

"THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT, 1894."

STATEMENT of LANDS acquired to 31st March, 1896, prepared in Terms of Subsection 2 of Section 39 of the said Act.

Name of Settlement.	Area of each Block of Land as purchased.	Locality of Land.	Quality of Land.	Name of Person or Company from whom it was bought or acquired.	Price paid to Seller to 31st March, 1896.	Price to be paid where Transaction not complete at 31st March, 1896.	Report and Valuation of Board.		Report on Conditions and Settlement of the Land.
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Lands acquired prior to 1st April, 1894.									
PARKORA	A. R. P. 620 2 13	Block XII., Otaio, and Block IV., Patiti, Canterbury Land District	Open level agricultural land, of good quality	The New Zealand and Australian Land Company (Limited)	£ s. d. 7,198 14 10	£ s. d. ..	The quality and position of the land are excellent, and, from inquiries made, the Board believes there is a demand for small farms in the district, and therefore recommends the purchase of the block.	11 12 0	See Report attached.
STUDHOLME	107 2 17	Blocks XV. and XVI., Waimate, Canterbury Land District	Flat agricultural land, of good quality	Trustees of the late M. Studholme	1,291 5 6	..	Ditto	12 0 0	See Report attached.
KAPUA	574 1 5	Blocks I. and II., Waitaki, Canterbury Land District	All first-class land; partly reclaimed swamp	Ditto	4,594 5 0	..	Ditto	7 16 9	See Report attached.
TEANAKI	347 3 18	Block XII., Oamaru, and Block VIII., Awamoko, Otago Land District	All rich agricultural land	Meek, W. ..	5,044 0 6	..	We recommend purchase at a price of £14 per acre, and, in the event of this offer not being accepted, we are of opinion that £15 an acre would not be too high a price to pay for such land.	15 0 0	See Report attached.
POMAHAKA	7,462 3 1	Blocks X., XI., XIII., and XIV., Pomahaka, Otago Land District	Mostly agricultural land	Douglas, J. ..	18,656 17 10	..	We have ascertained the value and suitability for settlement of the lands, and respectfully recommend the purchase of the same at a price not exceeding £2 10s. an acre.	2 10 0	See Report attached.
Total acquired to 31st March, 1894	9,113 0 14			Total price paid to 31st March, 1894	36,785 3 8	..			
Lands acquired from 1st April, 1894, to 31st March, 1895.									
BLIND RIVER	5,020 0 0	Blocks XII. and XIV., Clifford Bay Survey District, Marlborough Land District	Agricultural and pastoral lands	Fell, C. Y. ..	14,678 10 5	..	In the belief that a demand exists in the district, the Board recommends the purchase, at a price not exceeding £3 5s. an acre.	3 5 0	See Report attached.
ROSEBROO	600 1 8	Block XVI., Pareora, Canterbury Land District	Open, flat, and undulating down lands	Pringle, W. ..	5,984 4 8	..	The land is suitable for farms of about 50 acres each. That there is a demand for such land in the district; that the Board recommends the purchase at a price not exceeding £10 10s. an acre.	10 10 0	See Report attached.
OTAIO	376 2 30	Blocks XII. and XVI., Otaio Survey District, Canterbury Land District	Open, flat land ..	Copland, A. ..	4,143 11 3	..	That the block is very suitable for subdivision into small farms; that there is an unsatisfied demand for land in the district; that the Board recommends the purchase at a price not exceeding £12 per acre	12 0 0	See Report attached.
TAHAWAI	69 0 19	Block I., Kurow Survey District, Otago Land District	Open, level ground, deep rich alluvial silt	Stringer, G. ..	622 1 4	..	That the character of the land is such as to render it suitable for settlement in small lots; that there is a demand for land in the district; that the Board recommends the purchase at £9 per acre.	9 0 0	See Report attached.
MAEREWHENUA	11,150 3 36	Block III. and part of Block II., Awamoko, and Block III. and part of Block IV., Maerewhenua Survey Districts, Otago Land District	Low-lying downs and flats	Borton, J. ..	66,905 17 0	..	That the land is good and suitable for settlement; that the offering of such a property to the public would create a demand from outside in addition to a limited demand in the district. The Board recommends purchase at a price not greater than £6 an acre	6 0 0	See Report attached.
MERRIVALE	9,998 0 0	Waiau Survey District, Southland Land District	Mixed agricultural and pastoral; deep, rich, free soil	Elder, Smith, and Co.	24,995 0 0	..	That the land is good and suitable for settlement; that the Board believes there is a demand for this class of land in the district; that the Board recommends purchase at a price not exceeding £2 10s. an acre	3 0 0	See Report attached.
ROIMATA	48 3 37	Blocks XV. and XVI., Christchurch Survey District, Canterbury Land District	Good flat land, dark, rich, alluvial soil	Trustees of estate of late Sir H. Parkes	2,200 6 7	..	The land is good level agricultural land suitable for small allotments. That the Board believes there is a demand for this class of settlement in the district. The Board recommends the purchase at a price not exceeding £45 an acre.	45 0 0	See Report attached.
PATOA	7,347 0 38	Waipara and Waitohi Survey Districts, Canterbury Land District	Pastoral country ..	New Zealand Midland Railway Company (Limited)	6,612 10 3	..	That part of the land is fairly suitable for settlement; that a demand exists for this block on the part of the Hurunui special settlers and others. The Board recommends Government to arrange the acquisition of the block at a price not greater than 18s. an acre. The Board is also of opinion that there is a prospect of some part of the block not being selected for other than pastoral purposes, or, perhaps, not at all; but in view of the great necessity that exists for providing extensions to the holdings of the Hurunui settlers, without which—they inform members of the Board—their present holdings must be abandoned, the Board thinks Government should be prepared to face this loss (if any) rather than that an industrious class of bona fide settlers should be obliged to abandon their homes.	0 18 0	See Report attached.
Total acquired from 1st April, 1894, to 31st March, 1895	34,611 1 8			Total price paid from 1st April, 1894, to 31st March, 1895	126,142 1 6	..			
Lands acquired from 1st April, 1895, to 31st March, 1896.									
OPOURIAO	7,604 0 0	Blocks V., IX., XIII., Whakatane, and Block II., Waimana Survey District, Auckland Land District	Deep, alluvial soil, of good quality	Gould, J. (Gould's Trustees)	24,261 3 3	..	The land is excellent in quality, and suitable for subdivision into farms of from 100 to 400 acres. That, from inquiries made, there is a considerable demand in the Bay of Plenty District and the Government is therefore recommended to purchase the land	3 4 0	See Report attached.
ELSTHORPE	10,073 0 0	Blocks III., VII., and XII., Oero Survey District, Hawke's Bay Land District	Soil and situation good, suitable for mixed farms	Buchanan's Trustees	..	45,328 10 0	The Board believes the land could be profitably occupied in mixed farms; that there is a fair demand in the district for such class of holdings, and the purchase is therefore recommended	4 10 0	
RAUREKA	427 2 0	Block III., Te Mata Survey District, Hawke's Bay Land District	Rich alluvial soil ..	Williams, Joseph Heathcote	10,260 0 0	..	The land is good and suitable for settlement in small farms. The Board believes there is a demand for such land in the district; that the Board recommends the purchase at £24 an acre	24 0 0	See Report attached.
OMAKA	3,898 0 0	Block VI., Aron Survey District, and Block I., Taylor Pass Survey District Marlborough Land District	Good agricultural land	Goulter, Charles ..	..	10,865 13 6	The land is good and suitable for settlement; there is a demand for such land in the district. The Board recommends the purchase at £2 15s. 9d. an acre	2 15 9	
POERUA	3,230 1 6	Blocks X. and XIV., Te Kinga Survey District, Westland Land District	Mica schist silt on shingle	Clark, Charles ..	3,634 1 6	..	To meet the strong desire for land on the part of the people residing in the district, that Mr. Clark be offered £1 2s. 6d. an acre as a final price, and that the proposed road and other expenditure on the land be such that the total expenditure on which rental will be charged does not exceed £2 an acre on an average	1 2 6	See Report attached.
HIGHBANK	9,119 3 2	Blocks I. and II., Corwar Survey District, Blocks IV. and VIII., Spaxton Survey District, Canterbury Land District	All flat land, soil good	Brown, M. Ingle ..	..	59,209 12 7	The land is good and suitable for settlement in various sized farms. There is a demand for this land in the district. The Board recommends the acquisition of this land at £6 10s. an acre	6 10 0	
ORAKIPAOA	384 0 31	Blocks III. and VII., Arowhenua Survey District, Canterbury Land District	Rich alluvial soil ..	Quinn and Rooney ..	7,683 17 6	..	The land is good and suitable for settlement in 8 or 10 allotments of from 5 to 10 acres each, and the rest of the estate, approximately, as at present fenced. There is a demand in the district. The Board recommends the acquisition of the property at £20 an acre, the area on which payment is made to be decided after survey	20 0 0	See Report attached.
OMIHI STOCK RESERVE ..	20 0 0	Block XVIII., Waikari Survey District, Canterbury Land District	Arable land ..	Moore, G. H. ..	240 0 0	..	The Board recommends Government to acquire 20 acres out of Mr. Moore's "Glenmark" Estate, situated on Waipara-Cheviot Road, at a price not exceeding £12 an acre	12 0 0	See Report attached.
KERETA	105 2 16	Block IX., Arowhenua Survey District, Canterbury Land District	Alluvial swamp land	Hoare, Richard ..	1,584 0 0	..	The land is good and suitable for subdivision into sections from 20 acres upwards. The Board believes there is a demand for a few sections in the neighbourhood. The Board recommends the Government to purchase the land at a price not exceeding £15 an acre.	15 0 0	See Report attached.
ASHLEY GORGE	1,166 0 24	Blocks III., IV., and XVI., Ashley Survey District, and Block IV., Oxford Survey District, Canterbury Land District	Deep marshy soil on flats; the hill land fair pasture	Gould, Beaumont, and Co. (Ellis's Trustees)	4,855 19 6	..	That the land known as the "Homestead Block" is good and suitable for settlement. There is a demand for land in the district. The Government is recommended to purchase this block and 185 acres in addition at a price of £5 10s. an acre. With regard to the 440 acre block near the Ashley Bridge, as this case comes under subsection (3) of section 4 of the Act it is considered advisable to acquire this land, as low-lying country necessary for the working of the high pastoral country behind belonging to the Crown, at a price of £2 an acre	5 10 0	See Report attached.
PUKETAPU	509 0 6	Block IV., Moeraki Survey District, Otago Land District	Good hill-slopes, all ploughable	Cochrane, J. ..	3,308 14 10	..	The land is good and suitable for settlement. The Board believes there is a demand in the district. The Government is recommended to purchase the land at £6 10s. an acre, conditionally on the title to parts of Sections 4 and 7, Block I., Hawkesbury, being completed	6 10 0	See Report attached.
ARDGOWAN	4,241 0 0	Blocks I. and II., Oamaru Survey District, Otago Land District	Good agricultural land, the whole of which may be ploughed	New Zealand and Australian Land Company	..	34,600 0 0	The land is good and suitable for settlement. That there is a demand for land in the district. The Board recommends Government to acquire the land at a price not exceeding £7 an acre. (Taken by arbitration—Award of Compensation Court, £34,600, or £8 3s. an acre)	7 0 0	
MAKAREAO	2,367 3 31	Blocks VII., IX., XII., XV., Moeraki Survey District, and Block IV., Dunback Survey District, Otago Land District	Limestone hill land and arable flats along banks of Shag River	Kitchener, A. B. ..	..	7,168 3 8	The land is good and suitable for settlement. There is a demand for land in the district; the Board recommends the purchase of 2,368 acres of the land at £3 1s. an acre	3 1 0	See Report attached.
EPWORTH	21 0 3	Block II., Arowhenua Survey District, Canterbury Land District	Loamy soil on banks of stream	Meyer, John ..	252 4 6	..	The land is suitable for subdivision into smaller areas. There is a demand for land in this district. The Board recommends the Government to acquire the land at £12 an acre	12 0 0	See Report attached.
BRACO	27 2 0	Block X., Christchurch Survey District, Canterbury Land District	Level land, good soil, suitable for market gardens	Boag, W. ...	1,375 0 0	..	The land is good and suitable for division into small lots of from 1 acre upwards. The Board believes there will be a demand for such lands. The Board recommends Government to purchase the land at a price not exceeding £50 an acre	50 0 0	See Report attached.
Total acquired from 1st April, 1895, to 31st March, 1896	43,194 3 39				57,455 1 1	157,171 19 9			
Grand total area acquired to 31st March, 1896	86,919 1 21			Grand total price	377,554 6 0	..			