

TABLE C.—STATEMENT OF LANDS acquired to 31st March, 1898, prepared in terms of Subsection (2) of Section 39 of the said Act—*continued*.

Name of Settlement.	Area of each Block of Land as purchased.	Locality of Land.	Quality of Land.	Name of Person or Company from whom it was bought or acquired.	Price paid to Seller to 31st March, 1898.	Report and Valuation of Board.		Report on Conditions and Settlement of the Land.
						Report of Board.	Valuation of Board.	
	A. R. P.				£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Brought forward ..	27,977 0 24				136,011 7 9			
Otago Land District— <i>contd.</i>								
Puketapu ..	509 0 6	Block IV., Moeraki Survey District	Good hill-slopes, all ploughable	Cochrane, J.	3,308 14 10	The land is good, and suitable for settlement. The Board believes there is a demand in the district. The Government is recommended to purchase the land at £6 10s. an acre, conditionally on the title to parts of Sections 4 and 7, Block I., Hawkesbury, being completed	6 10 0	See Report attached.
Tahawai ..	69 0 19	Block I., Kurov Survey District	Open, level ground; deep, rich, alluvial silt	Stringer, G.	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 attached.
Teanaraki ..	347 3 18	Block XII., Oamaru, and Block VIII., Awamoko	All rich agricultural land	Meek, W.	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 attached.
Toka-rahi ..	11,051 2 9	Blocks II., VI., VII., and VIII., Maruwhenua Survey District	First-class table-land and low-lying ridges on lime-stone formation	McMaster, A. A.	77,360 17 10	The land is good, and suitable for settlement. There will be demand for this land in the district, and the purchase of the property is therefore recommended	..	See Report attached.
Total ..	39,954 2 36				222,347 2 3			
Southland Land District—								
Beaumont ..	4,322 3 20	Aparima Valley, Wairaki Survey District	The flat land is good quick soil, well adapted for grain and root crops. The ridges are composed of a strong clay soil on rough gravel bottom	Stevens's Trustees..	10,492 11 3	That the land is suitable for settlement, and is a continuation and extension of the area for agricultural farms up the Aparima Valley	2 8 6	See Report attached.
Merrivale ..	9,998 0 0	Waiau Survey 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 the purchase	3 0 0	See Report attached.
Otagu ..	6,044 0 29	Waiau Survey District	The land on ridges and along their base is good, but thinner towards river; sections well watered by run'g streams. Splendid timber available for fencing and building on property	Menzies and Batger	7,555 4 6	That the land is suitable for settlement, and is practically an extension of the Merrivale and Waiau Valley Settlements, to which it is adjacent	1 5 0	See Report attached.
Totals ..	20,365 0 9				43,032 15 9			
Grand totals ..	154,623 3 28				668,531 16 4			