

PART III.—SUMMARY OF AREAS.

	Acres.
Area <i>finally</i> acquired to 31st March, 1896 (<i>vide</i> G.—3, 1896)	6,426,104
Area <i>finally</i> acquired during 1896–97	315,490
Total area <i>finally</i> acquired to 31st March, 1897.. .. .	6,741,594
Portion of 315,490 acres, as above, <i>finally</i> acquired during 1896–97, representing the work of that period	83,482
Progress on uncompleted purchases during 1896–97	250,875
Total results for year ending 31st March, 1897	334,357
Uncompleted purchases on 31st March, 1897,—	
Lands passed through Native Land Court	1,527,380
Lands not passed through Native Land Court	78,776
Total	1,606,156

PART IV.—EXPENDITURE.

—	General Loans.		North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan.		The Native Lands Purchases Account.				Total.	
					By Debentures.		By Cash.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Expenditure from 1st April, 1896, to 31st March, 1897:—										
On lands finally acquired: Part I. ..	..	..	..	..	32,716	11 11	32,716	11 11	32,716	11 11
On lands partially acquired: Part II. ..	..	..	..	..	47,146	15 2	47,146	15 2	47,146	15 2
On Native Land Court surveys ..	..	..	..	..	10,090	11 7	10,090	11 7	10,090	11 7
On roads	..	..	..	..	28,696	0 4	28,696	0 4	28,696	0 4
On old purchases	..	..	..	..	7,653	3 3	7,653	3 3	7,653	3 3
On working-expenses	..	..	..	..	2,715	13 4	2,715	13 4	2,715	13 4
	..	..	..	..	129,018	15 7	129,018	15 7	129,018	15 7
Credits to past expenditure	..	..	..	..	18	15 9	18	15 9	18	15 9
	..	..	..	..	128,999	19 10	128,999	19 10	128,999	19 10
Total net expenditure, 1st April, 1896, to 31st March, 1897	..	..	..	..	128,999	19 10	128,999	19 10	128,999	19 10
Expenditure to 31st March, 1896, as per G.—3, 1896	*1,077,866	6 5	219,987	10 8	9,700	0 0	353,280	1 3	1,660,833	18 4
Total expenditure to 31st March, 1897 ..	1,077,829	4 5	219,987	10 8	9,700	0 0	482,280	1 1	1,739,833	18 2

* Since reduced by a credit of £37 2s.

Native Land Purchase Office,
Wellington, 31st August, 1897.

P. SHERIDAN,
Officer in Charge.

REPORT on the CONDITION and SETTLEMENT of all LANDS acquired under “The Native Land Purchases Act, 1892.”

THE lands finally acquired north of Auckland are, speaking generally, all suitable for settlement, and their value will be considerably enhanced by the completion, during the ensuing year, of the purchase of the bulk of the other lands shown in Part II. as partially acquired.

In the Thames and Coromandel Peninsula, the lands dealt with during the year are all more or less auriferous, and their value is, from both a mining and settlement point of view, considerable.

The purchases in the Rotorua and Bay of Plenty districts must necessarily increase the tourist traffic.

The King-country purchases have a special value for settlement purposes in consequence of their proximity to the North Island Main Trunk Railway line, and the generally good quality of the land.

The bulk of the lands finally and partially acquired in the Hawke's Bay and Wellington districts are urgently required for settlement, for which purpose they are well adapted.

Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 1st July, 1897.

S. PERCY SMITH,
Surveyor-General.