

*Pareora No. 1 Settlement* (near St. Andrew's).—Established January, 1894. Twenty-eight holders, all of whom are residing in the settlement, and complying with the conditions. The number of souls in the settlement is 104. Value of improvements effected, £2,346 17s. 6d., against £1,076 8s. 4d. required. The holdings are all improved, almost as much as possible, with the exception of those held by single men. The settlement has served a good purpose, and has given many families a fair start.

*Studholme Junction Settlement*.—Established January, 1894. Four holders, all of whom reside in the settlement, and comply satisfactorily, the number of souls being thirteen. Value of improvements effected, £419 8s., against £214 7s. 10d. required. The sections are improved as much as the tenants require, and the holders are all doing well.

*Kapua Settlement* (near Waimate).—Established March, 1894. Eleven holders, all of whom reside, and are, with the exception of small matters of detail in three cases, complying satisfactorily. The number of souls on the settlement is thirty-two, and the value of improvements effected, £1,430 5s., against £977 8s. 9d. required. Some of the settlers have suffered considerable loss from the recent floods, the drainage of the block being slow in heavy rains.

*Rosebrook Settlement* (near Timaru).—Established June, 1895. Fourteen holders, all of whom reside in the settlement, the number of souls being sixty-four. The value of improvements effected is £1,979 3s. 6d., against £988 15s. 3d. required. The settlement as a whole is doing well.

*Otaio Settlement* (near St. Andrew's).—Established June, 1895. Nine holders, all of whom reside in the settlement, and are complying, with the exception of two cases, in which the improvements are somewhat short of requirements. The number of souls is thirty-six, and the value of improvements effected is £1,128 5s. 6d., against £692 6s. 1d. required. The settlement has progressed during the year.

*The Peaks and Patoa Settlements* (near the Hurunui, North Canterbury).—Established 1895. Fifteen holders, two of whom, representing eleven souls, reside upon their sections. The remaining sections are held by the occupiers of small village holdings in the vicinity, whereon they reside and have their homesteads. The land is of inferior quality, and the full required value of improvements cannot in most cases be remuneratively placed on the land. Value of improvements effected, £2,638, against £2,912 11s. 9d. required.

*Roimata Settlement* (close to Christchurch).—Established August, 1895. Twenty-six holders, all of whom reside, and comply satisfactorily. The number of souls is 129, and the value of improvements effected, £4,304, against £878 12s. 8d. required.

*Braco Settlement* (also near Christchurch).—Established November, 1895. Fourteen holders, all but one of whom are residing on their holdings and complying. There are forty-four souls on the settlement, and the value of improvements effected is £1,363, against £430 15s. 6d. required.

*Kereta Settlement* (near Timaru).—Established December, 1895. Four holders, three of whom are in residence and doing well on their limited areas. The number of souls is twenty-six, and the value of improvements effected, £582 17s. 6d., against £193 13s. 3d. required.

*Epworth Settlement* (near Temuka).—Established November, 1895. Two holders, husband and wife, who reside on one of the lots, where they have made a good home and effected substantial improvements. The number of souls is six, and the value of improvements effected, £158 16s., against £13 11s. 2d. required.

*Ashley Gorge Settlement* (near East Oxford).—Established December, 1895. There are ten lease-in-perpetuity holders, and two sections form the homestead-sites for adjacent small grazing-runs. Including these two homestead-sites, the number of souls on the settlement is fifty-two, and the value of improvements effected, £3,393, against £1,859 10s. 6d. required. All the settlers are resident and complying. The holdings are used for grazing and dairying, and appear to afford a fairly comfortable living to the settlers.

*Orakipaoa Settlement* (near Temuka).—Established June, 1896. Twenty-seven holders, of whom twenty reside in the settlement, and seven are exempt by reason of residence in the adjacent Arowhenua Village, amongst these being two slight cases of deficiency in value of improvements effected. The resident holders are all complying satisfactorily, and the settlement is improving steadily, although recent floods have caused considerable damage. The number of souls in the settlement is ninety-three, and the value of improvements effected, £1,814 19s., against £716 2s. 1d. required.

*Highbank Settlement* (near Methven).—Established June, 1896. Sixty-nine holders, of whom fifty-six reside on their own holdings and three others with relatives on adjoining holdings. This settlement is making good progress, and the majority have very comfortable homes. The tenants are not cropping so extensively, and are depending more upon pasture. The non-resident lessees are principally upon the small ten-acre lots, which are the least successful part of the settlement. There are 239 souls upon the estate, and the value of improvements effected is £12,743 18s., against £4,910 8s. 2d. required.

*Waiapi and Rakitairi Settlements* (near Temuka).—Established March, 1897. On Waiapi there are fifteen holders, all of whom are in residence, with sixty-nine souls, and a total improvement value of £2,651 18s. 10d., against £464 8s. required. On Rakitairi there are twenty-one holders, nineteen of whom reside, and two on small properties adjoining. The number of souls is seventy-two, and the value of improvements effected, £3,359 0s. 6d., against £1,045 12s. 2d. required. Both of these settlements are in a very satisfactory condition. The tenants appear to be doing well, and, with two or three slight exceptions, keep their holdings and improvements in good order.

*Otarakaro Settlement* (near Christchurch).—Established March, 1897. Five holders, all of whom are resident and complying, and are gradually working their holdings into good order. The number of souls is thirty-one, and the value of improvements, £1,153, against £108 0s. 2d. required.