

SUMMARY OF LAND TRANSACTIONS DURING 1894-95.

Class of Selection.	Transactions during the Year.			Area held at 31st March, 1895.			Revenue received during the Year.
	Number.	Area.		Number.	Area.		
		A.	R. P.		A.	R. P.	£ s. d.
Cash, rural ...	9	690	3 21	...	...	...	634 19 5
Cash, suburban ...	3	13	3 8	...	...	...	1,904 2 0
Cash, town sections ...	61	20	3 34	...	...	...	*461 10 0
	73	725	2 23				3,000 11 5
Deferred-payment holders ...	...	...	...	132	29,710	0 22	8,703 10 0
Deferred payment made freehold	42	8,613	0 17	...	...	...	
Perpetual-lease holders ...	...	...	...	570	225,116	2 20	10,742 16 1
Perpetual lease made freehold	96	36,867	2 6	...	...	...	32,903 2 9
Occupation, right of purchase	36	9,506	0 0	130	39,256	1 5	449 1 6
Lease in perpetuity ...	26	8,490	0 0	82	27,253	1 7	193 5 11
Conversions from perpetual lease	4	705	0 20	...	...	...	...
Village settlement, deferred payment	...	...	...	16	105	0 16	249 3 7
Village settlement, deferred payment made freehold	25	238	0 14	...	...	...	
Village settlement, perpetual lease	...	...	...	8	80	0 17	10 18 9
Village settlement, perpetual lease made freehold	4	19	3 17	...	...	...	73 19 7
Village settlement, lease in perpetuity	90	2,105	0 1	110	2,352	2 23	490 8 11
Village homestead, special settlement	...	...	...	186	2,421	0 31	{ †321 1 10 †272 18 0
Special settlement, deferred payment	...	...	...	336	33,629	2 34	7,993 0 3
Special settlement, deferred payment, made freehold	123	12,131	1 9	...	...	...	
Farm homestead, perpetual lease	...	...	...	24	4,800	0 0	50 13 0
Farm homestead, lease in perpetuity	136	27,200	0 0	945	182,166	3 10	2,451 7 9
Improved farms ...	25	2,247	0 0	25	2,247	0 0	...
Small grazing-runs ...	2	1,559	2 8	87	84,903	2 22	1,729 12 11
Pastoral leases ...	...	...	...	22	40,791	0 0	303 16 8
Miscellaneous leases ...	10	659	3 20	25	1,533	1 38	610 5 0
Other sources ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,804 4 9
Grand totals...	692	111,068	0 15	2,698	676,367	0 7	76,353 18 8

* Scrip.

† Rent.

‡ Interest.

Crown Lands sold for Cash.—Seventy-three persons selected 725 acres 2 roods 23 perches for cash during the year, sixty-four of whom were purchasers of small township areas. The total price realised was £1,704 16s. 8d.

A considerable number of other sections were sold in March, but not in time for them to be finally registered and included in the yearly returns. The principal sales effected were: Levin Township, on the Manawatu Railway-line; Pongaroa, a new township started on the coast side of the Puketoi Range, on the Main Alfredton-Weber Road, at a point where the traffic to the coast will leave the main road referred to, the shipping place of which will be the Aohanga River. Pongaroa will in course of time become the distributing centre of a large quantity of fairly good agricultural and pastoral land, opened as farm-homestead settlements.

Two other townships were opened on the North Island Main Trunk Railway-line, one at Mangaweka, situated at a point where the traffic from the east side of the Rangitikei River will cross that river; and the other at Taihape, the point where the produce from the Inland Patea country will join the railway-line. The sections in both these townships were keenly contested for, and realised good prices. I anticipate that considerable further sales will be effected in both of these townships next summer.

Deferred-payment Lands.—There are only 132 selectors under this system now on the books, holding an area of 29,710 acres and 22 perches, the yearly instalments of which amount to £5,192 12s. 7d. Forty-two persons completed their titles to an area of 8,613 acres and 17 perches. There were no forfeitures of selectors' interests under this system.

Perpetual-lease Lands.—Under this heading there are 570 selectors on the books, holding an area of 225,116 acres 2 roods 20 perches, the annual rental being £11,478 13s. 6d. There were