

## LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACTS.

During the year eighteen estates, containing 85,023 acres, were, after survey and valuation, duly advertised by public advertisement, distribution of plans and pamphlets, as open in allotments for selection at fixed upset rentals (5 per cent. on capital value), on the lease-in-perpetuity system, conflicting applications being determined by ballot.

Though ten other estates were acquired during the financial year, there was not time to carry out the necessary surveys, &c., and place them on the market before the 31st March. These comprised the Cradock, Hetana, Kitchener, Methuen, Plumer, and Waari Workmen's Homes in the Auckland Land District; Forest Gate and Kumeroa Estates in Hawke's Bay; the Maungaraki Settlement (a further portion) in Wellington; and the Maytown and Lyndon No. 2 Estates in Canterbury.

Of the eighteen estates opened for selection, 69,929 acres, in 230 holdings, were leased, including the North Bank property, which was let temporarily as one run, in order that gold-miners might be allowed to continue their operations.

The Hatuma, Forest Gate, and Kumeroa properties were acquired under the compulsory provisions of the Land for Settlements Act, which method has not resulted in low valuations or capital values as finally determined. The 709½ acres undisposed of in the former was not available for disposal till recently, and is now advertised for lease.

The 4,348 acres unselected in the Manga-a-toro Settlement includes two small grazing-runs. The balance of Toka-ora Settlement is expected to be quitted shortly.

Maungaraki is already sold.

The following table shows the estates offered for the first time, and how they were disposed of:—

ESTATES OFFERED for SELECTION during the Year ending 31st March, 1902, under "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900."

| Land District, and Name of Estate. | Area of Estate. |    |    | Number of Selectors. | Area unselected, 31st March, 1902. |    |    | Annual Rental payable on Lands leased. |    |    | Date of Opening. |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----|----|----------------------|------------------------------------|----|----|----------------------------------------|----|----|------------------|
|                                    | A.              | R. | P. |                      | A.                                 | R. | P. | £                                      | s. | d. |                  |
| Hawke's Bay—                       |                 |    |    |                      |                                    |    |    |                                        |    |    |                  |
| Hatuma .. ..                       | 26,522          | 3  | 20 | 59                   | 709                                | 2  | 0  | 7,627                                  | 3  | 10 | 25 April, 1901.  |
| Manga-a-toro .. ..                 | 19,581          | 3  | 12 | 21                   | 4,348                              | 0  | 0  | 3,921                                  | 13 | 10 | 21 Jan., 1902.   |
| Taranaki—                          |                 |    |    |                      |                                    |    |    |                                        |    |    |                  |
| Tokaora .. ..                      | 1,505           | 2  | 8  | 6                    | 845                                | 0  | 22 | 670                                    | 19 | 10 | 20 Nov., 1901.   |
| Wellington—                        |                 |    |    |                      |                                    |    |    |                                        |    |    |                  |
| Mangawhata .. ..                   | 1,240           | 2  | 36 | 7                    | ..                                 |    |    | 826                                    | 10 | 0  | 14 May, 1901.    |
| Eponi Hamlet .. ..                 | 100             | 3  | 14 | 42                   | 2                                  | 1  | 24 | 480                                    | 5  | 8  | 25 June, 1901.   |
| Maungaraki .. ..                   | 470             | 3  | 4  | 10                   | 194                                | 2  | 22 | 125                                    | 17 | 2  | 20 Dec., 1901.   |
| Marlborough—                       |                 |    |    |                      |                                    |    |    |                                        |    |    |                  |
| North Bank .. ..                   | 12,895          | 0  | 0  | 1                    | ..                                 |    |    | 300                                    | 0  | 0  | 1 April, 1901.   |
| Canterbury—                        |                 |    |    |                      |                                    |    |    |                                        |    |    |                  |
| Kohika .. ..                       | 3,864           | 1  | 10 | 16                   | ..                                 |    |    | 1,451                                  | 14 | 2  | 13 May, 1901.    |
| Tarawahi .. ..                     | 31              | 3  | 0  | 12                   | 11                                 | 0  | 23 | 122                                    | 5  | 8  | 25 June, 1901.   |
| Raincliff .. ..                    | 745             | 2  | 0  | 1                    | ..                                 |    |    | 85                                     | 3  | 10 | 25 June, 1901.   |
| Pubuka .. ..                       | 39              | 2  | 7  | 6                    | 14                                 | 0  | 0  | 36                                     | 9  | 4  | 29 July, 1901.   |
| Kaimahi .. ..                      | 100             | 2  | 1  | 12                   | 6                                  | 1  | 14 | 236                                    | 9  | 10 | 15 Oct., 1901.   |
| Kapuatohe .. ..                    | 49              | 3  | 37 | 4                    | 19                                 | 2  | 0  | 82                                     | 19 | 2  | 15 Oct., 1901.   |
| R.S. 36278 .. ..                   | 618             | 2  | 0  | 1                    | ..                                 |    |    | 25                                     | 1  | 8  | 14 Nov., 1901.   |
| Rapuawai .. ..                     | 2,247           | 2  | 11 | 5                    | ..                                 |    |    | 480                                    | 16 | 8  | 9 Dec., 1901.    |
| Otago—                             |                 |    |    |                      |                                    |    |    |                                        |    |    |                  |
| Earnscliffe .. ..                  | 1,269           | 3  | 5  | 10                   | ..                                 |    |    | 170                                    | 3  | 6  | 18 Dec., 1901.   |
| Southland                          |                 |    |    |                      |                                    |    |    |                                        |    |    |                  |
| Ringway .. ..                      | 2,253           | 2  | 8  | 7                    | ..                                 |    |    | 460                                    | 9  | 0  | 20 Dec., 1901.   |
| Glenham .. ..                      | 11,484          | 2  | 10 | 10                   | 8,943                              | 1  | 24 | 591                                    | 5  | 2  | 24 March, 1902.  |
|                                    | 85,023          | 0  | 23 | 230                  | 15,094                             | 0  | 9  | 17,695                                 | 8  | 4  |                  |

SUMMARY of SELECTORS, RESIDENCES, and the CONDITION of ESTATES ACQUIRED and DEALT WITH, at 31st March, 1902.

| Land District and Name of Settlement. | Selectors. | Residences. | Condition, Progress, and Prospects.  |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Auckland—                             |            |             |                                      |
| Opouriao .. ..                        | 61         | 64          | Very satisfactory.                   |
| Okauia .. ..                          | 9          | 9           | Very little progress.                |
| Rangiatea .. ..                       | 19         | 16          | Fairly satisfactory.                 |
| Karapiro .. ..                        | 17         | 14          | Thriving (dairy farms).              |
| Fencourt .. ..                        | 35         | 27          | Progressive and sound (dairy farms). |
| Whitehall .. ..                       | 8          | 6           | Hopeful; chiefly grazing.            |
| Hawke's Bay—                          |            |             |                                      |
| Raureka .. ..                         | 19         | 18          | Prosperous.                          |
| Elsthorpe .. ..                       | 46         | 27          | "                                    |
| Waimarie .. ..                        | 18         | 16          | Thriving.                            |
| Pouparae .. ..                        | 9          | 6           | Progress good; dairying extending.   |
| Tomoana .. ..                         | 13         | 11          | Good.                                |
| Mahora .. ..                          | 32         | 25          | "                                    |
| Willows .. ..                         | 22         | 17          | Good (dairy farms).                  |
| Hatuma .. ..                          | 59         | 34          | Satisfactory.                        |
| Manga-o-toro .. ..                    | 21         | ..          | Only selected last January.          |