

LAND UNDER LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT.—(WESTLAND.)

*Poerua Estate.*—Most of the settlers upon this estate have made good headway in clearing and fencing portions of their holdings, and the locality now assumes a prosperous appearance; eight settlers reside on the land. The crops of grass and turnips came on remarkably well, which will enable the settlers to fatten their stock for market. The selectors are building cottages; but, as all the material for building has to be carted from the Poerua Railway-station, a distance of five miles, along the Bell Hill Road, which at present is partly a 5 ft. horse-track, the work has been delayed. This track has been widened from the railway-station to Deep Creek, and a sum is now in hand to continue the widening, which will be of great benefit to the settlers and others when completed. Most of the settlers have been employed either upon the Government road- or railway-works in the district.

Under the Land for Settlements Act an offer has been made by the Commissioners for an estate in the Kokatahi district, but up to the present no satisfactory arrangements have been come to.