Table 1.—Summary of Lands Disposed of from Foundation of the Colony, with Total Cash received, &c., for the Year ended 31st March, 1897.

District.	Total Area sold.	Total Area granted or reserved under Acts.	Total Area sold or otherwise finally disposed of from the Foundation of the Colony.	Total Cash received.	Total Area open for Selection on 31st March, 1897.	Total Area remaining for future Disposal, exclusive of Area in preceding Column and of Native Lands.
	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.
Auckland	1,910,980 2 15	3,240,125 3 28	5,151,106 2 3	713,035 3 1	496,705 0 0	1,918,307 0 20
Hawke's Bay	1,133,188 0 37	241,721 3 9	1,374,910 0 6	651,762 8 0	44,257 3 36	413,691 0 0
Taranaki	334,604 3 37	580,750 0 18	915,355 0 15	743,681 16 3	73,499 1 7	461,018 0 0
Wellington	1,983,296 2 21	818,937 1 14	2,802,233 3 35	2,235,001 7 7	119,501 1 9	904,463 0 17*
Nelson	1,264,055 3 28	263,767 1 13	1,527,823 1 1	478,376 9 3	302,400 0 0	5,150,857 0 0†
Marlborough	816,886 1 16	185,599 3 8	1,002,486 0 24	292,151 17 10	5,580 0 0	491,268 0 0
Westland	60,986 3 0	101,922 2 16	162,909 1 16	70,179 19 11	77,225 0 0	331,056 0 35
Canterbury	3,113,149 0 18	814,252 2 1	3,927,401 2 19	6,240,979 7 1	63,731 1 1	1,592,534 1 39
Otago	2,082,198 0 17	591,874 2 19	2,674,072 2 36	2,163,714 9 6	83,960 2 11‡	5,450,602 2 33§
Southland	1,549,145 1 11	589,838 0 3	2,138,983 1 14	1,857,972 15 0	1,637,797 0 0‖	577,481 0 0
Totals	14,248,492 0 0	7,428,790 0 9	21,677,282 0 9	15,446,855 13 6	2,904,657 1 24	17,291,278 2 31

* Includes 64,000 acres of barren hill-tops and worthless country. † Includes barren mountain-tops. ‡ Exclusive of pastoral runs. § Includes 3,504,000 acres of barren mountain-tops, lakes, &c. ‖ Inclusive of pastoral runs.

Table 2.—Lands opened for Sale and Selection during the Year ended 31st March, 1897.

District.	Optional System.	Cash by Auction.	Lease by Auction and Application.	Village Homestead.	Village Lots.	Pastoral Runs.	Small Runs.	Lease in Perpetuity.	Perpetual Lease.	Totals.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Auckland	90,983	1,307	1,030	..	5	..	3,381	733	..	97,439
Hawke's Bay ..	13,026	19	46	34	..	47,327	16,410	..	..	76,862
Taranaki	22,759	143	..	..	..	..	33,364	..	..	56,266
Wellington	82,726	157	415	276	..	..	..	2,233	9,753	95,560
Nelson	1,553	195	..	..	..	106,400	..	..	..	108,148
Marlborough ..	2,643	9,842	20	..	..	475,698	2,337	3,200	..	493,740
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,128	..	3,128
Canterbury	6,053	122	4,425	250	..	232,599	42,508	15,419	..	301,376
Otago	14,929	369	21	801	..	360,604	56,635	4,974	..	438,333
Southland	26,850	400	260	555	10	126,045	1,800	5,520	..	161,440
Totals ..	261,522	12,554	6,217	1,916	15	1,348,673	156,435	35,207	9,753	1,832,292