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Lyndon No. 1 Settlement (near Waiau, North Canterbury).—Established March, 1901. Nine holders, six of whom have built and are residing and complying satisfactorily; one is residing in a temporary structure; and one is non-resident, and will be dealt with by the Land Board. The number of souls is thirty-three; and the value of improvements effected £4,272, against £842 17s. 8d. required. The holdings are generally well farmed, and used principally for grazing purposes; the small area put into grain-crop has, however, yielded fair results.

Kohika Settlement (near Otaio, South Canterbury).—Established May, 1901. Seventeen holders, fourteen of whom, with forty-nine souls, are in residence and complying satisfactorily. The remaining lessee has commenced building, but is very dilatory. The value of improvements effected is £3,929 19s., against £1,446 18s. 6d. required. Most of the improvements effected are very substantial, and as the holdings are of good size and quality and have easy access to a railway the settlement appears likely to prove a very prosperous and successful one.

Raincliff Settlement (near Fairlie).—Established June, 1901. One holder, who is residing and complying, keeping the holding in good order and making very substantial improvements. Number of souls, four. Value of improvements effected £440 11s. 1d., against £42 11s. 11d. required.

Tarawahi Hamlet (close to Christchurch).—Established June, 1901. Sixteen holders, twelve of whom are residing and complying. There are fifty-one souls on the settlement; and the improvements effected amount to £2,075, against £450 required. This settlement has progressed satisfactorily during the year, and the unselected sections are being taken up more rapidly. The resident settlers are making good homes, and as the hamlet is well situated in a progressing locality there is every prospect of its being a success, though the rents are at present considered high.

Puhuka Hamlet (close to Timaru).—Established July, 1901. Seven holders, all of whom are residing and complying. The number of souls is seventeen; and the value of improvements effected £1,032 18s. 9d., against £150 required. The improvements are substantial, and the holders appear to be doing well. The smaller lots are not sought after, and may have to be grouped.

Kaimahi Settlement (at Papanui, near Christchurch).—Established October, 1901. Thirteen holders, of whom nine have built and are residing and complying, one is living in a tent, one section is held as a gravel-pit by the local body, and the remaining two lessees have not yet built nor entered into residence. The number of souls is twenty-four; and the value of improvements effected £1,371, against £120 12s. 9d. required. Most of the holders are working their land well, but it will take a good deal of effort to clean it of weeds, including Californian thistle. The holders' returns so far have not been satisfactory.

Kaputaho Hamlet (at Belfast, near Christchurch).—Established October, 1901. Nine lessees, seven of whom are residing and complying, and in the remaining case the section is held by the local body as a gravel-pit. The number of souls is twenty-one, and the value of improvements effected £725, against £41 12s. 1d. required. The holdings, though comprising light land, have this year given satisfactory results. There is no demand for the half-acre sections which were laid off fronting the main road, which will probably have to be grouped.

Rapuwai Settlement (eight miles from Pleasant Point).—Established December, 1901. Five holders, all single men, so that the population is only six souls. The value of improvements effected is £1,274 11s. 7d., against £236 2s. 6d. required. With one exception the residence and improvements are satisfactory. Very little cropping has been done, but there has been plenty of feed.

Lyndon No. 2 Settlement (near Waiau, North Canterbury).—Established April, 1902. Ten holders, six of whom are residing on their own sections and one on a relative's holding, while two have not yet built nor entered into residence. The number of souls is thirteen; and the value of improvements effected £3,703, against £1,833 11s. 5d. required. Very little crop has been grown, the lands being used principally for grazing. The small-grazing-run holders have lost considerably, owing in a great measure to injudicious burning soon after selection, followed by a late spring.

Maytown Settlement (close to Waimate).—Established April, 1902. Twelve holders, eight of whom were actually in residence, while the other two had only recently completed their houses, and were to move into them shortly. The number of souls is thirty-seven; and the value of improvements effected £1,190 18s. 2d., against £126 2s. 8d. required. The improvements are generally very good, and a satisfactory amount of progress has been made considering that the first year of occupation had barely expired.

Eccleston Settlement (near Otaio, South Canterbury).—Established May, 1902. Four holders. One lessee has built a good new house and made an excellent start, and one resides in the original homestead buildings. The other two lessees have not built, have made practically no improvements, and only reside temporarily. The total value of new improvements is only £302 4s., nearly all contributed by one settler. The holdings are of ample size, and there is no excuse for non-compliance. Number of souls, seven. Total value of improvements on the land, £1,937 10s. 8d., against £248 2s. 5d. required.

Small Areas acquired for Low-lying Lands or Homestead-sites for High Pastoral Crown Lands.—There are nine of these blocks, three of which are homestead-sites, and are residentially occupied by nine souls. The total value of improvements required is £131 17s., while the value effected is £1,239.

The total population on land-for-settlements holdings is 3,024 souls. The total value of improvements required is £76,734 0s. 10d., and the total value of improvements effected £203,223 17s. 4d., including those on the land at the date of purchase.

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