0	4,584	2 39	..	..	9,070	2 34	20,636	0 0	..	14,716	3 27	..	..	86,161	1 20	1,570	15 1	10,260	14 6	547,863	0 22	79,627	2 21	554,396	3 21	..	..	
Totals ..	95,509	3 34	45,603	1 26	33,785	1 11	108,052	2 25	23,808	1 30	11,023	0 33	133,760	2 10	312	2 7	47,449	2 34	13,327	3 1	512,633	2 11	108,680	9 5	101,663	4 10	15,543,528	0 16	523,142	0 31	2,070,187	2 5	13,477,866	2 22

NOTE.—For analysis of holdings, see Table B.

Table B.—ANALYSIS of HOLDINGS taken up during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

Description of Land.	No. of Selectors.	No. of Selectors under 1 Acre.	No. of Selectors 1 to 50 Acres.	No. of Selectors 51 to 250 Acres.	No. of Selectors 251 to 500 Acres.	No. of Selectors 501 to 1,000 Acres.	No. of Selectors 1,001 Acres and upwards.
Cash ..	573	131	229	111	50	27	25
Deferred payments	258	..	58	167	26	6	1
Perpetual lease and small areas ..	788	..	75	316	224	127	46
Agricultural lease ..	4	..	2	1	1	..	..
Village settlement, cash	87	32	55	..	..	..	..
Village settlement, deferred payment	51	5	46	..	..	..	..
Village settlement, perpetual lease	56	2	53	1	..	..	..
Village homestead, special settlement	10	..	10	..	..	..	..
Special settlement under clause 163	2	..	2	..	..	..	..
Homestead ..	9	..	1	7	1	..	..
Small runs ..	43	..	..	..	5	13	25
Total ..	1,881	170	531	603	307	173	97

Pastoral runs: 195 holders, with an average to each selector of 9,188 acres.

Table C.—RETURN of CROWN LANDS SOLD for CASH during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

District.	Area disposed of.								Average Price per Acre.			Consideration received.		
	Town.		Suburban.		Rural.		Total.		Town.	Suburban.	Rural.	Cash.	Scrip.	Total.
	Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Number of Purchasers.	Area.						
Auckland ..	4	A. R. P. 0 3 36	37	A. R. P. 260 0 7	142	A. R. P. 14,757 3 22	183	A. R. P. 15,018 3 25	£ s. d. 63 10 0	£ s. d. 11 17 6	£ s. d. 0 17 6	£ s. d. 14,956 2 5	£ s. d. 63 0 0	£ s. d. 15,019 2 5
Hawke's Bay ..	3	2 0 36	2	2 1 3	10	1,681 1 14	15	1,885 3 13	52 0 0	40 0 0	1 4 3	2,520 14 10	..	2,520 14 10
Taranaki ..	15	5 0 34	..	..	2	15 2 0	17	20 2 34	49 6 8	..	2 7 4	291 15 0	..	291 15 0
Wellington ..	10	4 0 10	..	..	24	7,296 3 29	34	7,300 3 39	33 5 0	..	1 2 6	6,604 13 2	1,143 18 6	7,748 11 8
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	20	15,811 0 7	20	15,811 0 7	..	..	0 10 3	8,140 5 0	..	8,140 5 0
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	5	746 2 32	5	746 2 32	..	..	0 15 2	567 2 4	..	567 2 4
Canterbury ..	20	18 2 11	1	3 0 22	126	54,351 2 28	147	54,373 1 21	34 14 7	5 0 0	1 2 4	58,345 19 8	3,075 6 10	61,421 6 6
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	6	272 2 7	6	272 2 7	..	..	0 18 9	255 0 10	..	255 0 10
Otago ..	92	71 1 30	1	0 2 23	30	4,076 3 33	123	4,149 0 6	30 12 34	40 0 0	0 16 8	5,530 5 3	113 1 5	5,643 6 8
Southland ..	1	0 2 0	9	99 1 21	13	334 3 24	23	434 3 5	30 0 0	4 4 7	1 1 11	802 4 2	..	802 4 2
Total ..	145	102 3 37	50	365 1 36	378	99,545 1 36	573	100,013 3 29	..	..	..	98,014 2 8	4,395 6 9	102,409 9 5

Table D.—RETURN of DEFERRED-PAYMENT RURAL LANDS taken up during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

Districts.	Number of Applications approved.	Taken up during the Year.			Forfeitures during the Year.			Capitalised during the Year.			Total Area held on 31st March, 1891, including Capitalised Holdings.			Amount received during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.			Freeholds acquired during the Year.		Made Freehold from Commencement of System to 31st March, 1891.			Selectors in Arrear on 31st March, 1891.		
		Area taken up.	Average to each Selector.	Yearly Instalments payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Instalments Payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Interest payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Instalments and Interest payable.	On Year's Trans- actions.	On Past Trans- actions.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Total Amount realised, exclusive of Interest.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.	
Auckland ..	65	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.	
Hawke's Bay ..	6	6,109 1 20	94 0 0	311 2 4	7	709 3 0	18 13 6	7	1,394 0 20	29 12 6	399	53,325 1 12	5,039 14 2	155 11 2	1,104 6 8	5	570 2 0	38	5,819 1 2	6,311 6 6	120	16,592 3 0	1,575 6 0	
Taranaki ..	41	1,781 0 0	296 3 15	153 19 0	1	164 1 0	25 13 4	15	2,289 3 29	75 16 0	211	28,362 2 15	2,574 5 5	127 4 0	4,162 3 9	37	4,326 0 24	599	57,778 0 37	56,835 13 11	13	2,598 2 32	107 7 3	
Wellington ..	19	9,311 0 0	227 0 16	684 1 6	1	120 0 0	10 14 4	39	6,128 1 0	229 2 6	788	94,818 2 17	9,350 10 6	342 0 9	11,137 0 5	74	8,280 1 38	521	48,463 1 29	97,891 17 1	291	36,920 0 7	2,489 7 0	
Nelson ..	77	3,394 1 20	178 0 0	377 5 8	1	196 0 0	24 10 0	30	10,545 2 23	286 18 11	248	47,180 2 3	5,402 19 5	154 19 7	8,335 7 8	36	8,915 1 39	427	83,753 1 20	86,212 7 4	39	4,225 3 31	455 4 1	
Marlborough ..	9	7,672 1 5	99 2 0	411 0 0	6	355 0 24	21 16 0	..	..	..	1,021	99,319 1 28	6,927 17 10	411 0 0	6,731 8 9	18	1,418 0 10	315	22,215 1 32	18,597 11 10	..	..	..	
Canterbury ..	5	428 1 39	47 2 17	36 4 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	2,601 1 3	153 14 8	20 16 10	155 7 0	6	717 0 34	11	1,296 2 15	1,174 16 4	3	329 3 10	16 15 0	
Westland ..	..	634 0 10	126 3 10	77 12 10	3	798 2 9	88 5 4	..	..	..	65	25,584 2 5	2,509 16 10	25 18 1	2,946 16 10	10	516 0 4	56	2,441 3 30	11,759 9 8	25	8,690 3 23	815 16 4	
Otago ..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	74	3,482 2 32	246 14 9	..	96 5 5	2	20 0 0	42	1,454 3 22	1,605 4 0	63	2,266 3 23	238 9 8	
Southland ..	20	2,728 0 27	170 2 1	227 4 2	2	326 1 11	33 15 2	15	3,233 3 1	134 19 8	409	98,884 3 32	5,248 17 7	90 16 3	4,547 6 5	54	10,000 3 24	720	97,412 0 13	143,865 9 1	162	33,632 1 5	3,138 14 8	
Totals ..	258	2,032 1 15	101 2 16	153 12 4	10	956 1 1	97 2 0	11	1,495 2 16	62 18 8	433	70,374 2 21	2,562 15 8	76 16 2	4,753 1 10	78	11,046 2 0	894	125,031 1 8	189,735 10 6	104	14,983 2 39	661 1 0	

Table E.—RETURN of PERPETUAL-LEASE and SMALL-AREA LANDS taken up during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

District.	Taken up during the Year.				Previous Transactions to 31st March, 1890.				Forfeitures and Surrenders during the year.				Total Area held on 31st March, 1891.				Amount received during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.				Freeholds acquired during the Year.		Made Freehold from Commencement of System to 31st March, 1891.				Selectors in Arrear, 31st March, 1891.			
	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Average Upset Rent per Acre.	Annual Rental payable.	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental payable.	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	On Year's Trans- actions.	On Past Trans- actions.	No. of Selectors.	Area.	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Total Amount realised, exclusive of Interest.	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.							
Auckland ..	215	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	1,283 2 1	456	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	10	1,929 3 29	57 8 0	659	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	636 9 6	1,369 12 5	2	636 2 20	3	783 1 20	392 0 0	246	34,734 2 17	1,038 0 0							
Hawke's Bay ..	82	28,058 1 8	0 10	1,229 1 2	207	91,275 3 10	3,596 0 6	4	911 2 0	39 13 2	277	112,772 3 33	4,583 2 4	1,045 9 7	3,407 4 0	11	5,649 2 25	11	5,649 2 25	4,046 6 4	12	5,190 0 14	78 2 4							
Taranaki ..	58	19,109 2 17	0 9	726 15 8	286	52,743 1 0	2,798 12 0	4	1,417 0 0	45 1 0	334	69,151 3 17	3,410 5 8	363 7 10	2,708 19 7	2	546 0 0	3	843 0 0	881 0 0	164	33,705 3 30	1,054 8 8							
Wellington ..	192	92,392 1 19	0 11	4,491 7 2	528	183,951 3 32	8,953 18 6	6	2,653 3 0	118 8 0	701	269,173 0 12	13,105 12 2	2,236 3 10	12,646 9 8	13	4,047 2 39	15	4,104 2 19	3,962 12 10	122	22,851 2 24	1,216 16 8							
Nelson ..	2	325 0 18	1 0	16 0 0	2	806 2 33	93 8 6	..	..	..	4	1,131 3 11	109 8 6	19 5 6	5 10 6	..	..	..	..	..	1	585 2 33	87 18 0							
Marlborough ..	6	767 1 8	0 8	25 15 9	9	946 3 3	43 19 6	4	749 0 0	31 17 0	12	965 0 11	37 18 3	19 15 9	12 14 3	..	..	..	..	..	1	45 3 35	1 3 0							
Canterbury ..	92	57,494 3 28	1 24	3,493 17 3	101	15,914 0 13	1,133 12 1	9	761 0 0	63 17 8	179	72,471 3 37	4,482 16 3	1,443 19 2	1,399 0 4	6	176 0 4	8	229 3 30	631 8 5	53	11,120 0 27	386 5 5							
Westland ..	1	40 0 0	0 7	1 3 0	10	742 1 32	37 12 0	..	..	..	11	782 1 32	38 15 0	0 11 6	19 12 11	..	..	4	370 2 36	370 14 6	10	747 1 32	136 18 8							
Otago ..	98	24,923 1 1	0 84	891 9 4	519	113,156 1 32	5,208 16 5	19	5,155 0	1225 7 8	597	132,832 1 22	5,088 8 6	436 8 5	3,540 3 10	1	92 1 10	1	92 1 10	92 5 0	299	64,621 0 6	3,539 12 2							
Southland ..	42	10,269 0 35	0 9	419 5 6	146	34,980 3 15	1,499 15 0	12	4,253 0 10	147 13 0	172	40,997 0 0	1,697 12 4	209 12 9	1,172 11 4	..	..	..	..	..	70	16,384 3 34	543 1 9							
Totals ..	788	288,916 2 34	..	12,577 16 11	2,264	582,890 2 6	26,152 8 2	68	17,830 1 0	729 5 6	2,946	841,620 3 22	36,561 12 2	6,410 17 10	26,272 18 10	35	11,148 1 18	45	12,073 2 20	10,376 7 1	978	190,047 2 12	8,082 6 8							

Table F.—EXCHANGES during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

District.	Deferred Payment to Perpetual Lease.			Perpetual Lease to Deferred Payment.		
	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Instalments.	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rent.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Auckland	1	80 0 0	4 0 0	1	80 2 20	4 1 0
Hawke's Bay	1	294 0 0	35 1 0	..	..	..
Taranaki	1	126 1 0	8 13 8	3	797 1 0	78 6 8
Wellington	..	..	..	1	102 1 31	5 2 0
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	3	440 1 0	47 14 8	9	1,718 1 11	128 6 8

Table G.—RETURN of AGRICULTURAL LEASE LANDS taken up during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

District.	Taken up during the Year.				Forfeitures and Surrenders during the Year.			Total Area held on 31st March, 1891.			Amount received during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.			Made Freehold from Commencement of System to 31st March, 1891.			Selectors in Arrear on 31st March, 1891.		
	Number of Selections.	Area taken up.	Average to each Selector.	Yearly Rental payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Rental payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Rental payable.	On the Year's Transactions.	On Past Transactions.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Total Amount realised.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.	
Auckland	..	..	..	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	66	2,010 1 2	250 5 0	..	..	27	1,304 3 35	339 2 6	22	706 0 0	£ s. d. 437 11 0	
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	24 3 13	3 2 6	..	..	32	279 0 15	488 12 11	..	..	..	
Otago ..	4	550 3 6	137 2 31	68 15 0	5	687 2 32	90 5 0	60	5,134 0 2	644 7 6	34 11	3 429 4 21	299 128,359 3 6	128,319 15 0	40	5,071 1 18	1,563 10 9		
Southland	..	..	..	..	1	60 2 0	17 6	1	18 2 16	1 2 6	..	..	50	6,570 1 5	6,570 5 0	..	..	..	
Total	4	550 3 6	137 2 31	68 15 0	6	693 2 34	91 2 6	128	7,187 2 33	898 17 6	34 11	3 429 4 21	408 136,514 0 21	135,717 15 5	62	5,777 1 18	2,001 1 9		

Table H.—RETURN of VILLAGE-SETTLEMENT LANDS disposed of for CASH during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

District.	Village Sections.			Small-farm Sections.			Total during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.			Total Area made Freehold from Commencement of System to 31st March, 1891.		
	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Amount realised.	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Amount realised.	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Amount realised.	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Total Amount realised.
Hawke's Bay ..	2	A. R. P. 2 0 0	£ s. d. 10 0 0	1	A. R. P. 1 1 0	£ s. d. 6 5 0	3	A. R. P. 3 1 0	£ s. d. 16 5 0	224	A. R. P. 609 2 28	£ s. d. 3,935 9 7
Taranaki ..	4	4 0 0	20 0 0	..	..	..	4	4 0 0	20 0 0	287	835 3 9	6,774 0 9
Wellington ..	49	39 0 29	431 11 0	12	33 3 3	167 18 7	61	72 3 32	599 9 7	211	391 0 10	2,341 0 6
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	12 3 22	200 0 0
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	1	10 0 0	12 10 0	..	10 0 0	12 10 0	9	22 1 11	75 16 10
Canterbury ..	4	3 3 0	92 10 0	..	..	..	4	3 3 0	92 10 0	141	1,095 1 1	5,065 2 7
Otago ..	1	0 2 0	5 0 0	7	85 1 2	99 19 6	8	85 3 2	104 19 6	88	623 1 6	1,413 7 2
Southland ..	..	..	..	6	30 1 20	122 7 11	6	30 1 20	122 7 11	488	2,402 1 2	7,651 12 10
Total ..	60	49 1 29	559 1 0	27	160 2 25	409 1 0	87	210 0 14	968 2 0	1,486	5,992 2 9	27,456 10 3

Table I.—RETURN of VILLAGE-SETTLEMENT LANDS disposed of on DEFERRED PAYMENTS during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

District.	Taken up during the Year.										Forfeiture.				Total Area held on 31st March, 1891.				Amount received during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.				Freeholds acquired from Commencement of System to 31st March, 1891.				Selectors in Arrear on 31st March, 1891.			
	Village Sections.			Small-farm Sections.							Total.			Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Installments payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Installments payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Total Amount realised.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.					
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Installments payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Installments payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Installments payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Installments payable.	Number of Selectors.													Area.	Yearly Installments payable.			
Hawke's Bay	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	1	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	1	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	1	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	60	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	283 13 0	£ s. d.	377 13 5	£ s. d.	388 0 38	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	7 18 2	A. R. P.	£ s. d.					
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	508 1 38	577 7 7	283 13 0	576 8 11	591 1 3	1,731 0 38	9,105 10 11	7 24 0	7 18 2	315 3 24	28 15 8						
Wellington ..	..	..	..	20	135 0 29	101 16 2	20	135 0 29	101 16 2	20	135 0 29	101 16 2	83	788 3 2	117 10 0	517 7 0	591 1 3	591 1 3	227 3 23	9,105 10 11	136 1 30	75 14 10	136 1 30	75 14 10						
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	13 1 4	5 5 0	5 5 0	5 5 0	5 5 0	..	..	..	..	..	..						
Canterbury ..	7	3 1 11	24 6 0	2	4 2 32	18 12 8	9	8 0 3	42 18 8	2	5 0 25	7 17 10	174	1,394 3 1	1,023 18 11	21 9 4	41,114 11 1	1,362	1,490 2 30	14,979 14 3	420 0 16	518 14 10	420 0 16	518 14 10						
Otago ..	..	..	..	8	86 0 32	28 17 3	8	86 0 32	28 17 3	9	71 3 39	34 13 2	78	997 0 26	346 12 2	14 9 1	223 16 0	31	288 8 23	993 11 5	550 3 28	242 3 6	550 3 28	242 3 6						
Southland ..	..	..	..	13	138 3 32	77 19 0	13	138 3 32	77 19 0	8	70 2 34	16 2 12	2120	1,987 0 27	358 15 0	38 19 6	264 17 4	4,142	2,098 2 24	5,443 13 11	648 2 18	107 17 9	648 2 18	107 17 9						
Total ..	7	3 1 11	24 6 0	44	366 0 29	228 1 1	51	369 2 0	252 7 1	20	149 3 31	84 14 6	537	6,467 3 6	2,723 1 8	126 12 0	8,163 13 0	713	6,225 2 16	32,663 3 10	2,085 3 38	981 4 9	2,085 3 38	981 4 9						

Table J.—RETURN of VILLAGE-SETTLEMENT LANDS disposed of on PERPETUAL LEASE during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

District.	Taken up during the Year.									Forfeitures and Surrenders during the Year.			Total Area held on 31st March, 1891.			Amount received during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.		Freehold acquired during the Year.			Selectors in Arrear on 31st March, 1891.		
	Village Sections.			Small-farm Sections.			Total.			No. of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rent.	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rent payable.	On the Year's Transactions.	On Past Transactions.	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Amount paid.	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.
	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rent payable.	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rent payable.	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Total Annual Rent payable.														
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Hawke's Bay	2	0 3 21	0 18 0	7	70 3 30	10 6 4	2	70 3 30	10 6 4	9	146 3 1	14 14 8	9	324 0 33	56 13 4	5 3 2	41 9 7	2	27 0 7	2 0 7	2	35 0 0	1 12 0
Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10 0 0	1 5 0	1	10 0 0	1 5 0	..	1 5 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury	1	1 0 0	1 5 0	8	309 1 28	26 0 2	9	310 1 28	27 5 2	3	94 0 0	17 8 6	41	1,031 0 29	111 10 11	12 6 1	57 1 6	1	43 0 0	5 7 6	4	200 0 0	25 6 9
Otago	..	..	..	9	169 2 13	9 7 6	9	169 2 13	9 7 6	43	..	..	43	916 1 31	93 17 10	4 14 3	47 18 2	..	..	..	14	337 3 19	35 16 8
Southland	..	..	..	29	402 0 34	60 14 0	29	402 0 34	60 14 0	38	..	..	38	646 0 18	83 10 2	30 7 0	32 14 11	..	..	..	2	29 2 15	1 19 5
Totals	3	1 3 21	2 3 0	53	952 0 25	106 8 0	56	954 0 6	108 11 0	3	94 0 0	17 8 6	160	3,074 2 32	361 11 11	52 19 6	193 3 1	1	43 0 0	5 7 6	24	629 2 1	66 15 5

Table K.—RETURN of SELECTORS under the VILLAGE-HOMESTEAD SPECIAL-SETTLEMENT REGULATIONS for the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

District.	Taken up during the Year.					Forfeitures and Surrenders during the Year.			Total Area held on 31st March, 1891.			Amount advanced to Selectors during the Year.			Total Amount advanced to Selectors: Past and Current Transactions.			Payments made by Selectors during the Year.		Total Payments made by Selectors.		Selectors in Arrear on 31st March, 1891.					
	Number of Selectors.	Area allotted.	Average Area to each Selector.		Average Rental per Acre.	Number.	Area.	Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Rental, including Interest on Advances.	For Houses.	For Bush-felling.		Total Advances.	For Houses.	For Bush-felling.		Total Advances.	Rent.	Interest.	Rent from Commencement of System.	Interest.	Number.	Area.	Amount.	
			£	s. d.									£	s. d.			£	s. d.								£	s. d.
Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	..	29	1,350 0 34	35 16 9	314	13,187 2 3	924 7 4	120	505 5 0	625 5 0	5,235 2 16	384 12 3	11,619 14 4	416 7 6	178 1 5	1,265 5 0	452 18 2	233	9,683 0 0	583 15 8	479 12 2		
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	3	32 3 35	6 11 9	31	203 2 20	81 6 1	..	38 5 0	38 5 0	520 0 0	231 7 0	751 7 0	44 19 6	46 2 7	177 2 2	139 15 6	1	1 3 36	0 8 11	0 12 3		
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	50 0 0	3 2 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 13 9	..	1	50 0 0	6 5 0	..		
Wellington ..	2	30 0 17	15 0 8	2 10	1	10 0 17	1 10 0	134	1,856 2 20	288 12 6	140	153 8 8	293 8 8	2,280 0 0	3,529 2 1	5,809 2 1	247 5 9	205 3 4	4,386 15 8	..	..	91	1,094 0 1	203 0 6	177 6 4		
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5 0 0	0 15 0	13	231 0 5	21 7 9	..	..	..	65 0 0	18 15 0	83 15 0	15 2 6	3 14 0	68 7 6	11 8 10	3	105 3 4	2 19 0	..		
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5 0 0	0 15 0	13	231 0 5	21 7 9	..	..	..	65 0 0	18 15 0	83 15 0	15 2 6	3 14 0	68 7 6	11 8 10	3	105 3 4	2 19 0	..		
Canterbury ..	6	300 0 0	0 50 0	0 1 4	..	..	..	..	166	5,319 2 38	718 9 5	..	..	..	2,260 0 0	..	2,260 0 0	497 10 9	92 0 0	1,864 13 8	295 10 0	76	2,590 0 31	245 19 8	43 0 0		
Otago ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	38 1 25	1 18 0	71	923 1 3	76 1 0	20	47 10 0	67 10 0	960 0 0	297 10 0	1,257 10 0	51 19 7	41 17 5	237 1 1	90 9 0	46	670 3 11	44 3 2	36 16 8		
Southland ..	2	19 3 20	9 3 30	2 8	8	109 0 1	25 6 10	59	627 1 13	142 2 6	20	52 10 0	72 10 0	756 0 0	318 3 5	1,074 3 5	65 6 4	42 19 11	349 5 4	111 12 0	28	328 3 16	26 2 6	15 13 6			
Totals ..	10	349 3 37	..	..	..	43	1,545 2 32	71 18 4	790	22,404 0 22	2,256 4 1	300	796 18 8	1,096 18 8	12,076 2 1	10,779 9 9	22,855 11 10	1,339 14 5	609 18 8	5,353 4 2	1,101 13 6	479	14,524 2 19	1,112 14 5	753 0 11		

Table L.—RETURN of SPECIAL-SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATIONS under Clause 163 of “The Land Act, 1885,” for the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

District and Survey District.	Name of Special Settlements.	New Selections during the Year.		Total Area of Block.	Price per Acre.	Amount received during the Year.	Total Amount received on Current and Previous Transactions to 31st March, 1891.	Total Area held, 31st March, 1891.		Selectors actually residing.		Forfeitures and Surrenders during the Year.		Selectors in Arrear 31st March, 1891.	
		No.	Area.					No. of Selectors.	Area.	No.	Area.	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.	No. of Selectors.
Auckland--			A. R. P.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.		A. R. P.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.
Wairere	Gordon	..	..	3,000 0 0	1 0 0	110 2 3	669 11 10	23	2,163 1 10	15	1,294 2 0	7	772 0 14	148 7 6	1,931 2 10
Onewhero	Tunkau	..	..	3,500 0 0	1 0 0	209 2 4	967 5 10	32	3,207 2 16	17	1,386 3 0	1	110 0 12	30 10 0	2,204 1 0
Waiku	Canterbury	..	..	717 0 0	1 0 0	..	..	15	717 0 0	14	667 0 0	..	..	..	717 0 0
Hawke's Bay--															
Norsewood	Waipawa	..	..	3,221 1 39	1 0 0	588 1 9	2,973 7 6	29	2,794 3 39	8	878 3 32	..	..	..	412 0 8
	Danevirke	..	..	1,899 1 32	1 2 6	..	..	20	1,512 3 19	10	903 3 11	..	..	..	19 0 1
Wellington															
Mangahao	Woodville-Mangahao ..	2	71 0 0	5,327 1 15	1 0 0	10,240 13 10	37,343 5 6	*741	74,042 2 38	230	18,830 0 0	4	376 1 27	420 18 5	19,680 3 31
Total		2	71 0 0	17,665 1 6	..	11,148 0	241,953 10 8	859	84,438 2 2	294	23,961 0 3	12	1258 2 13	599 15 11	24,945 3 9

* Made freehold during the year: 5 selectors, 458 acres 3 roods.

Table M.—RETURN of HOMESTEAD LANDS taken up during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

District.	Taken up during the Year.			Forfeitures.		Total Area held on 31st March, 1891.		Made Freehold since Commencement of System to 31st March, 1891.	
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Average to each Selector.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Number of Selectors.	Area.
Auckland	8	A. R. P. 905 0 0	A. R. P. 113 0 20	3	A. R. P. 180 0 0	162	A. R. P. 23,762 0 0	310	A. R. P. 52,808 0 0
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	1	40 0 0	38	1,440 0 0
Otago	1	40 0 0	40 0 0	..	..	21	2,860 1 19	..	..
Total	9	945 0 0	..	3	180 0 0	184	26,662 1 19	348	54,248 0 0

Table N.—RETURN of SMALL GRAZING-RUNS taken up during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

District.	Taken up during the Year.				Forfeitures and Surrenders during the Year.			Total Area held on 31st March, 1891.		Amount received during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.		Arrears on 31st March, 1891.		
	Number of Holders.	Area.	Average Area per Selector.	Annual Rental payable.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Holders.	Area.	On the Year's Transactions.	On Past Transactions.	Number.	Area.	Amount.
		A. R. P.	Acres.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Auckland..	3	17,940 0 0	2,003	161 0 10	..	..	..	13	43,145 0 0	80 10 5	63 6 9	12	38,700 0 0	388 13 11
Hawke's Bay	5	13,873 0 0		144 19 0	1	4,560 0 0	28 10 0	48	120,493 2 2	143 4 0	1,159 2 0	6	19,867 1 20	82 1 8
Taranaki ..	3	5,340 0 0		66 15 0	..	..	..	10	11,376 0 0	33 7 6	50 18 0	8	7,526 0 0	63 2 2
Wellington	4	4,584 2 39		114 12 8	1	602 0 0	15 1 0	74	66,614 0 30	57 6 4	1,908 14 7	26	23,552 2 14	503 2 10
Marlborough	13	9,070 2 34		113 7 9	..	..	..	23	13,215 2 34	103 5 1	51 18 5	5	3,144 0 9	19 7 3
Canterbury	8	20,636 0 0		699 17 6	..	..	..	15	33,986 0 27	699 17 6	512 8 10	7	15,684 0 27	502 5 3
Otago ..	7	14,716 3 27		906 10 6	11	19,765 1 17	850 3 6	117	265,566 1 8	453 4 3	6,509 5 11	80	186,885 3 36	3,125 9 5
Southland	..	..	..	..	1	200 0 0	5 0 0	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	..	..
Totals ..	43	86,161 1 20	2,003	2,207 3 3	14	25,127 1 17	898 14 6	300	554,396 3 21	1,570 15 1	10,260 14 6	144	295,360 0 26	4,684 2 6

Table O.—NUMBER and AREA of PASTORAL LICENSES for the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

District.	Taken up during the Year.				Total Area held on 31st March, 1891.				Holders in Arrear on 31st March, 1891.			
	No. of Holders.		Area, approximately.		No. of Holders.		Area, approximately.		Rent paid during the Year.		No.	
	£ s. d.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	£ s. d.	A.	R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	A.	R. P.	Amount.
Auckland ..	2	10,400 0 0	31,258 0 0	23	139,307 0 0	6,052 0 0	347 18 5	8	63,137 0 0	7,130 0 0	55 13 8	110 0 0
Hawke's Bay ..	4	31,258 0 0	161,982 2 35	22	188,965 2 0	7,225 2 32	1,120 10 4	1	9,252 0 0	1,493 0 0	27 19 11	15 0 0
Wellington ..	56	21,530 0 0	664,751 0 0	333	27,049 2 0	2,294 2 5	9,351 1 5	6	10,705 2 0	470,271 0 25	443 18 11	143 14 6
Nelson ..	18	21,530 0 0	664,751 0 0	132	1,092,687 0 0	8,278 0 0	8,650 12 1	3	7,130 0 0	21,150 0 0	866 12 0	55 13 8
Marlborough ..	42	664,751 0 0	9,321 9 7	147	3,140,008 0 0	21,360 2 15	41,491 8 4	1	1,493 0 0	686,138 2 25	866 12 0	27 19 11
Canterbury ..	10	102,000 0 0	129 0 0	51	633,750 0 0	12,436 0 0	405 13 6	9	103,000 0 0	686,138 2 25	866 12 0	66 10 0
Westland ..	47	324,271 0 20	4,347 8 0	401	4,504,772 3 33	11,234 0 0	58,360 7 10	33	470,271 0 25	21,150 0 0	866 12 0	443 18 11
Otago ..	16	280,428 0 0	529 6 4	135	1,454,962 0 0	10,777 0 0	5,528 4 10	2	21,150 0 0	686,138 2 25	866 12 0	8 15 0
Totals ..	195	1,596,600 3 15	16,166 18 11	1,266	11,915,580 3 36	80,877 1 16	125,473 3 9	63	686,138 2 25	866 12 0	866 12 0	866 12 0

Table P.—RETURN of MISCELLANEOUS LEASES and LICENSES not otherwise enumerated issued during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

District.	Object for which leased.										Lessees in Arrears on 31st March, 1891.	
	Coal and Mineral.		Timber-cutting.		Flax-cutting.		Miscellaneous.		Total Area.		Total Amount received during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.	
	Area.	Annual Rental.	Area.	Amount received.	Area.	Amount received.	Area.	Annual Rental payable.	Total Annual Rental, &c.		Total Amount.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland ..	1	0 3 0	897 0 0	1 10 0	25	1,298 2 0	484 13 8	2,532 2 0	61 1 3	280 4 4	11	94 10 0
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	58 0 10
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	173 9 7
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	3	918 0 16	42 0 12	5 19 0	1	34 0 0	5 11 10	29,438 2 11	8,033 14 4	7,830 3 4	..	5,135 14 0
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15 17 3
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago ..	18	150 1 9	260 0 1	16 10 0	..	19 17 8	168 7 6	611 2 18	266 6 0	888 5 8	317	1,360 7 11
Southland ..	4	18 2 11	141 5 506	3 103,284 14 9	1	2 0 0	49 3 6	10,690 0 8	3,343 6 3	4,070 11 2	62	302 6 7
Totals ..	26	1,087 2 36	135 7 0	189,717 3 23	5,201 1 0	10	517 2 34	128 1 8	126,31,285 3 35	1,250 15 2	44,904 2 11	7,304 9 8

* Royalties.

Table Q.—RETURN of LAND and TERRITORIAL REVENUE received during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

	Auckland.	Hawke's Bay	Taranaki.	Wellington.	Nelson.	Marlborough.	Canterbury.	Westland.	Otago.	Southland.	Total.
Cash lands ..	£ s. d. 14,956 2 5	£ s. d. 6,567 1 2	£ s. d. 291 15 0	£ s. d. 6,844 16 4	£ s. d. 8,140 5 0	£ s. d. 567 2 4	£ s. d. 58,345 19 8	£ s. d. 255 0 10	£ s. d. 5,530 5 3	£ s. d. 802 4 2	£ s. d. 102,300 12 2
Deferred payments ..	1,259 17 10	4,239 7 9	11,479 1 2	8,490 7 3	7,142 8 9	176 3 10	2,972 14 11	96 5 5	4,638 2 8	4,829 18 0	45,374 7 7
Village settlement, cash ..	..	16 5 0	20 0 0	599 9 7	..	12 10 0	92 10 0	..	104 19 6	122 7 11	968 2 0
Village settlement, deferred payments ..	..	378 9 5	576 8 11	641 19 4	..	5 5 0	1,136 0 5	..	248 5 1	303 16 10	3,230 5 0
Special settlement associations ..	319 4 7	568 1 9	..	10,240 13 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	11,148 0 2
Crown-grant fees ..	183 5 3	88 15 11	93 12 3	276 11 5	79 8 0	15 12 4	288 13 7	11 0 0	210 1 4	139 7 11	1,866 8 0
Transfer, lease, and license fees, &c. ..	337 11 0	269 2 10	204 10 0	632 19 0	257 11 5	86 1 0	181 7 0	52 8 0	290 16 0	234 2 0	2,486 8 3
State forests ..	..	..	..	..	..	53 5 4	..	8 2 9	31 19 8	3,284 14 9	3,878 2 6
Survey Fees—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Amounts which do not form part of payments for land ..	254 0 0	..	..	..	603 9 0	..	..	49 0 0	14 7 0	..	920 16 0
Amounts which do form part of payments for land ..	..	1,380 16 10	..	5,651 0 9	9 0 0	..	1,112 17 11	..	..	..	8,153 15 6
Miscellaneous ..	248 10 8	64 10 0	61 16 5	149 10 0	35 2 0	5 5 3	468 5 10	104 1 0	148 12 4	1,804 12 9	3,090 6 3
Totals ..	17,558 11 9	13,642 10 8	12,727 3 9	33,517 7 6	16,267 4 2	871 5 16	164,598 9 4	575 18 0	11,217 8 10	11,521 4 4	182,497 3 5
Perpetual lease and small areas ..	1,997 1 11	4,452 7 7	3,072 7 5	14,882 13 6	24 16 0	32 10 0	2,842 19 6	20 4 5	3,976 12 3	1,382 4 1	32,683 16 8
Agricultural leases ..	..	..	..	46 12 9	..	1 5 0	69 7 7	..	463 15 5	..	463 15 5
Village-settlement perpetual leases ..	594 8 11	91 2 1	..	452 9 1	1 2 6	18 16 6	589 10 9	..	52 12 5	63 1 11	246 2 7
Village-homestead special settlements ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	93 17 0	108 6 3	1,949 13 1
Homestead ..	87 10 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	87 10 0
Small grazing-runs ..	143 17 2	1,302 6 0	84 5 6	1,966 0 11	..	155 3 6	1,212 6 4	..	6,962 10 2	5 0 0	11,831 9 7
Pastoral runs ..	347 18 5	1,120 10 4	..	217 7 0	9,351 1 5	8,650 12 1	141,491 8 4	405 13 6	58,360 7 10	5,528 4 10	125,473 3 9
Coal and mineral leases ..	10 5 6	19 7 4	..	..	659 6 10	..	162 18 0	60 0 0	321 1 0	364 1 0	1,596 19 8
Timber licenses and other leases ..	1,739 18 1	6 8 2	20 12 6	225 0 0	5 19 0	118 6 8	15 0 0	23 5 0	16 10 0	..	2,170 19 5
Flax-cutting ..	98 10 0	..	..	..	17 0 0	..	6 0 0	..	90 17 8	12 10 0	224 17 8
Miscellaneous leases ..	236 3 0	192 6 9	223 7 5	..	..	13 17 3	400 15 11	13 10 0	224 1 0	409 5 5	1,713 6 9
Rents of reserves ..	..	68 10 3	30 15 7	111 15 7	1,257 3 4	769 9 7	1,522 14 6	34 19 3	203 16 4	..	3,999 4 5
Totals ..	5,255 13 0	7,266 1 5	3,431 8 5	17,901 18 10	11,316 9 1	9,760 0 7	48,313 0 11	557 12 2	270,766 1 1	7,872 13 6	182,440 19 0

* Includes £4,046 6s. 4d. for perpetual-lease lands made freehold.

NOTE.—Included in the figures above are several items which do not appear in the books of the Treasury under the same headings as here given, consequently the revenue by the Treasury books differs from these. The Treasury figures are: Land revenue, £164,269 16s. 1d.; territorial revenue, £186,282 1s. 3d.

Table R.—SUMMARY of ARREARS due to the CROWN on the 31st March, 1891.

System.	Reference to De- tail, see Table	No. of Selectors.	Area.		Amount.		
			A.	R. P.	£	s.	d.
Deferred payment	D	820	120,241	0 15	9,498	1	0
Perpetual lease	E	978	190,047	2 12	8,082	6	8
Agricultural lease	G	62	5,777	1 18	2,001	1	9
Village settlements on deferred payment	I	172	2,085	3 38	981	4	9
Village settlements on perpetual lease	J	24	629	2 1	66	15	5
Village-homestead special settlements: } Interest on advances and rents	K	479	14,524	2 19	1,865	15	4
Special-settlement associations ..	L	239	24,945	3 9	1,935	6	3
Small grazing-runs	N	144	295,360	0 26	4,684	2	6
Pastoral runs	O	63	686,138	2 25	866	12	0
Miscellaneous (not otherwise specified)	P	513	8,692	1 11	7,304	9	8
Totals	..	3,494	1,348,443	0 14	37,285	15	4

Table S.—RETURN of LANDS RESERVED, alienated by Act, Scrip, &c.

District.	During the Year ending 31st March, 1891.				Total Area reserved, granted under Acts, &c., from the Foundation of the Colony to the 31st March, 1891.
	Area reserved for Various Purposes.	Area granted under Acts.	Area taken up by Scrip.	Total Area alienated during the Year.	
	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.
Auckland	6,582 0 5	4,773 3 18	63 0 0	11,418 3 23	2,793,390 2 10
Hawke's Bay	54 1 37	1,752 0 0	..	1,806 1 37	*218,380 1 24
Taranaki	986 3 16	3,000 0 0	..	3,986 3 16	520,183 2 26
Wellington	3,369 1 35	†10,634 3 0	Cannot give area	14,004 0 35	730,359 1 26
Nelson	1,006 2 38	‡44 1 17	..	1,051 0 15	175,308 3 25
Marlborough	..	202 0 0	..	202 0 0	178,177 0 7
Canterbury	5,655 2 3	‡7,087 1 19	2,816 2 32	15,559 2 14	668,957 3 21
Westland	16 2 0	..	..	16 2 0	74,828 3 19
Otago	304 1 13	300 0 0	..	604 1 13	575,012 3 29
Southland	12 2 15	..	..	12 2 15	536,370 3 36
Totals.. ..	17,988 2 2	27,794 1 14		48,662 2 8	6,470,970 2 23

* Poverty Bay (not included last year), 69,520 acres 1 rood 22 perches. Deduct 19,072 acres rescinded and not shown in last year's return.
† Does not include Native lands or reserves.
‡ Midland Railway.

Table T.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF SELECTORS AND LANDS SELECTED under the Various Systems in Force for the Eleven Years ending 31st March, 1891.

Year ending 31st March,	Cash.		Deferred Payment.		Perpetual Lease.		Agricultural Lease.		Village Settlement: Cash.		Village Settlement: Deferred Payment.		Village Settlement: Perpetual Lease.		Village- homestead Special Settlement.		Special- settlement Associations.		Homestead.		Small Grazing- runs.		Year ending 31st March,
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	
1881	2,068	195,630	895	144,337	..	..	74	6,732	..	*	259	2,095	..	..	..	..	..	..	77	11,984	..	..	1881
1882	2,232	195,390	506	98,960	..	..	41	4,603	..	*	198	1,189	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	8,525	..	..	1882
1883	1,518	164,337	500	80,125	..	..	42	4,879	..	*	64	314	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	4,378	..	..	1883
1884	1,477	144,569	624	135,603	72	14,386	56	6,410	..	*	65	251	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	4,160	..	..	1884
1885	1,242	64,975	621	69,739	111	24,410	24	2,932	..	*	85	499	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	5,628	..	..	1885
1886	770	64,383	581	58,451	138	28,166	28	4,491	78	294	69	527	..	..	..	158	16,820	35	5,830	..	..	..	1886
1887	426	32,633	557	50,527	272	50,329	14	475	65	227	112	585	..	..	896	28,700	455	43,873	49	6,977	68	105,857	1887
1888	554	28,229	319	41,100	367	72,401	15	1,222	68	66	147	1,316	..	..	309	9,451	309	31,740	28	4,220	83	156,482	1888
1889	613	68,498	397	54,419	768	204,749	11	150	143	664	99	1,182	36	622	24	345	209	19,905	11	1,050	81	161,652	1889
1890	543	46,922	304	41,376	756	236,905	1	53	159	656	75	782	76	1,729	20	270	46	4,970	19	1,751	35	60,340	1890
1891	573	100,014	258	34,091	788	288,917	4	551	87	210	51	369	56	954	10	350	2	71	9	945	43	86,161	1891

* Included in cash ands.

Table U. Endowments.—LANDS taken up during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

District.	Endowments, &c.	Cash Lands.			Deferred-payment Lands.			Perpetual Lease.			Miscellaneous Leases.		
		Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Amount realised.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Instalments.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Lessees.	Area.	Annual Rent.
Auckland	Museum	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	6	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Napier	Education	5	1,647 2 0	1,942 11 9	2	..	..	1	560 0 0	10 5 9	..	..	..
Wellington	Wanganui Harbour Board	1	0 1 0	5 0 0	..	448 3 8	67 6 6	..	29 0 26	0 18 4	..	..	..
Nelson	Westport Harbour	10	1,536 2 39	4,262 7 4*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury	Lake Ellesmere	5	353 0 8	706 2 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland	University	19	1,689 0 0	882 8 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
"	Midland Railway	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago..	Grey Harbour	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Southland	Education	4	144 1 4	309 1 0	3	954 0 11	61 11 4	2	598 1 80	36 15 6	..	..	..
"	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	991 2 0	49 12 4	..	..	..
Totals	..	44	5,370 3 11	8,107 10 7	5	1,402 3 19	128 17 10	12	2,179 0 16	97 11 11	11	153 2 17	32 5 0

* Scrip to the extent of £37 also received in payment.

Table V. Endowments.—RETURN of REVENUE received on account of ENDOWMENT LANDS for the Year ended 31st March, 1891.

—	Auckland.	Hawke's Bay.	Wellington.	Nelson.	Canterbury.	Westland.	Otago.	Southland.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash lands ..	..	..	1,942 11 9	..	4,968 9 4	882 8 6	..	250 15 0	8,044 4 7
Deferred payments ..	..	..	1,471 5 0	47 10 6	..	..	191 14 2	2,002 14 3	3,708 3 11
Village settlement cash ..	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	..	..	12 10 0	17 10 0
Village settlement deferred payments ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8 8 6	8 8 6
Transfer, lease, and license fees, &c. ..	..	..	..	1 10 0	..	..	..	..	1 10 0
Survey fees—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Amounts which do not form part of payment for land ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Amounts which do form part of payment for land ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Endowment, Canterbury College ..	..	..	..	..	149 1 9	11 18 3	..	..	149 1 9
Perpetual lease and small areas ..	10 5 9	200 8 7	..	..	..	..	985 1 5	953 7 6	1,449 3 3
Small grazing-runs ..	..	133 1 9	..	..	..	..	354 16 6	..	487 18 3
Pastoral runs ..	..	..	..	11 8 6	..	..	350 0 0	370 4 8	731 13 2
Timber licenses and other leases ..	..	..	..	7,164 17 6	..	60 0 0	..	..	7,224 17 6
Miscellaneous leases ..	..	..	..	10 0 0	..	195 5 9	..	..	195 5 9
Rents of reserves ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 0 0
Totals ..	10 5 9	333 10 4	3,413 16 9	7,240 6 6	5,117 11 1	1,149 12 6	1,171 12 1	4,177 3 1	22,613 18 1

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