

Table 7.—RETURN OF PERPETUAL-LEASE AND SMALL-AREA LANDS.—TRANSACTIONS during the Year ended 31st March, 1897.

| District.   | Taken up during the Year. |          |                        | Previous Transactions to 31st March, 1896. |           |                        | Exchanges to other Tenures during the Year. |             |                | [Forfeitures during the Year. |             |                | Surrenders during the Year. |             |                  |
|-------------|---------------------------|----------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------|
|             | No. of Selectors.         | Area.    | Annual Rental payable. | No. of Selectors.                          | Area.     | Annual Rental payable. | No. of Selectors.                           | Area.       | Annual Rental. | No. of Selectors.             | Area.       | Annual Rental. | No. of Selectors.           | Area.       | * Annual Rental. |
| Auckland    | ..                        | A. ..    | £ ..                   | 1,109                                      | 280,032   | £ 1 7 6,689            | 4                                           | 561 3 8     | 16 17 6        | 23                            | 9,859 0 19  | 221 15 8       | 54                          | 19,624 1 13 | £ s. d. 14 2 10  |
| Hawke's Bay | ..                        | ..       | ..                     | 375                                        | 167,136   | 3 9 6,405              | 6                                           | 3,059 3 21  | 91 6 0         | 1                             | 165 0 0     | 7 4 6          | 1                           | 200 0 0     | 5 0 0            |
| Taranaki    | ..                        | ..       | ..                     | 544                                        | 130,467   | 1 5 6,523              | 7                                           | 3,315 0 0   | 15 15 0        | ..                            | ..          | ..             | ..                          | ..          | ..               |
| Wellington  | ..                        | ..       | ..                     | 890                                        | 341,538   | 1 21 16,682            | 9                                           | 1,107 0 0   | 77 13 4        | ..                            | ..          | ..             | 25                          | 11,486 1 0  | 860 7 7          |
| Nelson      | ..                        | ..       | ..                     | 43                                         | 12,385    | 2 0 294                | 0                                           | ..          | ..             | ..                            | ..          | ..             | 1                           | 226 1 32    | 4 4 9            |
| Marlborough | ..                        | ..       | ..                     | 19                                         | 3,358     | 1 29 105               | 19                                          | 129 2 32    | 3 17 10        | ..                            | ..          | ..             | ..                          | ..          | ..               |
| Westland    | ..                        | ..       | ..                     | 17                                         | 1,363     | 0 28 70                | 5                                           | ..          | ..             | ..                            | ..          | ..             | ..                          | ..          | ..               |
| Canterbury  | ..                        | ..       | ..                     | 262                                        | 87,357    | 3 13 5,950             | 2                                           | 1,035 3 17  | 67 13 10       | 3                             | 1,095 1 12  | 63 3 0         | ..                          | ..          | ..               |
| Otago       | ..                        | ..       | ..                     | 959                                        | 225,600   | 0 21 11,414            | 6                                           | 5,918 1 6   | 226 7 0        | 9                             | 2,807 2 8   | 80 8 4         | 10                          | 1,866 0 6   | 70 17 0          |
| Southland   | ..                        | ..       | ..                     | 305                                        | 78,174    | 0 35 2,974             | 10                                          | 321 0 10    | 15 6 10        | 3                             | 160 2 32    | 5 12 2         | ..                          | ..          | ..               |
| Totals      | ..                        | 19 9,105 | 2 28 435               | 8 84,523                                   | 1,327,414 | 0 8 57,110             | 1 0 41                                      | 12,448 2 14 | 514 17 4       | 39                            | 13,587 2 31 | 378 3 8        | 91                          | 33,403 0 11 | 954 12 2         |

| District.   | Total Area held on 31st March, 1897. |         |                | Amount received during the Year ended 31st March, 1897. |                       |         | Freeholds acquired during the Year. |               |                  | Made Freehold from Commencement of System to 31st March, 1897. |               |                                               | Selectors in Arrear, 31st March, 1897. |              |         |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|---------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|---------|
|             | No. of Selectors.                    | Area.   | Annual Rental. | On Year's Transactions.                                 | On Past Transactions. | £ s. d. | No. of Selectors.                   | Area.         | Amount realised. | No. of Selectors.                                              | Area.         | Total Amount realised, exclusive of Interest. | No. of Selectors.                      | Area.        | Amount. |
| Auckland    | 724                                  | 184,508 | £ 2 30 4,471   | 3                                                       | 3,933 0 1             | 30      | 8,474 0 7                           | 3,935 15 0    | 89               | 25,377 2 2                                                     | 12,113 16 9   | 148 36,260                                    | 1 34                                   | 938 1 10     |         |
| Hawke's Bay | 151                                  | 69,182  | 2 5 2,630      | 1                                                       | 2,695 5 3             | 25      | 9,678 1 29                          | 7,799 4 8     | 8162             | 70,093 3 2                                                     | 56,963 4 2    | 1 218                                         | 0 0                                    | 2 0 10       |         |
| Taranaki    | 249                                  | 62,762  | 2 18 3,046     | 5                                                       | 3,198 7 0             | 38      | 7,840 1 28                          | 7,567 13 9    | 174              | 42,818 2 10                                                    | 38,735 11 8   | 28 8,448                                      | 1 37                                   | 206 18 0     |         |
| Wellington  | 390                                  | 155,041 | 2 25 7,889     | 5                                                       | 3,090 5 2             | 73      | 34,741 2 26                         | 31,523 2 6    | 412              | 155,226 3 0                                                    | 145,830 6 5   | 28 15,967                                     | 2 19                                   | 539 10 4     |         |
| Nelson      | 42                                   | 11,965  | 3 8 289        | 15                                                      | 243 18 7              | 7       | ..                                  | ..            | 1                | 194 0 0                                                        | 97 0 0        | 6 1,306                                       | 1 23                                   | 19 18 7      |         |
| Marlborough | 11                                   | 1,796   | 2 7 52         | 2                                                       | 56 0 2                | ..      | ..                                  | ..            | 1                | 300 0 0                                                        | 82 10 0       | ..                                            | ..                                     | ..           |         |
| Westland    | 9                                    | 692     | 1 32 33        | 12                                                      | 40 1 7                | ..      | ..                                  | ..            | 4                | 370 2 36                                                       | 370 14 6      | 2 271                                         | 0 16                                   | 13 11 0      |         |
| Canterbury  | 107                                  | 17,450  | 3 10 1,237     | 2                                                       | 1,239 1 10            | 3       | 207 3 33                            | 348 1 0       | 27               | 2,530 7 9                                                      | 4,005 7 2     | 1 89                                          | 0 0                                    | 1 11 0       |         |
| Otago       | 494                                  | 91,950  | 2 16 3,015     | 10                                                      | 3,802 17 11           | 9       | 2,245 3 11                          | 1,806 2 0     | 37               | 8,176 2 24                                                     | 6,169 9 6     | 52 10,304                                     | 3 39                                   | 308 0 7      |         |
| Southland   | 169                                  | 35,693  | 3 12 1,381     | 1                                                       | 1,153 0 10            | 3       | 888 2 27                            | 597 0 0       | 30               | 6,424 3 16                                                     | 5,405 16 9    | 32 7,114                                      | 1 36                                   | 149 8 10     |         |
| Totals      | 2,346                                | 632,045 | 2 324,046      | 2 4                                                     | 325,451 18 5          | 181     | 64,027 0                            | 153,576 18 11 | 937              | 311,513 1                                                      | 19,269 773 16 | 11                                            | 298 79,980                             | 2 42,174 1 0 |         |