

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX No. 1.—ADMINISTRATION.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CROWN LANDS ON SETTLEMENT OPERATIONS DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED THE 31st MARCH, 1899.

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THE land transactions and the progress of settlement for the past year have been very successful, as the usual summary appended below will disclose. It is true that the total area selected is not so great as last year by 17,149 acres, simply because the single pastoral run of 50,000 acres which appeared in last year's return brought up the area to a greater volume than this year; yet *bond fide* settlement has progressed at a much greater rate, as the following comparisons will show, by taking settlement under the two heads of "occupation with right of purchase" and "lease in perpetuity": Occupation with right of purchase—1897-98, 186 selectors, for 31,993 acres; 1898-99, 205 selectors, for 44,189 acres. Lease in perpetuity—1897-98, 75 selectors, for 16,355 acres; 1898-99, 105 selectors, for 25,702 acres. Showing that 21,543 acres have been selected by forty-nine *bond fide* settlers in excess of last year.

The revenue from all sources has exceeded the estimate by £5,000. Of course it is not equal to last year's by some £12,000, but this is entirely owing to the cessation of sales of kauri timber. Last year the revenue from this source was £15,774, whilst for the past year the total timber sales only amounted to £3,672. The ordinary revenue is therefore very much larger than last year's.

SUMMARY OF LAND TRANSACTIONS DURING THE YEAR 1898-99.

Class of Selection.	Transactions during the Year.			Area held on 31st March, 1899.			Revenue received during the Year.				
	Number.	Area.		Number.	Area.						
Cash—		A.	R.	P.		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Town	20	41	3	27							
Suburban	16	574	2	35							
Rural	93	11,025	1	24							
Total cash	129	11,642	0	6	...	...			*5,588	17	3
Deferred payment	...	...			168	19,109	2	5	2,096	17	8
Perpetual lease	...	...			648	148,788	1	34	3,724	15	4
Perpetual lease, freehold	30	18,547	0	24	...	...			8,378	12	0
Occupation, right of purchase	205	44,188	2	29	1,141	215,855	1	19	3,123	18	11
Lease in perpetuity	105	25,702	1	28	634	120,368	0	30	1,714	1	3
Lease in perpetuity under Land for Settlements Act	36	7,927	3	19	98	15,493	2	7	1,499	17	5
Mining districts occupation ...	9	555	0	0	32	1,743	0	1	12	14	0
Agricultural leases	...	...			7	625	2	7	...		
Village - homestead special settlement	...	...			130	5,334	0	2	404	10	10
Special - settlement associations—											
Deferred payment	...	...			6	705	1	3	111	8	10
Perpetual lease	...	...			2	100	0	0	6	5	0
Lease in perpetuity	...	...			98	17,635	1	0	70	5	0
Improved-farm settlements ...	1	134	0	38	57	5,428	0	10	76	14	6
Homesteads	...	...			20	2,221	0	13	...		
Small grazing-runs	...	...			10	58,061	0	0	437	7	6
Pastoral runs	8	5,549	0	0	19	120,460	0	27	56	10	0
Miscellaneous leases, lands for settlement, year-to-year lease	7	151	2	29	7	151	2	29	14	8	6
Miscellaneous leases	7	525	0	26	71	2,174	0	6	305	15	1
Timber sold (47 trees and 190 sleepers)	...	6,269,670 ft.			...	...			3,672	3	8
Tramway, Tokatoka Swamp...	...	...			...	...			151	3	11
Thermal springs	29	87	2	28	215	5,614	0	26	1,351	13	6
Coal	...	47,226 tons			...	...			810	12	0
Tanekaha bark	...	13·26 "			...	...			5	8	6
Other sources	...	...			...	...			1,906	11	2
Total areas, &c.	566	115,010	3	27	3,363	739,868	1	19	35,520	11	10
" coal	...	47,226 tons			...	...			...		
" timber (47 trees, 190 sleepers)	...	6,269,670 ft.			...	...			...		
" bark	...	13·26 tons			...	...			...		

* Not including £150 in scrip.

Survey-fees not included in above received during year for—Cash, £204 12s. 8d.; occupation with right of purchase, £422 15s. 10d.; lease in perpetuity, £297 11s. 8d.; mining districts occupation leases, £85 10s.; total, £810 15s. 2d.