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“LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT, 1894”

(REPORT ON).

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SIR,— Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 18th June, 1895.

I have the honour to report on the transactions under “The Land for Settlements Act, 1894,” for the twelve months ending the 31st March, 1895.

During the year under consideration alterations were made in the Act which very much extended its operations, the principal changes being, first, to give power to deal with lands acquired in the same areas as under “The Land Act, 1892”; second, to empower the taking compulsorily of estates in cases where no agreement can be come to between the owners and the Governor; third, to increase the amount that can be spent in any one year from £50,000 to £250,000; fourth, to reduce the numbers of the Board for each land district to three members, instead of four. There are other alterations also, but the above are the principal ones. During the latter portion of the period under review the Boards have had the valuable assistance of Mr. James McKerrow as Inspector, whose reports on the lands offered and advice given to the Boards have been of great service.

The Boards met to consider the cases referred to them by the Governor or (under the Act of 1894) by the Minister, as follows: Hawke’s Bay Board, 1 meeting; Wellington Board, 6 meetings; Westland Board, 3 meetings; Canterbury Board, 7 meetings; Otago Board, 2 meetings; Southland Board, 3 meetings.

A large number of offers of land were received during the year—in fact, double the number received the previous year, the figures being—1894, 102 offers; 1895, 208 offers. The area offered was 1,075,239 acres. The land covered by these offers varied in quality very much indeed, some being good, and situated in localities where lands are wanted; but in a large number of other cases the properties were not suitable for the purposes of the Act either in quality, position, or price.

The following are the particulars as to estates purchased up to the 31st March, 1895: To 31st March, 1894, five estates, area 9,113 acres and 14 perches, cost (including roading and expenses to date) £39,966 6s. 7d.; to 31st March, 1895, three estates, area 5,991 acres 1 rood 1 perch, cost (including roading and expenses to date) £25,290 15s. 9d.: total, £65,257 2s. 4d. At that date arrangements had been made to purchase five other estates, aggregating an area of 28,819 acres, at a price of £102,515, without cost of roading, surveys, &c.; but, as surveys, deeds, &c., were not completed by the 31st March, particulars will only appear in next year’s report. These estates are “Maerewhenua,” in Northern Otago, part of the Merrivale Estate, in Southland, a section near Opawa, Christchurch, a small section near Kurow, on the Waitaki, and a block on the Hurunui, Northern Canterbury. All of these have been taken in hand for survey and roading, where necessary, to be ready by the date the lands come into possession of the Government. In addition to the above, the Board recommended the acquisition of 4,237 acres, being part of the Ardgowan Estate, near Oamaru; but, as the owners declined the price offered them, it has been decided to take the land under the compulsory clauses of the Act. Proceedings in connection therewith are now in hand. The following offers made by the Government have been accepted since the 31st March, but purchases are not yet complete; Opouriao Estate, 7,604 acres, near Whakatane, Auckland; a section of 21½ acres near Te Muka; another section of 27½ acres near Fendalton; 20 acres near Waikari, North Canterbury; and 105½ acres near Seadown, South Canterbury—or a total of 7,778 acres,—the approximate purchase-money of which will be £27,789.

Out of the eighteen estates recommended by the Boards for purchase, the offers made to the vendors in eleven cases were declined, generally on the ground that the price offered was insufficient; the Ardgowan Estate is included in this number.

A considerable amount of settlement has taken place on the lands which have been opened for selection, as will be seen from the tables attached; but in two cases—those of Pomahaka and Blind River—all of the lands have not yet been selected. Of the six estates purchased, and which

have been offered for selection, 8,929 acres and 14 perches have been taken up by ninety-six selectors, of whom sixty-one are resident. In several cases the time within which residence is compulsory has not yet expired, and in those cases where such time has expired notice has been given to the selectors to comply with the residence conditions at once. Improvements have been effected by the selectors on these lands to a value of £4,961 10s.

With reference to the balance not yet selected, after deducting the area absorbed by roads and reserves, it leaves 1,920 acres and 31 perches not yet selected in Pomahaka, and 2,826 acres not yet selected in the Blind River Estate (six sections, containing 750 acres, have been selected in addition since 31st March). The annual rentals placed upon these unselected lands are: Pomahaka, £300 4s. 2d.; Blind River, £447 11s. 5d. (reduced since 31st March by the additional selection above to £277 6s. 7d.). There are 487 acres of ordinary Crown land not purchased with the Blind River Estate, but which is included in the subdivision as naturally belonging to it; but it has been excluded in the above figures. The reasons why portions of these two estates have not been selected up to this time are principally due to the fact that there has been a continual fall in prices since they were first purchased. In the case of Pomahaka the estate has suffered from attempts made to publicly depreciate its character. With respect to the Blind River Estate, the Commissioner of Crown Lands says: "Owing to the small area of Crown lands which was open and suitable for settlement in this district, it was confidently expected that this block would have gone off much more readily than it has. I think the reasons why it has not done so are the extremely low prices ruling for stock and agricultural produce, and the Awatere River being still unbridged."

Detailed tabular reports are attached hereto, showing particulars as to the estates, selections made, improvements, &c., and the following gives a summary of the whole in brief form:—

PARTICULARS OF ESTATES WHICH HAVE BEEN OFFERED FOR SELECTION.

Name of Estate.	Total Area purchased.	Area selected.	Number of Selectors.	Total Annual Rental of Sections let.	Area not selected at 31st March, 1895.	Rental placed on Land not selected.	Total Cost of Estate to 31st March, 1895.	Interest on Capital invested in Estate derived from Rentals of Land let.	Arrears of Rental, 31st March, 1895.
	A. R. P.	A. R. P.		£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Percent.	£ s. d.
Pareora ..	620 2 13	611 3 15	29	397 17 6	..	..	7,207 16 1	5.52	8 16 9
Studholme Junc.	107 2 17	104 2 8	4	73 4 6	..	..	1,327 10 3	5.51	..
Kapua ..	574 1 5	572 1 22	12	270 4 0	..	..	4,742 7 10	5.69	31 14 4
Te Anaraki ..	347 3 18	344 1 25	22	281 9 6	..	..	5,532 11 11	5.09	71 12 3
Pomahaka ..	7,462 3 15	341 3 24	21	894 1 4	1,920 0 31	300 4 2	21,156 0 6	4.22	207 19 1
Blind River ..	5,020 0 0	1,954 0 0	8	370 7 7	2,826 0 0*	447 11 5†	15,187 17 10	2.43	..
	14,133 0 14	8,929 0 14	96	2,287 4 5	4,746 0 31	747 15 7	55,154 4 5	4.14	320 2 5

* This area of 2,826 acres has since been reduced by the selection of 750 acres.
† This rental of £447 11s. 5d. has since been reduced by the selection of 750 acres, the rental of which is £170 4s. 10d., leaving the figures in the above column £277 6s. 7d.; an area of 487 acres of Crown land included in the estate, valued at £85 12s. of rental, is not included in these figures.

It will thus be seen that on the whole of the transactions interest at 4.14 per cent. is derived from rentals of lands let. This statement, however, is based on the assumption that none of the selectors are in arrear, which is not the case—some of the selectors, like those on ordinary Crown lands, are in arrear. The first few years of settlement in any country are the most trying to settlers, for the expenses of building, fencing, stock, seed, and others incidental to the first occupation of country come all at once and before any or very little return is received from the land. The fall in the price of stock and produce during the year under consideration is another factor which cannot be ignored in connection herewith. So that it is not surprising if some of the settlers are in arrear during the early years of settlement. The total amount the settlers were behindhand in their payments on the 31st March was £320 2s. 5d., owing by twenty-eight selectors. These figures are reduced to fourteen selectors, owing £216 9s. 4d. at the present date.

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Surveyor-General and Chairman of Board.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands.

"THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT, 1894."

TABLE A.—RETURN of all LANDS OFFERED to GOVERNMENT under "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and how dealt with, from 1st April, 1894, to 31st March, 1895.
NOTE.—Wherever the land-tax value is absent, the tax value of the property offered cannot be separated from the rest of the estate.

Record No. S.G.	Provincial District where Land situated.	Area offered.	Price asked.	Tax Value.	Declined by Department without going to Board.	Not recommended by Board.	Recommended by Board. (See Table B.)	Remarks.
18809	Canterbury	Acres. 9,128	£ 36,424	£ 36,424	Declined	Not recommended	..	Land not adapted for purposes of Act.
18816	Auckland	3,300	1,540	..	Declined	..	..	Offer cannot be entertained at present.
18824	Marlborough	8,000	48,000	..	Declined	..	..	Under consideration.
18825	Canterbury	14,727	87,151	..	Declined	..	..	Property not suitable for purposes of the Act.
18827	Auckland	9,300	3,255	3,112	Declined	..	..	"
18835	Auckland	3,500	11,485	9,014	Declined	..	..	Awaiting report.
18851	Canterbury	500	3,500	..	Declined	..	..	Renewed offer. Not suitable; previously declined.
18863	Marlborough	320	..	..	Declined	..	..	Cannot be dealt with until topographical survey made.
18868	Canterbury	600	7,200	..	Declined	..	Part recommended	Offer made by Government, declined by vendor.
18869	Otago	382	5,010	7,036	Declined	..	Part recommended	"
18870	Otago	990	10,500	..	Declined	..	..	Declined, as price too high.
18872	Southland	..	..	..	Declined	..	..	Unsold portion offered. Land not suitable.
18873	Otago	1,200	..	50,545	Declined	..	..	Not suitable for purposes of Act.
18883	Hawke's Bay	10,110	99,250	..	Declined	..	..	Awaiting report.
18884	Southland	11,700	178,000	..	Declined	..	..	Not suitable; Board had previously declined.
18885	Canterbury	89,000	21,600	..	Declined	..	..	Offer in present shape not suitable.
18886	Marlborough	10,800	..	..	Declined	..	..	Awaiting inspection.
18891	Otago	..	..	..	Declined	..	..	No definite offer received.
18894	Canterbury	530	8,232	..	Declined	..	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
18895	Otago	69	690	524	Declined	..	Recommended	Offer accepted. Purchase approved by Governor.
18897	Canterbury	269	3,525	..	Declined	..	..	Land unsuitable for purposes of Act.
18898	Canterbury	758	2,000	..	Declined	..	..	Declined, as demand doubtful.
18902	Southland	1,833	4,000	..	Declined	..	..	"
18907	Otago	5,137	5,313	5,313	Declined	..	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
18912	Otago	524	13,100	..	Declined	..	..	Under consideration.
18917	Westland	3,628	5,442	4,716	Declined	..	..	"
18919	Canterbury	869	4,345	..	Declined	..	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
18920	Westland	5,557	16,735	..	Declined	..	..	Owner declined offer made.
18921	Wellington	4,236	32,923	..	Declined	..	..	Offer made to owner; declined.
18922	Otago	2,328	24,000	..	Declined	..	..	Not suitable for purposes of Act.
18923	Marlborough	4,000	20,000	..	Declined	..	..	Consideration postponed.
18924	Southland	4,500	7,500	..	Declined	..	..	Not suitable for purposes of Act.
18925	Marlborough	11,290	..	..	Declined	..	..	"
18926	Hawke's Bay	40,043	40,043	..	Declined	..	..	Owner could not comply with request for completion of title.
18927	Hawke's Bay	7,626	7,626	..	Declined	..	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
18928	Canterbury	800	5,500	..	Declined	..	..	"
18930	Canterbury	237	4,337	..	Declined	..	..	"
18931	Otago	4,002	6,003	..	Declined	..	..	"
18932	Southland	1,815	6,353	..	Declined	..	..	"
	Carried forward	233,395						

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Record No. S.G.	Provincial District where Land situated.	Area offered.	Price asked.	Tax Value.	Declined by Department without going to Board.	Not recommended by Board.	Recommended by Board. (See Table B.)	Remarks.
	Brought forward	Acres.	£	£				
18934	Canterbury	233, 395	1, 440	..	..	..	..	Offer withdrawn.
18935	Otago	80	88, 000	76, 118	..	..	Recommended	Offer accepted, but purchase not yet completed.
18936	Canterbury	11, 000	8, 100	..	..	Not recommended	..	Under consideration.
18937	Auckland	7, 604	..	..	..	..	..	Consideration postponed.
18938	Canterbury	297	4, 076	..	..	..	..	Owner would not accept offer made.
18939	Canterbury	100	2, 300	..	..	..	Recommended	Rejected, as price too high.
18939	Canterbury	150	3, 450	..	..	Not recommended	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
18940	Canterbury	136	3, 128	..	..	Not recommended	..	Owner would not accept offer made.
18941	Canterbury	22	322	..	..	..	Recommended	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
18942	Canterbury	50	2, 000	..	Declined	..	..	"
18943	Canterbury	292	2, 336	..	Declined	..	..	"
18944	Canterbury	61	2, 440	..	Declined	..	..	"
18945	Canterbury	4, 450	41, 443	..	Declined	..	..	"
18946	Canterbury	131	883	..	Declined	..	..	"
18947	Canterbury	1, 181	6, 331	..	Declined	..	..	"
18948	Canterbury	371	1, 667	..	Declined	..	..	"
18949	Canterbury	431	3, 017	..	Declined	..	..	"
18950	Canterbury	111	2, 664	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
18951	Canterbury	110	1, 811	..	Declined	..	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
18952	Auckland	1, 600	..	..	Declined	..	..	"
18953	Otago	324	4, 533	..	..	Not recommended	..	"
18954	Canterbury	675	6, 072	..	..	Not recommended	..	"
18955	Canterbury	343	2, 056	..	..	Not recommended	..	"
18956	Canterbury	416	7, 280	..	..	..	Recommended	Vendor declined the offer.
18957	Canterbury	600	7, 500	..	..	..	Recommended	Purchase complete.
				8, 490 (707 ac.)	..	..	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
18958	Hawke's Bay	11, 608	29, 922	29, 922	Declined	..	..	"
18960	Canterbury	40, 298	57, 950	57, 950	Declined	..	..	"
18961	Canterbury	758	5, 309	..	Declined	..	..	"
18962	Canterbury	2, 000	12, 000	6, 693	..	Not recommended	..	"
18963	Canterbury	750	6, 750	..	Declined	..	..	"
18964	Canterbury	275	3, 437	2, 285	..	Not recommended	..	"
18965	Canterbury	480	1, 020	..	Declined	..	..	"
18966	Otago	..	..	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
18967	Canterbury	177	1, 947	..	..	..	..	Owner would not accept offer made.
18968	Wellington	1, 400	10, 500	..	Declined	..	Recommended	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
18969	Otago	1, 900	18, 050	..	..	Not recommended	..	"
18970	Canterbury	865	9, 290	..	..	..	Part recommended	Purchase complete.
18971	Southland	9, 998	39, 992	..	..	..	Recommended	Offer accepted, but purchase not yet complete.
18972	Auckland	81	..	28, 619	Declined	..	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
18973	Taranaki	5, 393	5, 393	..	Declined	..	..	Land not required in locality.
	Carried forward	340, 048						

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Record No. S.G.	Provincial District where Land situated.	Area offered.	Price asked.	Tax Value.	Decided by Department without going to Board.	Not recommended by Board.	Recommended by Board. (See Table B.)	Remarks.
	Brought forward	Acres.	£	£				
18974	Canterbury	340,048	7,866	..	Declined	..	..	Not yet dealt with.
18975	Auckland	197	..	..	Declined	..	..	Native land.
18976	Auckland	408	9,991	..	..	..	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
18977	Auckland	1,816	9,000	..	..	..	..	Land disposed of privately.
18978	Wellington	10,463	3,750	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
18979	Canterbury	300	16,002	..	..	Not recommended	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
18980	Auckland	4,572	844	..	Declined	..	..	"
18981	Canterbury	422	844	..	..	Not recommended	..	"
18982	Canterbury	818	4,090	..	..	Not recommended	..	"
18983	Southland	3,340	10,020	..	..	..	..	"
18984	Canterbury	665	..	..	Declined	..	..	"
18985	Wellington	3,000	..	..	Declined	..	..	"
18986	Canterbury	100	3,300	..	Declined	..	..	"
18987	Canterbury	24,890	97,071	..	..	..	..	"
18988	Canterbury	577	1,154	..	Declined	..	..	Not yet dealt with.
18989	Marlborough	34,000	..	..	Declined	..	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
18990	Southland	1,907	9,058	..	..	..	Recommended	Offer declined by vendor.
18991	Hawke's Bay	18,664	46,000	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
18992	Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	No formal offer yet made.
18993	Canterbury	130	..	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
18994	Canterbury	4,237	..	..	..	..	..	To be taken compulsorily.
18995	Otago	120	..	..	..	..	Recommended	Withdrawn.
18996	Otago	200	..	..	..	..	..	Owner refused offer made.
18997	Canterbury	100	..	..	..	Not recommended	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
18998	Canterbury	967	..	..	..	..	..	"
18999	Otago	316	2,528	..	Declined	..	..	New offer. Under consideration.
19000	Canterbury	7,000	38,500	..	Declined	..	..	Under consideration.
19001	Canterbury	153	2,142	..	..	..	..	"
19002	Canterbury	5,026	29,468	..	..	..	..	"
19003	Canterbury	4,810	33,069	..	..	..	..	"
19004	Canterbury	677	..	..	Declined	..	..	Not suited for purposes of Act.
19005	Canterbury	18,187	..	..	Declined	..	..	Consideration postponed.
19006	Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	Not suitable for purposes of Act.
19007	Canterbury	41,241	..	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
19008	Canterbury	108,649	..	..	..	..	..	Report asked for.
19009	Marlborough	95,753	..	..	..	..	..	Consideration postponed.
19010	Marlborough	187	2,921	..	..	..	..	Ranger's report asked for.
19011	Canterbury	657	9,198	..	..	..	..	(200 acres.) Original offer withdrawn and part reoffered.
19012	Canterbury	75	5,325	..	..	..	..	Owner would not accept price offered.
19013	Canterbury	14,000	63,000	..	..	..	Recommended	Awaiting valuation.
19014	Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	Consideration postponed.
19015	Marlborough	12,570	..	..	..	..	..	..
19016	Otago	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Carried forward	761,242						

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	Brought forward	Acres.	£	£				
19017	Otago ..	761,242					..	Under consideration.
19018	Otago ..	258	5,160	..	..	..	..	Consideration postponed.
19019	Canterbury ..	387	4,644	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
19020	Canterbury ..	6,314	16,089	16,089	..	..	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
19021	Canterbury ..	37	3,700	2,363	..	Not recommended	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act: too high priced.
19022	Canterbury ..	50	4,000	..	..	Not recommended	..	Offer accepted, but purchase not yet complete.
19023	Canterbury ..	48	2,375	..	..	..	Recommended	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
19024	Canterbury ..	3,800	45,600	..	Declined	..	..	"
19025	Canterbury ..	15,300	13,387	..	..	Not recommended	..	Offer accepted, but purchase not yet complete.
19026	Canterbury ..	7,200	7,200	..	..	..	Recommended	Not suitable, being leased.
19027	Canterbury ..	647	19,587	..	Declined	..	..	Vendors refused price offered.
19028	Canterbury ..	2,207	64,525	..	..	..	Recommended	Waiting valuation.
19029	Canterbury ..	9,400	..	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
19030	Otago ..	300	..	..	..	..	..	"
19031	Otago ..	1,264	..	..	..	..	..	"
19032	Canterbury ..	341	6,483	..	..	..	..	"
19033	Canterbury ..	20	300	..	..	..	..	"
19034	Hawke's Bay ..	15,000	..	..	Declined	..	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
19036	Nelson ..	55,000	110,000	..	..	..	..	Waiting report.
19037	Auckland ..	60	..	..	Declined	..	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
19038	Otago ..	164	1,394	..	Declined	..	..	"
19039	Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
19040	Canterbury ..	511	3,359	..	..	..	..	"
19041	Otago ..	2,478	10,500	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
19042	Canterbury ..	1,380	..	..	..	..	..	"
19043	Otago ..	12,400	L.T.V.	..	..	..	..	"
19044	Canterbury ..	2,568	16,926	..	..	..	..	"
19046	Canterbury ..	147	698	..	Declined	..	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
19047	Canterbury ..	93	2,900	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
19048	Auckland ..	6,675	6,071	..	Declined	..	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
19049	Hawke's Bay ..	13,600	..	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
19050	Otago ..	190	1,520	..	Declined	..	..	Demand for land in locality doubtful.
19051	Canterbury ..	7,800	13,650	..	Declined	..	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
19052	Otago ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	No definite offer.
19053	Otago ..	..	..	..	Declined	..	..	Land cannot be dealt with under the Land for Settlements Act.
19054	Canterbury ..	1,337	6,531	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
19055	Otago ..	78	858	..	Declined	..	..	Land not suitable for purposes of Act.
19056	Otago ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
19057	Hawke's Bay ..	30,750	166,982	..	..	..	..	"
19058	Canterbury ..	27	1,513	..	..	..	..	"
19059	Otago ..	630	6,930	..	..	..	..	"
19059	Otago ..	23,264	69,792	..	..	..	..	"
19060	Otago ..	203	..	..	Declined	..	..	No definite offer made; land unsuitable.
19061	Canterbury ..	196	8,405	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
	Carried forward	983,366						

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19062	Canterbury	983,366						Under consideration.
19064	Canterbury	135	6,250	..	..	..	..	"
19065	Canterbury	44	..	..	..	..	..	Consideration postponed.
19066	Southland	104	4,000	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
19068	Canterbury	3,793	..	..	..	..	..	
19069	Canterbury	22	1,100	..	..	..	..	
19069	Auckland	6,746	..	..	..	..	..	
19070	Canterbury	198	..	..	Declined	..	..	Unsuitable for purposes of Act.
19071	Canterbury	107	1,766	..	Declined	..	..	Previously declined, as not suitable for purposes of Act.
19072	Canterbury	3,110	17,890	..	..	..	..	Awaiting report.
19073	Wellington	5,300	3,710	..	Declined	..	..	Unsuitable for purposes of Act.
19074	Canterbury	27	1,300	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
19075	Otago	800	6,400	..	Declined	..	..	Demand in district probably satisfied.
19076	Hawke's Bay	5,300	..	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
19077	Hawke's Bay	177	550	..	..	..	..	
19078	Hawke's Bay	..	670	..	Declined	..	..	Not suitable for purposes of Act.
19079	Canterbury	335	..	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
19080	Otago	..	..	..	Declined	..	..	No offer made.
19081	Canterbury	4	1,360	..	..	..	..	Too high priced.
19082	Canterbury	28	1,400	..	..	..	..	
19083	Canterbury	42	886	..	..	..	..	
19084	Canterbury	100	4,000	..	..	..	..	
19085	Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	
19086	Canterbury	88	4,850	..	..	..	..	
19086	Canterbury	30	6,680	..	..	..	..	
19087	Canterbury	57	79	..	..	..	..	
19088	Canterbury	71	1,775	..	..	..	..	
19089	Hawke's Bay	5,620	16,500	..	..	..	..	
19090	Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	
19091	Auckland	23,702	..	..	..	..	..	
19092	Canterbury	100	6,000	..	..	..	..	
19093	Canterbury	158	..	..	..	..	..	
19094	Canterbury	25	837	..	..	..	..	
19095	Canterbury	23	3,190	..	..	..	..	
19096	Otago	20,701	36,227	..	..	..	..	Under consideration.
19097	Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	
19098	Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	
19099	Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	..	..	
19100	Canterbury	160	19,200	..	..	..	..	
19101	Canterbury	50	2,500	..	..	..	..	
19102	Marlborough	2,900	8,700	..	..	..	..	
19103	Canterbury	100	1,800	..	..	..	..	
19104	Canterbury	9,426	40,000	..	..	..	..	
19105	Canterbury	64	3,200	..	..	..	..	
19106	Canterbury	397	2,500	..	..	..	..	
19107	Canterbury	15	975	..	..	..	..	
19108	Southland	1,814	2,593	..	..	..	..	
	Total area offered	1,075,239						

TABLE B.—RETURN of LANDS RECOMMENDED for PURCHASE by the BOARD of LAND PURCHASE COMMISSIONERS under the above Act up to 31st March, 1895.

[Note.—Wherever the land-tax value is absent, the tax value of the property offered cannot be separated from the rest of the estate.]

Record No. S.G.	Name of Seller and Locality.	Area offered.	Price demanded.	Tax Value.	Value by Board.		Price offered for Land.		Total Price paid to Seller.		Cost of Roading, Administration, &c., to Date.		Total Cost to Date.	Date of Deed.	Remarks.
			£ s. d. Per Acre.	£ s. d. Per Acre.	£ s. d. Per Acre.	£ s. d. Per Acre.	£ s. d. Per Acre.	£ s. d. Per Acre.	£ s. d. Per Acre.	£ s. d. Per Acre.	£ s. d. Per Acre.	£ s. d. Per Acre.			
18813	New Zealand and Australian Land Company, "Pareora," Canterbury	A. R. P. 620 2 13	£ s. d. From £10 16s. to £12 12s. 12 0 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 11 12 0	£ s. d. 11 12 0	£ s. d. 11 12 0	£ s. d. 11 12 0	£ s. d. 7,198 14 10	£ s. d. 9 1 3	£ s. d. 7,207 16 1	29/9/93	See report attached.		
18817	Studholme's Trustees (part of Waimate Estate, near Studholme Junction), Canterbury	107 2 17	9 0 0	..	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	1,291 5 6	36 4 9	1,327 10 3	3/11/93	"		
18890	Studholme's Trustees, "Kapua," Canterbury	574 1 5	9 0 0	..	8 0 0	8 0 0	8 0 0	8 0 0	4,594 5 0	148 2 10	4,742 7 10	2/2/94	"		
18837	Meek, W., "Teaneraki," Otago	347 3 18	15 0 0	2 2 6	15 0 0	14 10 0	14 10 0	14 10 0	5,044 0 6	488 11 5	5,532 11 11	17/11/93	"		
18861	Douglas, J., "Pomahaka," Otago	7,462 3 1	3 10 0	..	2 10 0	2 10 0	2 10 0	2 10 0	18,656 17 10	2,512 12 0	21,156 0 6	10/10/93	"		
18852	Auckland	4,738 0 0	4 10 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Owner refused price offered.		
18854	Auckland	1,357 3 21	6 12 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"		
18835	Auckland	3,546 0 0	4 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"		
18863	Hawke's Bay	10,110 0 0	6 0 0	..	3 5 0	3 0 0	3 0 0	3 0 0	14,678 10 5	509 7 5	15,187 17 10	2/8/94	"		
18884	Fell, C. Y., "Blind River," Marlborough	5,020 0 0	3 10 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Offer accepted by vendor; purchase complete. (See report attached.)		
18920	Westland	4,868 0 0	3 0 0	..	2 10 0	2 10 0	2 10 0	2 10 0	..	..	..	..	Owner refused price offered.		
18941	Canterbury	21 2 0	15 0 0	10 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	..	..	..	..	"		
18939	Canterbury	100 0 0	23 0 0	14 0 0	17 0 0	17 0 0	17 0 0	17 0 0	..	..	..	..	"		
18957	Pringle, W., "Rosebrook" Canterbury	594 2 11	12 10 0	12 0 0	10 10 0	10 10 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	5,945 13 9	3 19 10	5,949 13 7	6/5/95	"		
18967	Canterbury	177 0 0	11 0 0	..	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	..	..	..	..	Offer accepted by vendor; purchase complete.		
18997	Canterbury	200 0 0	14 0 0	..	10 10 0	10 10 0	10 10 0	10 10 0	..	..	..	..	Owner refused price offered.		
18956	Canterbury	416 0 0	17 10 0	..	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	..	..	..	..	Negotiations fell through.		
18970	Copland, A., "Otato," Canterbury	376 2 30	13 0 0	7 10 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	11 0 0	11 0 0	4,143 11 3	9 13 1	4,153 4 4	2/4/95	Offer accepted by vendor; purchase complete.		
18895	Stringer, G., Kurow, Otago	69 0 19	11 0 0	..	9 0 0	9 0 0	9 0 0	9 0 0	622 1 4* (To be paid.)	..	..	..	Ditto; purchase not complete.		
18935	Borton, J., "Maerewhenua," Otago	11,358 0 0	8 0 0	6 11 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	68,148 0 0* (To be paid.)	..	..	..	Ditto; purchase not quite complete.		
18971	Elder, Smith, and Co., "Merrivale," Southland	9,998 0 0	4 0 0	3 0 0	3 0 0	3 0 0	2 10 0	2 10 0	24,995 0 0* (To be paid.)	..	..	..	Ditto.		
18990	Southland	1,907 0 0	4 15 0	2 10 0	2 5 0	2 5 0	2 5 0	2 5 0	..	..	..	..	Owner refused price offered.		
18995	New Zealand and Australian Land Co., near Oamaru	4,237 0 0	..	7 7 0	7 0 0	7 0 0	7 0 0	7 0 0	..	..	..	..	To be taken compulsorily.		
19022	Tonks, Norton, and Co., near Opawa	47 2 0	50 0 0	47 9 6	45 0 0	45 0 0	45 0 0	45 0 0	2,137 10 0* (To be paid.)	..	..	..	Offer accepted by vendor; purchase not quite complete.		
19014	Canterbury	75 0 0	75 0 0	..	..	..	50 0 0	50 0 0	..	..	..	..	Owner refused price offered.		
19027	Canterbury	448 0 0	8 17 6	..	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	..	..	..	..	"		
19025	Midland Railway Company, Block 41, Canterbury	7,347 0 38	1 0 0	0 15 0	0 18 0	0 18 0	0 18 0	0 18 0	6,612 10 3* (To be paid.)	..	..	..	Offer accepted by vendor; purchase not quite complete.		
18926	Hawke's Bay	6,964 0 0	5 15 0	3 5 9	..	..	4 0 0	4 0 0	..	..	..	..	Owner could not quite complete title.		
Total area recommended to 31st March			..	..	Total amount paid to sellers		Total amount paid to be paid to sellers		61,552 19 1	3,717 12 7	65,257 2 4	..	..		
Total area purchased and arranged to be purchased at 31st March			..	..	Total amount to be paid to sellers		Total amount to be paid to sellers		102,515 1 7	..	..	..	..		

* Not included in total price paid to sellers.

"THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT, 1894."

STATEMENT of LANDS acquired to 31st March, 1895, prepared in Terms of Subsection 2 of Section 39 of the said Act.

Record No. S.G.	Name of Estate or Settlement.	Area of each Block of Land purchased.	Locality of Land.	Quality of Land.	Name of Person or Company from whom it was bought or acquired.	Price paid to 31st March, 1895.	Price to be paid where Transaction was not complete at 31st March, 1895.	Report and Valuation of Board.		Report on Conditions and Settlement of the Land.
								Report of Board.	Valuation of Board.	
Lands acquired prior to 1st April, 1894.										
18813	PAREORA SETTLEMENT ..	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 No. 1 attached.
18817	STUDHOLME JUNCTION SETTLEMENT	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 No. 2 attached.
18890	KAPUA SETTLEMENT ..	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 No. 3 attached.
18837	TEANERAKI SETTLEMENT..	347 3 18	Block XII., Oamaru, and Block VIII., Awamoko, Otago Land District	All rich agricultural land	W. Meek	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 No. 4 attached.
18861	POMAHAKA SETTLEMENT ..	7,462 3 1	Blocks X., XI., XIII., and XIV., Pomahaka, Otago Land District	Mostly agricultural land	J. Douglas	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 No. 5 attached.
Lands acquired from 1st April, 1894, to 31st March, 1895.										
18834	BLIND RIVER SETTLEMENT	5,020 0 0	Blocks XII. and XIV., Cliford Bay Survey District, Marlborough Land District	Agricultural and pastoral lands	C. Y. Fell	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 No. 6 attached.
18957	ROSEBROOK SETTLEMENT	594 2 11	Block XVI., Pareora, Canterbury Land District	Open, flat, and undulating down lands	W. Pringle	5,945 13 9	.. ..	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 No. 7 attached.
18970	OTAIO SETTLEMENT ..	376 2 30	Blocks XII. and XVI., Otaio Survey District, Canterbury Land District	Open, flat land ..	A. Copland	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 No. 8 attached.
18895	TAHAWAI SETTLEMENT ..	69 0 19	Block I., Kurow Survey District, Otago Land District	Open, level ground, deep rich alluvial silt	G. Stringer .. ..	.. ..	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 No. 9 attached.
18935	MAEREWHENUA ESTATE ..	11,358 0 0	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	J. Borton.. ..	.. ..	68,148 0 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 No. 10 attached.
18971	MERRIVALE ESTATE ..	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 No. 11 attached.
19022	R. S. 37, OPAWA ..	47 2 0	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	.. ..	2,137 10 0	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 No. 12 attached.
19025	MIDLAND RAILWAY BLOCK 41	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 <i>bonâ fide</i> settlers should be obliged to abandon their homes.	0 18 0	See Report No. 13 attached.
		43,924 0 32					61,552 19 1	102,515 1 7		

1. The first of the two is the "General" or "Overall" condition, which is the most common and is the one that is most likely to be noticed by the patient. It is characterized by a general feeling of weakness, fatigue, and a lack of energy. The patient may also experience a loss of appetite, weight loss, and a general feeling of malaise. This condition is often the result of a variety of factors, including a lack of sleep, a poor diet, and a general feeling of stress or anxiety.

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Year	County	Section	Tract	Acres	Owner
1881	Rocky Mountain	1	Section 1, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1882	Rocky Mountain	2	Section 2, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1883	Rocky Mountain	3	Section 3, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1884	Rocky Mountain	4	Section 4, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1885	Rocky Mountain	5	Section 5, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1886	Rocky Mountain	6	Section 6, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1887	Rocky Mountain	7	Section 7, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1888	Rocky Mountain	8	Section 8, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1889	Rocky Mountain	9	Section 9, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1890	Rocky Mountain	10	Section 10, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1891	Rocky Mountain	11	Section 11, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1892	Rocky Mountain	12	Section 12, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1893	Rocky Mountain	13	Section 13, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1894	Rocky Mountain	14	Section 14, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1895	Rocky Mountain	15	Section 15, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1896	Rocky Mountain	16	Section 16, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1897	Rocky Mountain	17	Section 17, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1898	Rocky Mountain	18	Section 18, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1899	Rocky Mountain	19	Section 19, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith
1900	Rocky Mountain	20	Section 20, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., S. 1 S.	1.00	John A. Smith

1. 1st March 1941

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REPORT on PAREORA SETTLEMENT, to 31st March, 1895: Canterbury Land District.—Total Area: 620 acres 2 roods 13 perches. Purchased from New Zealand and Australian Land Company. (*New Zealand Gazette*, 10th November, 1893, page 1592.) Land offered for selection, 27th December, 1893. Tenure: LEASE IN PERPETUITY.

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.
1	XII.	Otaio	A. R. P. 26 3 98	£ s. d. 13 1 8	£ s. d. 17 13 6	18/1/94	Donald McKenzie ..	£ s. d. 8 16 9	£ s. d. 43 4 0	Improvements consist of cottage, £12; fencing, £18 4s.; drains, £10; garden, £3 7s. Lessee married, and resident. 3 acres cultivated.
2	"	"	27 0 0	12 13 4	17 3 0	"	John O'Connor ..	8 11 6	14 0 0	Improvements consist of fencing only. Lessee married man, resides with wife on her section, No. 15. No cultivation.
3	"	"	27 0 0	12 13 4	17 3 0	"	Eliza Williams ..	8 11 6	40 7 0	Improvements consist of fencing, £21 7s.; partly-erected house, £15; well, £4. Non-resident. About 17 acres cultivated. Lessee married woman.
4	"	"	29 0 0	13 0 0	18 18 6	"	John Arden ..	9 9 3	115 10 0	Dwellinghouse, £82; garden, &c., £3; fencing, £30 10s. Lessee married, and resident. 7 acres cultivated.
5	"	"	9 3 18	12 13 4	6 5 8	"	Henry Stowell ..	3 2 10	58 0 0	Dwellinghouse, £36; garden, &c., £6; fencing and drains, £16. Lessee married, and resident. 5 acres cultivated.
6	"	"	10 0 0	14 15 0	7 6 6	"	Henry Bateman ..	3 13 9	50 10 0	Dwellinghouse, £32; garden, &c., £5; fencing, £13 10s. Lessee married, and resident. About 3 acres cultivated.
7	"	"	10 0 0	13 1 8	6 11 6	"	Elizabeth Deans ..	3 5 9	37 15 0	Improvements consist of dwellinghouse, £30; fencing, £7 15s. Lessee married, husband lessee of Section 8; resident. 4 acres cultivated.
8	"	"	10 0 0	12 11 8	6 6 0	"	William Deans ..	3 3 0	8 5 0	Improvements consist of fencing only. Lessee married, lives with his wife on adjoining section, No. 7. About 3 acres cultivated.
9	"	"	10 0 0	13 5 0	6 12 6	"	Hannah Sullivan ..	3 6 3	17 15 0	Two sheds, £9; fencing, £8 15s. Lessee married, lives with her husband on Section 10, adjoining. 3 acres cultivated. Dwellinghouse on boundary Sections 9 and 10.
10	"	"	10 0 0	13 5 0	6 13 0	"	Martin Sullivan ..	3 6 6	74 5 0	Dwellinghouse, £63; fencing and well, £11 5s. Lessee married, and resident; wife lessee of Section 9. About 3 acres cultivated. Dwellinghouse on boundary of Sections 9 and 10.
11	IV.	Patiti	20 0 0	13 11 8	13 12 0	"	Alexander Hastie ..	6 16 0	15 0 0	Improvements consist of fencing only. Lessee married man, resides with his wife, who is lessee of Section 26. No cultivation.
12	"	"	18 2 32	13 5 0	12 8 10	"	Mary E. Hermer ..	6 4 5	54 10 0	Improvements consist of dwellinghouse, £37; fencing, £14; well and garden, £3 10s. Lessee married woman, resides with husband and family. 3 acres cultivated.
13	"	"	15 0 0	12 16 8	9 13 6	"	James Connor ..	4 16 9	10 15 0	Improvements consist of fencing only. Lessee a minor, lives with his mother on Section 23. 6 acres cultivated.
14	"	"	24 1 2	12 13 4	16 8 2	"	James Bowie ..	8 4 1	59 0 0	Dwellinghouse, £33; fencing, £22; garden, £4. Lessee single man, and resident. 10 acres in cultivation.
15	XII.	Otaio	28 0 0	13 6 8	18 16 8	"	Mary O'Connor ..	9 8 4	124 10 0	Dwellinghouse, £110; fencing, £14 10s. Lessee wife of J. O'Connor, lessee of Section 2; resident. No cultivation.
16	"	"	27 3 38	12 10 0	17 10 0	"	Michael Riordan ..	8 15 0	99 10 0	Dwellinghouse, £60; sheds and tank, £16; fencing, £23 10s. Lessee married, and resident. 4 acres cultivated.
17	IV.	Patiti	27 1 7	13 5 0	18 1 8	"	James C. Williams ..	9 0 10	16 2 0	Improvements consist of fencing only. Lessee husband of lessee of Section 3. 13 acres cultivated.
18	"	"	28 3 29	13 1 8	19 0 0	"	Ellen Caswell ..	9 10 0	42 10 0	Improvements consist of house, £15; garden and well, £6; fencing, £21 10s. Lessee married, and resident with family. 14 acres cultivated.
Carried forward			360 0 4	..	236 4 0			118 2 6	881 8 0	

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	
								198 19 3	1,493 4 0	

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.

A. P. O'CALLAGHAN, Crown Lands Ranger.

No. 2.

REPORT on STUDHOLME JUNCTION SETTLEMENT to 31st March, 1895: Canterbury Land District.—Total Area: 107 acres 2 roods 17 perches. Purchased from Trustees of Mr. M. Studholme. (*New Zealand Gazette*, 10th November, 1893, page 1591.) Land offered for selection, 27th December, 1893. Tenure: LEASE IN PERPETUITY.

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.
1	XV.	Waimate..	A. R. P. 20 1 25	£ s. d. 14 11 8	£ s. d. 14 18 4	18/1/94	Richard Hinch	£ s. d. 7 9 0	£ s. d. 14 4 0	Improvements consist of fencing, £11 14s.; drainage, £2 10s. Lessee married, and resides on Section 2, adjoining. 20 acres 1 rood 25 perches under cultivation.
2	"	"	18 0 0	11 8 4	10 6 2	"	Mary Hinch	5 3 0	88 14 0	Dwellinghouse, £60; fencing, £11 14s.; two wells, £10; clearing lagoons, £7.
3	"	"	18 0 0	11 11 8	10 8 10	1/3/94	Cicely Morris	5 4 5	48 5 0	Lessee married, resides with husband (lessee of Section 1) and children. Dwellinghouse, £32; fencing, £10 10s.; well and drain, £5 15s. Lessee a widow, resides with family.
4	"	"	48 0 23	15 11 8	37 11 2	18/1/94	William Malton	18 14 0	50 10 0	Improvements consist of repairs to house, &c., £25; fencing, £25 10s. Lessee married, resides with wife and family.
			104 2 8	..	73 4 6			36 10 5	201 13 0	

I have the honour to report that there appears to be every reason to be satisfied with the first year's settlement on this block. The four sections are occupied and fenced on the boundary by the new road; also paddock-fencing is erected. The crops have been fair average for most seasons, and may be considered good for a dry season such as this. The settlers are so far well content; two of them are thoroughly experienced farm-labourers, and they are of the opinion that, with subsoiling, the land will be far more productive than its appearance would lead one to expect.

A. P. O'CALLAGHAN, Crown Lands Ranger.

No. 3.

REPORT on KAPUA SETTLEMENT to 31st March, 1895: Canterbury Land District.—Total Area: 574 acres 1 rood 5 perches. Purchased from Trustees of Mr. M. Studholme. (New Zealand Gazette, 1st December, 1893, page 1691.) Land offered for selection, 24th January, 1894. Tenure: LEASE IN PERPETUITY.

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.
1	I.	Waitaki ..	A. B. P. 44 0 0	£ s. d. 11 8 4	£ s. d. 25 2 4	1/2/94	F. W. Kuegler ..	£ s. d. 12 11 2	£ s. d. 152 0 0	Dwellinghouse, £110; fencing, £27; sheds, garden, and planting, £15. Lessee resident with family. About 27 acres under cultivation.
2	"	" ..	44 0 0	11 0 0	24 4 0	"	Thomas Mason ..	12 2 0	17 0 0	Improvements consist of fencing only. Lessee a single man; camped on the land. About 24 acres under cultivation.
3	"	" ..	44 0 0	11 0 0	24 4 0	"	William Gale ..	12 2 0	15 0 0	Improvements consist of fencing only. Lessee a single man; camped on the land. About 28 acres under cultivation.
4	"	" ..	42 3 33	11 11 8	24 18 0	"	Thomas Thyne ..	12 9 0	6 6 0	Improvements consist of fencing only. Lessee a single man; camped on the land. About 32 acres under cultivation.
5	"	" ..	50 0 0	9 0 0	22 10 0	1/3/94	Thomas Chamberlain ..	11 5 0	29 10 0	Hut, £8; fencing, £17 10s.; well, £4. Lessee widower, and resident. About 13 acres under cultivation.
6	"	" ..	50 0 0	9 0 0	22 10 0	1/2/94	Simon Green ..	11 5 0	21 7 0	Improvements consist of fencing only. Lessee married man; camped on the land. Nearly 50 acres under cultivation.
7	"	" ..	50 0 0	9 0 0	22 10 0	29/3/94	John Gale ..	11 5 0	28 0 0	Fencing, £24; well, £4. Lessee a single man; camped on the land. About 2 acres under cultivation.
8	"	" ..	50 0 0	9 3 4	22 18 4	1/2/94	Michael Hogan ..	11 9 2	29 10 0	Improvements consist of fencing, £23 10s.; clearing swamp, £6. Lessee a single man; camped on the land. About 32 acres under cultivation.
9	"	" ..	50 0 0	8 13 4	21 13 4	"	Kate Beard ..	10 16 8	66 0 0	Dwellinghouse, £32; fencing, £24; clearing swamp, £7 10s.; garden planting, £2 10s. Lessee married woman, resident, with husband and family. About 12 acres cultivated.
10	"	" ..	50 0 0	8 3 4	20 8 4	1/3/94	Eliza Fotheringham ..	10 4 2	72 0 0	Dwellinghouse, £35; fencing, £27 10s.; clearing swamp, £9 10s. Lessee married woman, resident, with children. About 12 acres under cultivation.
11	"	" ..	37 1 29	9 1 8	17 0 8	21/6/94	T. McDonald ..	8 10 4	66 0 0	Dwellinghouse, £33; fencing, £23; clearing swamp, £10. Lessee married, resident, with wife and family. About 9 acres under cultivation.
12	I. & II.	" ..	60 0 0	7 8 4	22 5 0	1/2/94	James Tavendale ..	11 2 6	74 0 0	Dwellinghouse, £55; fencing, £19. Lessee married, resident with wife and family.
			572 1 22	..	270 4 0			135 2 0	576 13 0	

NOTE.—The holders of Sections 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8—Messrs. Mason, W. Gale, T. Thyne, S. Green, J. Gale, and M. Hogan—have been called upon to erect dwellinghouses and take up permanent residence on their holdings by the 18th July, otherwise their leases will be forfeited.

I have the honour to report that the settlement on this block is satisfactory from most points of view. Five of the settlers have built comfortable houses and are resident with their families on the land. Seven have not yet built permanent residences, but are settled on their holdings in camps for the present, it being the intention of most, if not all, of these to build this autumn. All of the sections have been ring-fenced, and in several instances have been subdivided into convenient paddocks. In some cases the settlers have their gardens already in profitable condition, and planted with fruit-trees and shelter-belts. In every instance where the land has been under cultivation this year the crops have been excellent, though the season has been dry, and have proved the good quality of the land and its suitability for small settlement, some of the root and grain crops on the low-lying and lately-drained land having been as heavy as land could carry. Naturally the settlers are well contented with their first year's results, and I have no doubt, under proper treatment of the soil, there are many as good or better yields in store for them. The only matter for regret in connection with the settlement is, in my opinion, the unavoidable allotment to so many single men of sections which could easily afford support to a large family, so that the settlement is not carrying as large a population as it might.

A. P. O'CALLAGHAN, Crown Lands Ranger.

No. 4.

REPORT ON THE ANARAKI SETTLEMENT to 31st March, 1895: Otago Land District.—Total Area: 347 acres 3 roods 18·3 perches. Purchased from Mr. William Meek. (*New Zealand Gazette*, 11th January, 1894, page 53.) Land offered for selection, 7th February, 1894. Tenure: LEASE IN PERPETUITY.

Section.	Block.	District.	Area.	Capital Value per Acre.	Annual Rental at 5 per Cent.	Date of Selection.	Name of Lessee.	Value of Improvements.	Remarks.
			A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£	
1s	XII.	Oamaru ..	5 0 2	19 3 4	9 2 0	9/5/94	H. P. Matthews ..	Nil	Non-resident.
2s	"	" ..	5 0 0	17 3 4					
3s	"	" ..	5 0 0	17 3 4	8 11 8	7/2/94	Florence Woollett ..	Nil	Non-resident.
4s	"	" ..	5 0 0	17 3 4	4 5 10	2/5/94	Mary McAuley ..	3	Non-resident. 5 acres in potatoes.
5s	"	" ..	5 0 0	16 3 4	8 1 8	18/7/94	Elizabeth Rowlands	86	Resident. Family of seven.
6s	"	" ..	5 0 0	16 3 4					
7s	"	" ..	5 0 0	16 3 4	4 3 4	"	Thomas Norris ..	10	Resident. 1 acre in potatoes.
8s	pt. VIII. Awamoko		5 0 0	16 13 4	16 13 4	6/6/94	Bridget A. Ross ..	41	Resident. Family of eight. 17 acres oats, 2 acres potatoes.
9s	pt. XII. Oamaru		10 0 0	16 13 4	16 13 2	"	Thomas Earl ..	72	Resident. Family of three. 5 acres oats, 4 acres root crop.
10s	XII.	Oamaru ..	10 0 0	16 3 4	9 9 6	"	Johanna Doyle ..	49	Resident. Family of five. 3 acres oats, 2 acres potatoes.
11s	"	" ..	10 0 0	16 3 4	18 3 4	"	Catherine Darragh	Nil	Non-resident.
12s	"	" ..	9 3 37	17 3 4	9 1 8	"	Beatrice O'Donnell	54	Resident. Family of six. 5 acres cultivated.
13s	"	" ..	4 3 33	19 3 4	9 10 10	"	Minnie Taylor ..	56	Resident. Family of five. 3 acres oats, 1 acre potatoes.
14s	"	" ..	4 3 28	19 3 4	7 11 2	"	Philip Murtha ..	4	Non-resident.
15s	"	" ..	10 0 0	18 3 4	14 7 0	"	Mary Jones ..	83	Resident. Family of six. 6 acres in cultivation.
16s	"	" ..	10 0 0	18 3 4	11 8 10	23/5/94	John Harvey ..	6	Non-resident. 15 acres cultivated.
17s	"	" ..	10 0 0	18 3 4	14 3 4	"	Christina Harvey ..	8	Non-resident. 19 acres cultivated.
18s	"	" ..	9 3 33	19 3 4	14 3 4	9/5/94	James Rowland ..	6	Non-resident. 12 acres cultivated.
19s	"	" ..	9 1 16	16 3 4	14 3 4	"	Alexander Rodger ..	6	Resident. 12 acres cultivated.
20s	pt. VIII. Awamoko		9 0 8	16 3 4	16 3 4	"	Alexander McAuley	8	Resident. 12 acres cultivated.
21s	pt. XII. Oamaru		9 1 3	15 3 4	16 3 4	"	Peter Taylor ..	7	Non-resident. 12 acres cultivated.
22s	pt. VIII. Awamoko		16 0 24	14 3 4	17 3 4	"	John S. Allen ..	11	Non-resident. 20 acres cultivated.
23s	pt. XII. Oamaru		20 0 0	14 3 4	21 9 0	11/4/94	Jane Flett ..	114	Resident. Family of nine. 7 acres cultivated.
24s	VIII.	Awamoko	20 0 0	14 3 4	20 17 2	"	John Crawford ..	139	Resident. Family of seven. 7 acres cultivated.
25s	"	" ..	20 0 0	14 3 4					
26s	"	" ..	20 0 0	16 3 4					
27s	"	" ..	20 0 0	16 3 4					
28s	"	" ..	20 0 0	17 3 4					
29s	"	" ..	12 3 17	16 13 4					
30s	"	" ..	12 3 20	16 13 4					
31s	"	" ..	25 0 4	16 13 4					
			344 1 25	..	281 9 6			763	

From schedule attached it will be seen that settlers have expended £763 in erecting buildings and fencing, while 170 acres have been cultivated. Settlers own thirty-one milch cows and seven horses; and the total resident population amounts to fifty-eight adults and children all told. Twelve settlers have effected actual settlement, eight partial settlement, and two have done nothing as yet to their holdings. I consider, however, that the net result is very satisfactory, seeing that the settlement is still in its infancy, the first year of occupation for nine of the settlers not yet having expired.

The general appearance of the settlement is a very pleasing one. The buildings erected by settlers are substantial, well finished, and of a permanent character. Tree-planting and other improvements that tend to the improvement of the settlers' surroundings have already been initiated, and generally the settlement may be considered a success. The quality of the land is first-rate, there is plenty of water, and the settlement is in close proximity to a township, school, dairy factory, and railway-station, and is only nine miles distant from the Town of Oamaru.

There is no doubt a good deal more of this kind of settlement could be effected in the Oamaru district, the only drawback being that, while there are a number of families desirous of settling down on small areas in the district, what they lack is the necessary funds to build a dwellinghouse. The Government rentals they could always meet, but they possess no accrued capital. This is a difficulty that has to be considered, and applies, I believe, to two or three of the Teanaraki settlers who have only as yet effected partial settlement.

T. A. FRASER,
Crown Lands Ranger.

No. 5.

REPORT on POMAHAKA SETTLEMENT to 31st March, 1895: Otago Land District.—Total Area: 7,462 acres 3 roods 1 perch. Purchased from Mr. John Douglas. (New Zealand Gazette, 25th January, 1894, page 131.) Land offered for selection 20th February, 1894. Tenure: LEASE IN PERPETUITY.

Section.	Block.	District.	Area.	Capital Value per Acre.	Annual Rental at 5 per cent.	Date of Selection.	Name of Lessee.	Value of Improvements.	Remarks.
2	X.	Pomahaka	A. R. P. 237 3 11	£ s. d. 3 5 0	£ s. d. 98 13 0	28/2/94	R. C. M. Boyes	£ s. d. 45 0 0	30 acres lying fallow; two-roomed house. Resident.
51	"	"	88 3 13	4 5 0	18 17 6	"	David McConnell	Nil	No improvement effected. Non-resident.
58	"	"	250 2 25	4 2 6	51 14 0	"	P. McG. Murray	115 0 0	140 acres in fair crop of turnips. Resides on adjoining land. Partly fenced.
45	XI.	"	169 3 5	3 10 0	29 14 2	20/2/95	W. Searlett..	Nil	Recent selection. Non-resident.
50	XIII.	"	199 3 38	3 7 6	33 15 0	28/2/94	George B. Watt	110 0 0	100 acres fair turnips, 6 acres oats, 4 acres grass; dwellinghouse; ring-fence. Resident.
5	"	"	232 1 8	3 0 0	34 17 0	25/7/94	Helen Williams	Nil	First year of occupation not yet expired. Non-resident.
6	"	"	232 1 24	3 2 6	45 13 10	"	T. Williams ..	"	First year of occupation not yet expired. Non-resident.
9	"	"	271 0 24	3 7 6	45 15 2	18/4/94	Soren Hansen	140 0 0	120 acres in fair crop of turnips, 3 acres grass; dwellinghouse and blacksmiths' shop. Resident.
10	"	"	271 3 20	3 2 6	42 9 8	28/2/94	W. Gray ..	Nil	Effected no improvements.
12	"	"	230 1 0	3 5 0	37 8 4	"	James Falconer	125 0 0	130 acres in good crop of turnips; house; ring-fence. Resident.
14	"	"	250 3 0	3 7 6	42 6 4	"	Thomas Erskine	115 0 0	120 acres turnips, 10 acres oats; house; partly fenced. Resident.
15	"	"	276 2 36	3 2 6	43 4 10	11/4/94	Edward Gray ..	130 0 0	130 acres in turnips; ring-fenced. Resident.
20	"	"	247 0 8	3 5 0	40 3 0	28/2/94	Donald McGregor	194 0 0	33 acres turnips, 15 acres oats; ring-fenced; dwellinghouse. Resident.
4	XIII.	"	221 3 35	3 7 6	37 9 2	"	Joseph Abernethy	175 0 0	100 acres fair turnips, 12 acres oats; ring-fenced; dwellinghouse. Resident.
9	XIV.	"	316 1 0	3 0 0	47 8 10	"	Joseph Stevenson	60 0 0	30 acres fallow, 1 acre potatoes; ring-fenced. Resident.
4	XIV.	"	289 1 0	3 10 0	50 12 4	"	Thomas Chapman	57 0 0	Partly fenced; small woolshed. Resident.
5	"	"	281 1 0	3 10 0	49 4 4	"	George Cormack	60 0 0	90 acres cultivated; partly fenced. Non-resident.
6	"	"	289 2 10	3 10 0	50 13 6	"	George Harvie, jun.	250 0 0	190 acres good turnips, 8 acres in grass; house and large stable; ring-fence. Resident.
7	"	"	311 3 37	3 10 0	54 12 0	"	G. W. G. P. J. Maxwell	91 0 0	10 acres oats, 1 acre turnips; partly fenced; dwellinghouse. Resident.
8	"	"	320 0 30	3 5 0	52 0 8	15/8/94	Mary Chapman	40 0 0	{First year of occupation not yet expired; partly fenced. Non-resident.
16 } 17 }	"	"	291 3 20	3 5 0	47 8 8	14/3/94	Ellen Clement	60 0 0	18 acres oats, 3 acres turnips; two-roomed house; partly fenced. Resident.
18	"	"	5,341 3 24	..	894 1 4	..		1,767 0 0	

NOTE.—The boundary-fencing of the estate, worth about 8s. a chain, is not included in the above value of improvements effected.

It will be seen that, of twenty-one holdings taken up, on sixteen improvements to the value of £1,767 have been effected in the way of buildings, fencing, and cultivation. Total area cultivated amounts to 1,306 acres, consisting of 60 acres fallow, 90 acres oats, potatoes, and sown in grass, and 1,156 acres turnips. The season being an unusually dry one, and the cultivation being all on first furrow, no great results could be expected, nevertheless the greater part of the land sown in turnips has produced a very good crop. Harvie's and Falconer's deserve special mention; while Watt's, Hansen's and others' are very creditable. Next year more tangible returns, in the way of a grain crop, will be received by those who had the foresight to turn up as much land as possible last winter. Another section has been taken up recently, leaving seven still unoccupied; these will very likely be taken up gradually. Of course at present the low prices for produce, wool, and stock have a deterrent effect on intending selectors.

The school is now in course of erection, and will be an important factor in hastening the progress of the settlement.

The seam of lignite is still burning, but a renewed effort will be made to put it out this winter, when a good supply of water will be available.

The main road through the estate is now finished, and the road giving access to the Lignite Reserve and river-frontage is in a forward state of completion.

The advisability of cutting up one or two of the unsold sections near the school into smaller areas might be taken into consideration. I am of opinion the experiment is worth trying, as close proximity to a school, and to fuel, together with fairly good land, meets the requirements of the small settler.

T. A. FRASER, Crown Lands Ranger.

No. 6.

REPORT on BLIND RIVER SETTLEMENT to 31st March, 1895: Marlborough Land District.—Total Area: 5,020 acres. Purchased from Mr. C. Y. Fell. (*New Zealand Gazette*, 29th November, 1894, page 1730.) Land offered for selection, 16th January, 1895. Tenure: LEASE IN PERPETUITY.

Section.	Block.	District.	Area.	Capital Value per Acre.	Date of Selection.	Annual Rental at 5 per Cent.	Name of Lessee.	Value of Improvements.	Remarks.
1	XIV.	Clifford Bay	A. B. P. 161 0 0	£ s. d. 5 5 0	16/1/95	£ s. d. 42 5 4	Hugh Kinley ..	£ 35	Cob hut, and 50 acres ploughed. Resident.
4	XII.	"	121 0 0	4 15 0	16/1/95	28 14 10	Robert Morrow ..	70	House in course of erection, 90 acres ploughed. Resident.
5	"	"	122 0 0	5 1 8	31/1/95	31 0 2	George Frederick Hall..	..	Non-resident.
9	"	"	568 0 0	{ 3 13 4 } 2 16 8 }	31/1/95	92 17 8	Adam Waugh..	..	"
10, 11	"	"	169 0 0	5 5 0	13/2/95	44 7 3	Robert Charles Trueman	..	"
14	"	"	163 0 0	5 5 0	16/2/95	42 15 8	William Thomas ..	..	"
15	XIV.	"	550 0 0	2 13 4	17/1/95	73 6 8	Peter O'Dwyer ..	5	Rush whare. Resident.
20, 21	"	"	100 0 0	..	..	15 0 0	Dugald McLeay ..	50	Framed house.
*23	"	"	1,954 0 0	..	..	370 7 7		160	

* Accommodation reserve, licensed under the provisions of section 226 of "The Land Act, 1892."

SIDNEY WEETMAN, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

No. 7.

REPORT on ROSEBROOK SETTLEMENT to 31st March, 1895; Canterbury Land District.—Total Area: 600 acres 1 rood 8 perches. Purchased from Mr. William Pringle. Price paid for Land: £5,945 13s. 9d. 15th February, 1895.

Section.	Block.	District.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity.		Remarks.
				Capital Value per Acre.	Annual Rental at 5 per Cent.	
1	XVI.	Parcora ..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	This settlement is about four miles and a quarter inland from Timaru, and comprises open, flat, and undulating down lands of good quality, the soil being black, resting on a clay subsoil. The area is intersected by valleys. The watercourses are not permanent, but dams have been constructed in places, and facilities are available for the construction of others. There are rocky and steep faces here and there, but, on the whole, not much waste land. The settlement is approached from Timaru on the north and south sides by the Wai-iti and Claremont district roads. The general elevation of the country is about 400ft. above sea-level. The climate is salubrious and healthy, which, combined with the quality of the land and contiguity to the railway and port at Timaru, render the lots splendidly adapted for occupation by small farmers, gardeners, and other small settlers. This land was not open for selection on 31st March, 1895. It was opened for selection on 26th June instant, and all the sections were allotted.
2			25 3 6	10 7 8	13 7 10	
3			24 3 14	10 7 8	12 18 0	
4			36 0 28	10 3 7	18 8 4	
5			60 1 22	10 13 10	32 5 8	
6			45 0 28	10 15 10	24 7 8	
7			44 0 0	10 3 8	22 8 0	
8			45 3 14	11 10 1	26 7 6	
9			28 0 39	10 3 7	14 7 6	
10			29 3 26	10 6 3	15 8 4	
11			32 0 34	10 5 6	16 11 4	
12			32 2 33	10 3 7	16 13 0	
13			34 2 33	9 3 2	15 18 0	
14			42 2 18	9 10 1	21 4 2	
15			62 0 31	9 16 10	30 12 4	
			53 2 2	10 0 3	26 15 10	
			600 1 8	..	307 13 6	

No. 8.

REPORT on OTAIO SETTLEMENT to 31st March, 1895; Canterbury Land District.—Total Area: 376 acres 2 roods 30 perches. Purchased from Mr. Alexander Copland. Price paid for Land: £4,143 11s. 3d., 25th February, 1895.

Section.	Block.	District.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity.		Remarks.
				Capital Value per Acre.	Annual Rental at 5 per Cent.	
1	XII.	Otiao ..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	This settlement is situated on the Bluecliffs Road, about three-quarters of a mile inland from the St. Andrew's Railway-station, and comprises open flat land about 40ft. above sea-level. The soil is generally good and of fair depth, but there are lighter patches of stony land running through the block. Lots 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 are nearly all in English grass; Lots 4, 5, 8, and 9 are in stubble, the two latter being also sown down with grass. There are small patches of gorse on Lots 8 and 9; Lots 6, 7, 8, and 9 comprise some rougher and poorer land next the Otiao River, Lot 6 being liable in part to flood. All the lots can easily be served by a water-race which runs through the centre of the block. There is a good three-roomed wooden cottage, roofed with iron, on Lot 8, which must be insured for the sum of £80 in the name of the Queen by the lessee. The gorse boundary and wire subdivision fences are in good order. The access is by the before-mentioned main road, and by the occupation roads. The general good quality of the land and situation render these lots splendidly adapted for occupation by small farmers, gardeners, and other small settlers. This land was not open for selection on 31st March, 1895. It was open for selection on 26th June instant, and all the sections were allotted.
2			32 0 30	11 14 10	18 17 10	
3			32 3 20	11 5 6	18 10 8	
4			34 2 30	11 4 2	19 8 10	
5			48 2 5	11 9 6	27 17 6	
6			45 3 38	12 2 7	27 17 4	
7			37 1 13	11 0 2	20 11 0	
8			48 0 9	11 17 10	25 12 0	
9			43 0 31	14 15 3	30 16 2	
			49 1 17	11 0 2	27 3 4	
			367 0 33	..	216 14 8	

No. 9.

REPORT on TAHAWAI SETTLEMENT to 31st March, 1895; Otago Land District.—Total Area: 69 acres and 19 perches. Purchased from Mr. George Stringer. Price paid for Land: £622 1s. 4d. 25th April, 1895. To be opened for Selection on 21st August, 1895.

Section.	Block.	District.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity.		Remarks.
				Capital Value per Acre.	Annual Rental per Acre.	
1A	I.	Kurow ..	A. R. P.	Prices not finally fixed.	Prices not finally fixed.	Section 1A, open level ground, deep rich alluvial silt, broken and shingly in the north-east corner. Section 2A, open level ground, deep rich alluvial silt, broken and shingly in the north corner. Sections 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, and 7A, open level ground, deep rich alluvial silt. Section 8A, open, mostly level ground, deep rich alluvial silt. The whole of these sections have a frontage to the main road, Oamaru to Kurow, and are within one mile of Kurow Railway-station, or from 10 to 40 chains from Hilles Siding. There is no permanent water on any of these sections, but the Kurow Stream and Waitaki River are close to all. Water has been obtained in the immediate vicinity by sinking to a depth of 18ft. to 25ft. This land was not opened for selection on 31st March, 1895.
2A			8 2 35			
3A			8 3 18			
4A			8 1 27			
5A			8 0 9			
6A			8 2 8			
7A			9 0 23			
8A			8 3 29			
18			6 2 9			
			1 1 16			

No. 10.

REPORT ON MAEREWHENUA ESTATE, to 31st March, 1895; Otago Land District.—Total area: 11,378 acres. Purchased from Mr. John Borton. Price to be paid for land, £68,268. Possession to be given 8th August, 1895.

THIS estate is situated in a good agricultural district, adjoins the Townships of Duntroon and Georgetown, and at its nearest point is about nineteen miles from Oamaru. Railway and main roads run through the property for about ten miles. The lands consist of low-lying downs and flats, from 300ft. to 500ft. above sea level. The soil on the downs is principally on limestone formation, the flats being swampy, with shingle-banks. The estate as a whole has been remarkably well farmed, and is in first-class condition and is well fenced.

No. 11.

REPORT ON MERRIVALE ESTATE, to 31st March, 1895; Southland Land District.—Total area: 9,998 acres. Purchased from Messrs. Elder, Smith, and Co. Price paid for land, £24,995, 17th April, 1895. Possession given 15th April, 1895. Let for four months from 16th April, 1895, for grazing purposes, for £424.

THE estate is situated in a mixed agricultural and pastoral district, being distant 14 miles from Otautau, thirty-one miles from Riverton, and forty-six miles from Invercargill. The soil is dark, rich, and free, of good depth and sweet, lying on porous clay subsoil underlaid by limestone rock; about one-sixth part bush, the rest nearly all in pasture, ranging from high rocky pastoral to undulating agricultural; boundary- and division-fences very substantially erected.

No. 12.

REPORT ON RURAL SECTION 37, Blocks XV. and XVI., Christchurch Survey District, to 31st March, 1895; Canterbury Land District.—Total area: 47 acres 2 roods. Purchased from the Trustees of the estate of the late Sir Henry Parkes. Price paid for land, £2,137 10s., 29th June, 1895. Possession to be given 1st July, 1895.

THE section fronts on the Heathcote River, about two miles from Christchurch Post Office, and in close proximity to the Heathcote Public School. It is situated in a very closely-settled district. The land is of good quality, and is all flat, except a small terrace near the river. The soil is a nice dark rich alluvial, with a fairly good subsoil.

No. 13.

REPORT ON MIDLAND RAILWAY BLOCK 41; Canterbury Land District.—Total area: 7,347 acres and 38 perches. Purchased from the New Zealand Midland Railway Company (Limited). Price paid for land: £6,612 10s. 5d., 3rd May, 1895.

THE block commences at the Medbury Railway-station, and extends westerly up the Hurunui River about six miles; has about three miles and three-quarters of frontage to the river, and at its nearest point is about seven miles from Waikari. Is situated in a pastoral district, and is all in its native state.

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