

No. 1—continued.
REPORT ON PAREORA SETTLEMENT to 31st March, 1895—continued.

Section	Block.	District.	Area.	Capital Value per Acre.	Annual Rental at 5 per Cent.	Date of Selection.	Name of Lessee.	Value of Improvements required at End of First Year.	Value of Improvements effected at End of First Year.	Remarks.
19	IV.	Broughtford	A. R. P. 360 0 4	£ s. d. 236 4 0	£ s. d. 236 4 0	18/1/94	A. McClintock	£ s. d. 118 2 6	£ s. d. 881 8 0	Improvement consists of fencing only. Lessee non-resident. Cultivation nil. Dwellinghouse, £64; garden, £2; fencing, £32. Lessee spinster, and resident. 6 acres cultivated.
20	"	"	24 3 19 25 0 0	12 8 4 12 1 8	15 9 8 15 4 0	"	Lizzie Spiers	7 14 10 7 12 0	13 10 0 88 0 0	Dwellinghouse, £38; shed, £2 10s.; garden and well, £4 10s.; fencing, £15 10s. Lessee married, and resident. 12 acres cultivated.
21	XII., IV.	Otaio-Patiti	26 3 38	14 0 0	18 18 0	"	George Willcock	9 9 0	60 10 0	Improvement consists of fencing only. Single man, son of lessees of Sections 17 and 3; non-resident. 22 acres cultivated.
22	"	"	27 1 38	13 0 0	17 17 4	"	J. C. Williams, jun.	8 18 8	18 0 0	Improvements consist of fencing, £13; house, £20; well, £4. Lessee married, non-resident; will reside when house is completed. Cultivation, nil.
23	IV.	Patiti	28 1 22	13 5 0	18 16 2	"	Mary Connor	9 8 1	37 0 0	Improvement consists of fencing only. Lessee married, lives with wife on Section 12. Land Board allowed transfer to J. Webb, 14th Feb., 1895.
24	"	"	16 2 0	12 1 8	10 0 6	"	A. F. Hermer	5 0 3	8 10 0	Dwellinghouse, £40; shed, garden, and well, £9; fencing, £15. Lessee married, and resident with husband and family. 3 acres cultivated.
25	"	"	16 2 4	13 5 0	11 0 0	"	Matilda Vincent	5 10 0	64 0 0	Dwellinghouse, £140; shed, £10; well and tank, £9; fencing, £35. Lessee married, husband lessee of Section 11; resident. 6 acres cultivated.
26	"	"	34 3 0	12 10 0	21 14 6	"	Mary A. Hastie	10 17 3	194 0 0	Dwellinghouse, £30; garden, £7; fencing, £16. Lessee married, and resident. 5 acres cultivated.
27	"	"	20 0 0	12 3 4	12 4 0	"	Eliza Boucher	6 2 0	53 0 0	Improvement consists of fencing only. Lessee unmarried, and non-resident. 8 acres cultivated.
28	"	"	15 0 4	12 10 0	9 8 8	"	James Mulholland	4 14 4	14 0 0	Dwellinghouse, £38; garden, £3; fencing, £20 6s. Lessee married, and resident with wife and family. 7 acres cultivated.
29	"	"	16 1 6	13 10 0	11 0 8	"	Jeremiah Long	5 10 4	61 6 0	
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NOTE.—Out of the eleven non-resident lessees, six—Messrs. J. O'Connor, A. McClintock, J. C. Williams, jun., J. Mulholland, W. Deans, and J. Connor—have been given three months' time in which to build and comply; Eliza Williams has been allowed one month to complete house and reside; Alexander Hastie has been called on to build and reside at once; J. C. Williams, sen., has been called on to comply or transfer; M. Connor has by this time entered into residence; and A. F. Hermer has been allowed to transfer to a suitable person who will comply.

The result of the year's work must, I think, be considered very satisfactory at a time of depression such as the present. Every section has been securely fenced, and most of them subdivided. In most cases the houses that have been erected are excellent cottages; in many instances gardens and fruit-trees are to be seen flourishing already, and the general appearance of the settlement is such as would lead a visitor to suppose that it had been established for some years. I found in every case that the settlers were contented, and hopeful for the future. It will be seen from the report that there are only two instances, outside of these family holdings, in which no attempt has yet been made to go into residence, viz., Section 19 (McClintock) and Section 28 (Mulholland). Both of these men occupy small blocks of land adjoining the settlement. The gum-tree plantations have been most useful for fencing and shed-building purposes, and in no instance has the leave I have given to cut them been abused. The settlers are, in my opinion, of an exceptionally good class generally, and I think very few, if any, will fail.

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