

No. 4.—VILLAGE SETTLEMENT VALUATION. (PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.)

Settlement.	Pumping-plant complete, with building.	Fencing.	Clearing.	Grading.	Buildings.	Channel- ing.	Orchard, Vineyard.	Miscel- laneous.	Totals.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Lyrup ...	1,700	1,080	1,278	976	900	1,050	2,260	...	9,244
Pyap ...	1,500	750	2,037	100	800	700	400	...	6,287
Holder ...	1,120	560	2,230	27	1,100	280	370	...	5,687
Ramco ...	1,500	450	1,165	...	150	402	140	...	3,807
Waikerie ...	1,875	400	2,050	48	560	90	100	...	5,123
Kingston ...	1,500	320	1,200	40	150	360	360	*150	4,080
Moorook ...	1,610	363	1,002	40	400	475	720	†100	4,710
Murtho ...	1,164	675	1,087	30	500	130	400	...	3,986
Totals ...	11,969	4,598	12,049	1,261	4,560	3,487	4,750	250	42,924

* Town water-service (cost £350).

† Town water-service (cost £190).

GRAND TOTAL VALUATION.

	Value of Realisable Assets.	Value of Permanent Improve- ments.	Totals.
	£	£	£
Lyrup ...	9,244	3,969	13,213
Pyap ...	3,402	6,287	9,689
Holder ...	3,594	5,687	9,281
Ramco ...	2,396	3,807	6,203
Waikerie ...	2,692	5,123	7,815
Kingston ...	2,164	4,080	6,244
Moorook ...	2,116	4,710	6,826
Murtho ...	1,529	3,986	5,515
Grand Totals ...	27,137	37,649	64,786

7. LEVIN FARM.

DEAR SIR,—

Department of Labour, Wellington, 8th August, 1898.

Attached please find information desired by the Committee appointed to inquire into the question of State farms.

Yours, &c.,

J. MACKAY, Chief Clerk.

The Hon. W. M. Bolt, M.L.C.,

Chairman, State Farms Committee, Legislative Council.

DETAILED INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE LEVIN STATE FARM BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

Questions and Answers.

1. What is the area of the farm?—800 acres.
2. What proportion was bush and what open country when operations commenced?—All bush and scrub, no open country.
3. What was the value of the land when the farm was started?—£4 per acre.
4. What moneys has Parliament voted for carrying on operations at the farm, and what are the dates of the several votes?—January, 1894, to March, 1895 (Survey Department), £3,489 6s. 4d.; 1895 to 1896 (Labour Department), £2,500; 1896 to 1897 (Labour Department), £1,500; 1897 to 1898 (Labour Department), £800: total, £8,289 6s. 4d.