1899. ZEALAND. NEW

LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS

(ESTATES ACQUIRED UNDER), SHOWING AREA, ETC., OF EACH.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 12th July, 1898.

Ordered, "That a return be laid before this House showing the number of estates acquired under "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and the area, gross value, and unimproved value of each; also, the amount paid on each such estate in land-tax for the year immediately preceding acquirement."—(Mr. O'REGAN.)

Land- and Income-tax Department, Wellington,

6th July, 1899. DEAR SIR,-

As requested by you I have filled in, in the columns set apart therefor, the particulars asked for in the return of estates acquired under "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894."

It will be noticed that in some cases a large proportional difference is shown between the amount of purchase-money paid for a particular area, and the actual value appearing on the valuation-roll in respect of the valuation from which the area was taken. This is explained as follows: From the information at hand I am only able to quote the *pro ratâ* value of the area purchased of some of the large estates, which are valued as a whole, and includes land both of good and inferior quality, whereas the portion acquired by the Crown may represent the best land of the valuation of which it formed a part.

Yours faithfully. Yours faithfully,
John McGowan, Commissioner.

James McKerrow, Esq., Land Purchase Inspector, Wellington.

Return showing the Number of Estates acquired under "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," to the 31st March, 1899, and the Area, Gross Value, and Unimproved Value of each; also, the Amount paid on each such Estate in Land-tax for the Year immediately preceding acquirement.

Name of Estate) .	Area	a.	Purchase-money.	Gross Value.	Unimproved Value.	Land-tax.
Auckland—		Α.	в. Р.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. đ.
Karapiro		2,270	3 9	8,364 4 6	6,207 0 0	2,943 0 0	24 10 6
Okauia		5,919	1 30	4,143 12 1	4,440 0 0	4,440 0 0	37 0 0
Opouriao		7,604	0 0	24,261 3 3	34,000 0 0	21,300 0 0	44 7 6
Rangiatea		4,004	0 0	14,014 0 0	8,392 0 0	2,442 0 0	20 7 0
Total		19,798	0 39	50,782 19 10	53,039 0 0	31,125 0 0	126 5 0
Hawke's Bay—				45 050 40 0	W0 W0W 0		
Elsthorpe		9,740	0 0	45,878 10 0	50,565 0 0	39,309 0 0	165 6 0
Mahora		1,133	3 0	31,178 2 6	24,775 0 0	19,257 0 0	110 6 6
Pouparae		337	3 4	7,768 16 6	7,310 0 0	4,646 0 0	284
Raureka		427	2 0	10,260 0 0	9,925 0 0	7,925 0 0	4 2 6
Tomoana			2 16	0.000 47 0	2,410 0 0	1,856 0 0	10 12 8
Waimarie	• •	430	1 30	8,608 15 0	7,125 0 0	5,172 0 0	2 13 10
Willows	•••	775	2 0	14,734 10 0	14,123 0 0	12,333 0 0	154 3 3
Total		12,955	2 10	118,428 14 0	116,233 0 0	90,498 0 0	449 13 .1
Wellington-				0.077.0.0	0.500.0.0		
Paparangi	• •	322	3 32	3,875 8 0	3,500 0 0	2,220 0 0	5 4 7
Total		322	3 32	3,875 8 0	3,500 0 0	2,220 0 0	5 4 7
Marlborough-							
Blind River		5,020	0 0	14,678 10 5	10,000 0 0	9,700 0 0	57 15 3
Omaka		3,898	0 0	10,865 13 6	6,560 0 0	4,865 0 0	2 10 8
Puhi Puhi		320	0 0	320 0 0	1,250 0 0	950 0 0	2 13 7
Starborough		32,385	3 15	99,350 0 0	103,030 0 0	90,578 0 0	777 10 1
Richmond Brook		5,827	0 0	21,921 10 0	12,887 0 0	8,647 0 0	1 11 11
Flaxbourne (part)		404	0 0	1,212 0 0	822 0 0	755 0 0	6 6 4
Total		47,854	3 15	148,347 13 11	134,549 0 0	115,495 0 0	848 17 10