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NEW ZEALAND.

“ THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS CONSOLIDATION  
ACT, 1900 ”

(REPORT ON).

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly in compliance with Subsection (2), Section 73, of “The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900.”*

The LAND PURCHASE INSPECTOR to the Hon. the MINISTER OF LANDS.

SIR,—

Government Buildings, Wellington, 8th July, 1902.

I have the honour to report the transactions under “The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900,” that have taken place during the twelve months which ended on the 31st March, 1902.

The Board of Land Purchase Commissions held 19 meetings—viz., for Auckland 1, Hawke’s Bay 2, Taranaki 1, Wellington 8, Canterbury 4, Westland 1, Otago 1, and Southland 1; and dealt with 79 estates, containing 381,500 acres.

The number of properties offered during the year was 110, containing 452,518 acres.

The recommendations of the Board were accepted by the Government for 29 estates, and purchases were completed of 24 properties, containing 82,887 acres 1 rood 31 perches, for which £406,576 11s. 11d. was paid.

The names of the estates paid for during the year are—Cradock, Hetana, Kitchener, Methuen, Plumer, and Waari, in Auckland; Forest Gate, Kumeroa, and Mangatoro, in Hawke’s Bay; Toka-ora, in Taranaki; Langdale, Mangawhata, and Epuni, in Wellington; Kohika, Kaimahi, Kapuatohe, Lyndon No. 2, Maytown, Puhuka, Raincliff, Rapuwai, and Rural Section 36278, in Canterbury; and Glenham and Ringway, in Southland.

Since the 1st April, 1902, other estates have been acquired—viz., Te Reinga, in Hawke’s Bay; Linton, in Wellington; Patriarch, Raglan, and Manuka Island, in Marlborough; Kokotahi, in Westland; Eccleston and Mead, in Canterbury; Windsor Park and Windsor Park No. 2, in Otago. Negotiations are proceeding for the Longbush and Table-lands Runs, 27,000 acres, in Wellington; the Flaxbourne Estate of 55,000 acres, the Upton Downs, and Weld’s Hill Exchanges, in Marlborough; and the Levels Estate in Canterbury, containing 43,000 acres.

Requisitions for the compulsory taking of the following estates have been gazetted and served: viz., Longbush and Table-lands in Wellington, containing 27,000 acres, and Kokatahi (Diedrich’s) in Westland, containing 4,993 acres.

With regard to Milburne and Mount Vernon, which are also to be taken compulsorily, the requisition has to be served on the Milburne trustees in London, and, as they have 150 days in which to respond, the Arbitration Court cannot sit until October or November next. The Mount Vernon case is deferred until both the Hawke’s Bay cases can be taken together.

Negotiations for the purchase by agreement of a considerable portion of Longbush and Table-lands are nearly complete, and the balance will go before a Court of Arbitration as soon as a date can be settled.

The owner of the Kokatahi property having asserted his right to retain the maximum area allowed, an agreement was come to whereby an area of 1,911 acres was acquired at a reasonable price, and the action taking the remainder was adjourned.

For workmen’s hamlets there were 8 properties purchased during the year—viz., Cradock, Hetana, Kitchener, Methuen, Plumer, and Waari, near Auckland; Kaimahi and Kapuatohe, near Christchurch; and Puhuka, near Timaru.

The transactions under the Land for Settlements Act, as disclosed in the “Statement of Receipts and Expenditure” for the year which ended on the 31st March, 1902, published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 22nd May, show that the rents received from 386,530 acres of lands leased amount to £90,053 5s. 6d., and the interest paid was £66,834 18s. 6d., giving a profit for the year of £23,218 7s.

The original Land for Settlements Act was passed in October, 1892, the first purchase was made in November, 1893, and the first land offered to the public was in December, 1893.

The total purchase-money paid for the 107 estates, containing 448,349 acres, acquired to 31st March, 1902, amounts to £2,117,352 4s. 3d. To this has to be added preliminary expenses,

and costs of roading and preparing for settlement, £111,776 5s. 11d., making a total cost of £2,229,128 10s. 2d.

Interest and expenses on issue of debentures amount to £213,828 4s. 5d.

The total revenue to the 31st March was £303,105 15s. 11d., the surplus or profit to date is therefore £89,377 11s. 6d.

The sum at the credit of the account is stated to be £382,692 6s. 3d., which, with the amount which may be raised, and rents, is sufficient to meet the operations of the current year.

On the 31st December, 1901, Mr. James McKerrow retired from office as Chairman of the Board of Land Purchase Commissioners, after a service of forty-three years in various capacities, and the Government transferred me to fill the position.

The following resolution was passed by the Board on the 29th November, 1901: "The Board desires to place on record its sense of the very high esteem in which Mr. McKerrow is held, and trusts that he will long be spared to enjoy a well-deserved rest, after his long and arduous labours in the public service. On his retirement our best wishes will follow him, and the hope is expressed that the operations of the Board may be in the future as successfully and harmoniously conducted as under Mr. McKerrow's presidency."

The returns and reports required by the Act are appended.

I have, &c.,

A. BARRON,

Land Purchase Inspector,

Chairman of the Board of Land Purchase Commissioners.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands.

TABLE A.—SUMMARY of all LANDS OFFERED to GOVERNMENT under "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900," and how dealt with, from 1st April, 1901, to 31st March, 1902.

Land District where Land situated.	Number of Estates offered.	Area offered.	Area declined without going to Board.	Area not recommended by Board.	Area recommended by Board.	Area under Consideration.	Area withdrawn.	Total.
		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Auckland	19	183,711	..	65,762	1,088	116,861	..	183,711
Hawke's Bay	3	14,938	..	..	4,850	5,865	4,223	14,938
Taranaki	4	5,823	..	1,860	1,505	814	1,644	5,823
Wellington	29	47,658	..	11,211	11,480	22,313	2,654	47,658
Nelson	2	6,002	..	6,002	..	..	..	6,002
Westland	1	4,993	..	..	4,993	..	..	4,993
Canterbury	35	86,948	4,022	12,575	40,604	23,075	672	86,948
Otago	6	5,980	..	..	3,810	2,120	..	5,980
Southland	11	96,515	..	7,069	13,808	71,610	4,028	96,515
Total	110	452,518	4,022	104,479	82,138	248,658	13,221	452,518

TABLE B.—RETURN of LANDS RECOMMENDED for PURCHASE by the BOARD of LAND PURCHASE COMMISSIONERS under the above Act from 1st April, 1901, to 31st March, 1902.

Name of Seller and Locality.	Area offered by Vendor.			Price asked.		Price offered for Land.		Total Price paid to Seller.		Cost of Roading, Administration, &c., to Date.		Total Cost to Date.			Remarks.	
	A.	R.	P.	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.	d.		
<b>AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.</b>																
Chambers, Mrs. C. A. W., "Craddock"	33	0	0	30	6	0	30	6	0	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0	Purchase complete.
Hoffmann, H. T., "Hetana"	451	0	0	11	0	0	11	0	0	4,925	14	3	4,925	5	3	"
Ching, T., "Kitchener"	27	0	0	35	0	0	32	9	10	876	9	8	876	9	8	"
Gallagher's Estate, "Methuen"	78	0	0	45	0	0	45	0	0	3,528	16	10	3,528	16	10	"
Roberts, T., "Plumer"	72	0	0	12	0	0	12	0	0	888	0	0	888	0	0	"
Bruce and others, "Waari"	427	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	855	8	0	855	8	0	"
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>12,047</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12,047</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.</b>																
Mason, M., "Te Reinga"	4,850	0	0	3	5	0	3	5	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	Purchase-money since paid.
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,850</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	
<b>TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.</b>																
Livingstone, J., "Tokaora"	1,505	0	0	25	0	0	21	0	0	31,616	11	0	31,616	11	0	Purchase complete.
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>31,616</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,616</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.</b>																
Pharazyn's Executors, "Marahou"	5,248	0	0	9	3	0	8	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	Owner refused price offered.
Nathan Bros.	504	0	0	22	10	0	19	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
Greenaway, J. M., "Felton"	3,140	0	0	18	0	0	15	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
Riddiford, D. J.	2,040	0	0	11	12	0	9	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
Linton, R., "Linton's"	548	0	0	13	0	0	12	10	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	Purchase-money since paid.
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,480</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	
<b>WESTLAND LAND DISTRICT.</b>																
Diedrich, H., "Kokatahi"	4,993	0	0	5	0	0	3	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	Under consideration at 31st March. Since partly acquired.
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,993</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	
<b>CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.</b>																
Elworthy, E.	7,820	0	0	5	0	0	3	18	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	Owner declined price offered.
Yonge, R., "Parnassus"	7,000	0	0	4	0	0	3	15	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
Wright, E.	675	0	0	10	0	0	9	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
Barrett, J.	416	0	0	10	0	0	7	10	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
Hack's Farm	140	0	0	35	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Purchase not approved.
Chapman, E. P., "Eccleston"	1,243	0	0	9	6	0	8	10	0	5,286	12	0	5,286	12	0	The purchase of "Eccleston" has been completed since 31st March, 1902.
McGovern and Hardie, "Maytown"	391	0	0	14	0	0	13	10	0	8,990	5	6	8,990	5	6	Purchase complete.
Sullivan, J., "Rapuawai"	2,250	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	
<b>Carried forward</b>	<b>19,995</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>14,276</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14,276</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	

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Name of Seller and Locality.	Area offered by Vendor.		Price asked.		Price offered for Land.		Total Price paid to Seller.		Cost of Roading, Administration, &c., to Date.		Total Cost to Date.		Remarks.
	A.	R. P.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Brought forward .. .. .	19,935	0 0	..	..	..	..	14,276	17 6	226	10 11	14,503	8 5	
CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT—continued.													
Percival, Sir W. B., "Kaimahi" .. .. .	100	0 0	50	0 0	47	0 0	4,700	0 0	52	5 2	4,752	5 2	Purchase complete.
Parker, F. E., "R.S. 36278" .. .. .	618	0 0	0	15 7	0	15 7	483	17 9	3	3 0	487	0 9	
Macfarlane, D. D. and A., "Lyndon No. 2" .. .. .	15,750	0 0	..	..	2	15 0	43,326	5 0	542	9 0	43,868	14 0	Purchase completed since 31st March, 1902.
Johnston's Trustees, "Springbank" .. .. .	1,860	0 0	..	..	9	15 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	Not approved.
" .. .. .	2,341	0 0	..	..	9	10 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total .. .. .	40,604	0 0	..	..	..	..	62,787	0 3	824	8 1	63,611	8 4	
OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.													
Menlove, E., "Windsor Park" .. .. .	3,810	0 0	10	17 0	8	5 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	Offer accepted, and purchase-money since paid.
Total .. .. .	3,810	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.													
Otago and Southland Investment Co., "Glenham" .. .. .	11,500	0 0	3	4 6	3	4 6	37,100	0 0	412	13 4	37,512	13 4	Purchase complete.
Murray, Roberts, and Co., "Ringway" .. .. .	2,308	0 0	3	9 4	3	5 9	8,000	0 0	121	17 1	8,121	17 1	
Total .. .. .	13,808	0 0	..	..	..	..	45,100	0 0	534	10 5	45,634	10 5	
SUMMARY.													
Auckland .. .. .	1,088	0 0	..	..	..	..	12,047	8 9	31	16 0	12,079	4 9	
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	4,850	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Taranaki .. .. .	1,505	0 0	..	..	..	..	31,616	11 0	389	18 8	32,006	9 8	
Wellington .. .. .	11,480	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Westland .. .. .	4,993	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Canterbury .. .. .	40,604	0 0	..	..	..	..	62,787	0 3	824	8 1	63,611	8 4	
Otago .. .. .	3,810	0 0	..	..	..	..	45,100	0 0	534	10 5	45,634	10 5	
Southland .. .. .	13,808	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total .. .. .	82,138	0 0	..	..	..	..	151,551	0 0	1,780	13 2	153,331	13 2	

TABLE C (PART I).—STATEMENT OF LANDS ACQUIRED AND OFFERED, from 1st April, 1901, to 31st March, 1902, prepared in Terms of Subsection (2) of Section 73 of the said Act.

Name of Settlement.	Area of each Block.	Locality of Land.	Quality of Land.	Mode of Acquisition.	Name of Person or Company from whom acquired.	Price paid to Seller.	Report of Land Purchase Board.	Valuation of Board.	Report on Conditions and Settlement of the Land.
	A. R. P.					£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Hawke's Bay District— Manga-a-toro ..	19,581 3 12	Blocks XII., Tahoraite Survey District, IX., X., XIII., and XIV., Mangatiro Survey District	Hill and down land, on limestone formation	By agreement..	Assets Realisation Board	88,118 4 3	The land is suitable for mixed farms. The Board recommends purchase	4 10 0	
Taranaki District— Tokaura ..	1,505 2 8	Sections 21 to 25, 71 to 73, 96 to 102, part 105, 553, 555, and 663, part 28, Block VIII., Waimate S.D., and Block IX., Hawera S.D.	Soil good and fairly heavy, dark-brown mould overlying yellow clay, and in a few places rock	"	Livingstone, James	31,616 11 0	Land good and suitable for subdivision into dairy farms. There is a demand for this class of land in the district, and the Board therefore recommends the Government to purchase	21 0 0	
Wellington Land District— Langdale ..	9,406 0 0	Blocks II. and III., Reva, and XIV. and XV., Mangapakeha Survey Districts	Volcanic formation; sub-aqueous and alluvial; sub-soil generally of a clayey nature	"	Elder's Trustees ..	30,669 10 0	The land is good and suitable for settlement, and the Board recommends its acquisition	3 5 0	
Mangawhata ..	1,240 2 36	Blocks XI. and XV., Te Kawau Survey District	Low-lying grassed flats ..	"	Morrison, M. ..	16,129 8 6	The land is good, and suitable for settlement. The Board believes there will be a demand for the land	13 0 2	
Epuni ..	98 1 34	Block XIV., Belmont Survey District	Rich level land, with deep loamy alluvial soil, resting on gravel formation	"	Mason, S. S. ..	8,861 12 6	The land is good, and suitable for subdivision for workmen's homes. The Board believes there will be a demand for this land, and therefore recommends its acquisition	9 0 0	
Canterbury Land District— Rural Section 36278 (Parker) Kohika ..	2 1 20				Forrest, A. ..	285 0 0		120 0 0	
..	618 2 0	Blocks I. and II., Meyer Survey District	Good agricultural land ..	"	Parker, H. R. ..	483 17 9	Board recommends purchase of this land as an addition to Mrs. E. J. Parker's holding, 36206 and 36207	483 17 9	
..	1,728 2 4	Blocks II., Waimate Survey District, and XIV., Otato Survey District	Flats and open, flat-topped, undulating, and rolling downs	"	Teschmaker's Trustees	28,093 4 3	The land is good, and suitable for settlement, and the Board recommends its acquisition	5 15 0	
..	2,135 3 6	Block IX., Ophi Survey District	Good grass land on large area.	"	N.Z. Trust and Loan Company (Limited)	2,424 5 0	The Board recommended the purchase of the smaller area so as to reserve the valuable plantation of trees and the larger area of grass land as one farm	8 10 0	
..	553 1 0							3 0 0	
..	192 1 0	Block X., Arowhenua ..	Soil a deep loam, on a clay subsoil	"	Howley, T. ..	989 4 4	The land is suitable for subdivision for workmen's homes, and the Board recommends its acquisition	4 0 0	
..	39 2 7	Rural Sections 226B and 226C, Block VI., Christchurch Survey District	Good black soil on a stiff clay bottom	"	Percival, Sir W. B. ..	4,700 0 0	Land good and suitable for settlement as workmen's homes. There is a demand for this class of land. Board recommends Government to purchase	43 10 0	
..	100 2 1	Section 331, Block VII., Christchurch Survey District	Soil varying from first class to light and inferior	"	Cambridge, A. B. ..	2,249 3 1	Land good and suitable for settlement. There is a demand in the district for this class of land, and Board recommends Government to purchase	45 0 0	
..	49 3 37	Blocks X. and XIV., Ophi Survey District	Land good quality, comprising low downs with retentive subsoil	"	Sullivan, J. ..	8,990 5 6	Land good and suitable for settlement. There is a demand for land in the district. Board therefore recommends Government to purchase	4 5 0	
..	2,247 2 11								
..	2,253 2 8	Blocks XIV. and XVI., Jacob's River Hundred	Part rich loam and part poorish clay. Land generally in good condition	"	Murray, Roberts, and Co.	8,000 0 0	Land good and suitable for settlement in farms of from 200 to 400 acres each. Board therefore recommends Government to purchase	8,000 0 0	
..	11,484 2 10	Blocks IV. to IX. and XI., Wyndham Survey District; and Block III., Toetoes Survey District	Greater part fair agricultural land with friable subsoil	"	Otago and Southland Investment Company	37,100 0 0	Land good and suitable for settlement in farms of from 150 to 500 acres. Board recommends Government to purchase this estate	37,000 0 0	See attached report of Surveyor-General to Minister of the Land.
Glenham ..									
Southland Land District— Ringway ..	2,253 2 8	Blocks XIV. and XVI., Jacob's River Hundred	Part rich loam and part poorish clay. Land generally in good condition	"	Murray, Roberts, and Co.	8,000 0 0	Land good and suitable for settlement in farms of from 200 to 400 acres each. Board therefore recommends Government to purchase	8,000 0 0	
..	11,484 2 10	Blocks IV. to IX. and XI., Wyndham Survey District; and Block III., Toetoes Survey District	Greater part fair agricultural land with friable subsoil	"	Otago and Southland Investment Company	37,100 0 0	Land good and suitable for settlement in farms of from 150 to 500 acres. Board recommends Government to purchase this estate	37,000 0 0	
Total	53,237 3 34					268,710 6 2			

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TABLE C (PART II).—STATEMENT OF LAND ACQUIRED FROM 1st April, 1901, to 31st March, 1902; but not opened for Selection at 31st March, 1902.

Name of Settlement.	Date of purchase.	Area purchased.	Locality of Land.	Quality of Land.	Mode of Acquisition.	Name of Person or Company from whom acquired.	Purchase-money paid to Seller.	Report of Land Purchase Board.	Valuation of Block.	Report on Conditions and Settlement of the Land.
Auckland Land District— Cradock	7 Feb., 1902	A. R. P. 33 1 33	Part Allotment No. 62, Parish of Tihirangi	Partly flat and partly undulating bush and fern land; soil poor	By agreement	Chambers, Mrs. C. A. W.	£ 1,000 0 0	Land suitable for workmen's homes. Board recommends Government to purchase	25 0 0	£ s. d.
Heiama..	23 Sept., 1901	445 1 14	Lots 47, 85 to 88, 238A, 239 to 241, Parish of Waikomiti	Soil sandy clay of medium quality. Land undulating, part still in virgin state	"	Hoffmann, H. T.	4,898 14 3	Ditto	12 0 0	
Kitchener	13 Feb., 1902	26 9 35	Lots 64 and 65 of Allotments 7 and 14, Parish of Tihirangi	Soil good, being loam and clay of good quality overlying clay subsoil. Land all in pasture	"	Ching T.	876 9 8	"	30 0 0	
Methuen	12 Feb., "	78 1 27	Part Allotment 65, Parish of Tihirangi	Soil poor and vegetation sparse	"	Gallagher's Trustees	3,528 16 10	"	45 0 0	
Plumer ..	12 Feb., "	74 0 0	Lot 29 of Allotment 7, Parish of Waipareira	Soil good, principally alluvial, from 4 in. to 6 in. deep on clay subsoil	"	Roberts, T., and Assets Realisation Board	888 0 0	"	12 0 0	
Waari ..	9 Oct., 1901	427 2 32	Part Section 90, Waikumete Parish	Soil sandy clay of poor quality, but appears capable of improvement under cultivation, being friable with a good subsoil	"	Bruce and others	855 8 0	"	2 0 0	
Total	..	1,085 3 21	..	..	..	..	12,047 8 9	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay Land District— Forest Gate	1 Mar., 1902	8,822 0 0	Sections 65A, 67 to 70, 69A, 71 to 75, 77, 78, 167 to 169, 214, 223, 229 to 231, and 252, Blocks VII., VIII., XI., and XII., Ruataniwha S.D.	Partly flat and partly undulating. Flats shingly; ridges clay	By compulsory purchase. Award of Compensation Court. £48,521	Herrick's Trustees	48,521 0 0	Land good and suitable for settlement. A demand exists in the district for this class of land, and the Board therefore recommends the purchase	3 17 6	
Kumeroa	31 Mar., "	3,600 0 0	Sections 9, 17, 18, 22 to 26, 34 to 37, 39, and part Section 3, Block IX., Woodville S.D.; and Sections 22, 23, 25 to 30, parts Sections 18 to 20, Block XIII., Tahoraita S.D.	Sandy loam to clay loam and swamp. Part hilly land; formation papa sandstone.	Taken compulsorily. Award of Compensation Court. £28,685	Crosse, T. E.	28,685 0 0	Land good and suitable for settlement. Board believes there is a good demand for this land	6 15 0	No report. Land not opened at 31st March, 1902.
Total	..	12,422 0 0	..	..	..	..	77,206 0 0	..	..	..
Canterbury Land District— Lyndon No. 2	27 Mar., 1902	15,750 0 0	Sections part 56, 57 to 60, part 61, 62 to 68, part 69, 70 to 87, Blocks VI., VII., X., XI., XII., and XV., Lyndon S.D.	Varying from good flat agricultural land to well-grassed downs and hilly country	By agreement	Macfarlane, D. and A.	43,326 5 0	Three-quarters of this land is pastoral and a quarter agricultural. It is suitable for settlement in small grazing-runs and mixed farms. There is a demand for land in the district, and the Board therefore recommends Government to purchase	2 15 0	
Maytown	26 Mar., "	391 2 16	Sections 6297, parts 6145, 6218, 6286, 6286x, 6309, and 16587, Blocks XI. and XV., Waimate S.D.	Good flat and undulating agricultural and pastoral land	"	McGovern and Hardie	5,286 12 0	Land good and suitable for subdivision into various-sized farms. There is a good demand for this class of land, and the Board therefore recommends Government to purchase	13 10 0	
Total	..	16,141 2 16	..	..	..	..	48,612 17 0	..	..	..
Grand total ..	..	29,649 1 37	..	..	..	..	137,866 5 9	..	..	..

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 TABLE C (PART III).—SUMMARY OF ESTATES ACQUIRED BEFORE AND AFTER 31st MARCH, 1901, AND AMOUNTS OF PURCHASE-MONEY.

Name of Land District.	No. of Estates acquired before 31st March, 1901.		Area acquired before 31st March, 1901.		No. of Estates acquired from 1st April, 1901, to 31st March, 1902.		Area acquired from 1st April, 1901, to 31st March, 1902.		Total Numbers of Estates to 31st March, 1902.		Total Area to 31st March, 1902.		Amounts of Purchase-money to 31st March, 1902.	
	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	£	s. d.
Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	6	35,869 2 14	6	1,085 3 21	12	36,955 1 35	101,794 5 2			
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	8	89,479 3 28	3	32,008 3 12	11	71,483 3 0	425,553 7 3			
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1,505 2 8	1	1,505 2 8	31,616 11 0			
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	5	5,036 1 05	3	10,746 2 10	8	15,772 3 15	121,346 6 10			
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	7	68,135 2 0	..	..	7	68,135 2 0	165,292 15 9			
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	1	3,230 1 6	..	..	1	3,230 1 6	3,634 1 6			
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	39	132,688 2 27	9	23,807 2 2	48	156,496 0 29	843,564 15 1			
Otago ..	..	..	..	..	14	60,396 3 15	..	..	14	60,396 3 15	336,417 5 11			
Southland ..	..	..	..	..	3	20,635 1 0	2	13,738 0 18	5	34,373 1 18	88,132 15 9			
Totals ..	..	..	..	..	83	365,462 1 15	24	82,887 1 31	107	448,349 3 6	2,117,352 4 3			



The SECRETARY for CROWN LANDS and SURVEYOR-GENERAL to the Hon. the MINISTER  
of LANDS.

SIR,—

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 23rd June, 1902.

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.
Epuni 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 .. .. .	81	3	0	12	11	0	23	122	5	8	25 June, 1901.
Raincliff .. .. .	745	2	0	1	..	..	..	85	3	10	25 June, 1901.
Puhuka .. .. .	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.
Kaputahe .. .. .	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.
Rapuwai .. .. .	2,247	2	11	5	..	..	..	480	16	8	9 Dec., 1901.
Otago—											
Earnsleugh .. .. .	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

SUMMARY of SELECTORS, RESIDENCES, ETC.—*continued.*

Land District and Name of Settlement.	Selectors.	Residences.	Condition, Progress, and Prospects.
Taranaki—			
Tokara .. .. .	6	1	Good as to part disposed of.
Wellington—			
Paparangi .. .. .	37	37	Success assured.
Ohakea .. .. .	15	11	Satisfactory.
Te Matua .. .. .	13	13	"
Aorangi .. .. .	37	36	Very successful.
Langdale .. .. .	25	15	Good.
Mangawhata .. .. .	7	6	"
Epuni Hamlet .. .. .	42	24	Success assured.
Maungaraki .. .. .	10	..	Good.
Marlborough—			
Blind River .. .. .	18	18	Satisfactory.
Omaka .. .. .	13	10	Good.
Puhipuhi .. .. .	2	..	"
Starborough .. .. .	112	59	"
Richmond Brook .. .. .	11	10	Improvements well done.
North Bank .. .. .	1	..	Let temporarily.
Waipapa .. .. .	3	2	Indifferent.
Westland—			
Poerua .. .. .	18	11	Progress slow.
Canterbury—			
Pareora .. .. .	28	28	Satisfactory.
Studholme Junction .. .. .	4	4	Tenants doing well.
Kapua .. .. .	11	11	Suffered from recent flood; condition sound.
Rosebank .. .. .	14	14	Doing well.
Otaio .. .. .	9	9	Progressive.
Patoa .. .. .	4	2	Satisfactory.
The Peaks .. .. .	11	11	"
Roimata .. .. .	26	26	"
Kereta .. .. .	4	3	Doing well.
Braco .. .. .	14	13	Satisfactory.
Epworth .. .. .	2	2	"
Ashley Gorge .. .. .	10	10	Prosperous.
Omih Valley .. .. .	1	..	Let temporarily.
Orakipaoa .. .. .	27	20	Improving steadily.
Highbank .. .. .	69	56	Good progress.
Otarakaro .. .. .	5	5	Good.
Wharenui .. .. .	26	26	Good progress.
Rakitairi .. .. .	21	19	} Very satisfactory; tenants doing well.
Waiapi .. .. .	15	15	
Horsley Downs .. .. .	25	25	Settlers doing well.
Albury .. .. .	72	63	Very successful.
R.S. 1862 .. .. .	1	1	} Let as homesteads for other lands.
Part R.S. 2682 .. .. .	1	1	
R.S. 36469, Cannington .. .. .	1	1	
R.S. 36231 .. .. .	1	1	
R.S. 36056 and 36057 .. .. .	1	1	
R.S. 36228 .. .. .	1	1	
Marawiti .. .. .	12	12	Good as to large holdings; small not so successful.
Hekeao .. .. .	13	13	Doing well.
Pawaho .. .. .	23	21	Satisfactory.
Waikakahi .. .. .	162	131	Progress rapid; good improvements.
Tamai .. .. .	39	32	Satisfactory progress during year.
Takitū .. .. .	5	5	Doing well; satisfactory improvements.
Pareora No. 2 .. .. .	33	33	Rapid progress during year.
Rautawiri .. .. .	6	6	Satisfactory.
Papaka .. .. .	9	9	Improved very much.
Punaroa .. .. .	16	16	Substantial progress.
Lyndon .. .. .	8	6	Excellent start has been made.
Kohika .. .. .	16	7	Promises well.
Tarawahi .. .. .	12	6	Satisfactory.
Raincliff .. .. .	1	..	Only recently selected.
Puhuka .. .. .	6	2	Promises well.
Kaimahi .. .. .	12	7	Good start has been made.
Kapuatōhe .. .. .	4	1	Sections only recently selected.
R.S. 36278 .. .. .	1	..	Let as homestead for other land.
Rapuwai .. .. .	5	3	Only recently selected.
Otago—			
Pomahaka .. .. .	17	17	Crops good on area let.
Teanaraki .. .. .	22	17	Progress slow.
Tahawai .. .. .	8	8	Prosperous.
Maerewhenua .. .. .	72	57	Prosperous, but crops damaged.
Puketapu .. .. .	11	9	Tenants doing well.
Ardgowan .. .. .	65	51	Thriving; crops good.
Makareao .. .. .	31	} 18	Prospects good; crops damaged.
Makareao No. 2 .. .. .	3		
Momona .. .. .	14	14	Tenants doing well; improvements good and substantial.
Tokarahi .. .. .	79	42	Satisfactory progress.
Janefield .. .. .	21	19	Promises well.
Elderslie .. .. .	33	18	Satisfactory progress.
Barnego .. .. .	21	18	Good progress; improvements substantial.
Earnsclough .. .. .	10	..	Only recently selected.
Southland—			
Merrivale .. .. .	47	37	Satisfactory.
Otahu .. .. .	7	4	Not satisfactory.
Beaumont .. .. .	10	4	"
Ringway .. .. .	7	6	Only recently selected.
Glenham .. .. .	10	2	"
Totals .. .. .	2,039	1,462	

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