

The following summary shows the areas cultivated, and the nature of the crops, during the year :—

Settlement.	Oats.	Wheat.	Barley.	Root-crops.	Total.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Ardgowan	653	258	...	316	1,227
Barnego	788	22	...	493	1,303
Earnsclough	35	1	...	1	37
Elderslie	1,544	941	89	89	2,663
Janefield	9	3	...	16	28
Maerewhenua	1,085	1,120	10	821	3,036
Makareao	163	87	...	32	282
Makareao Extension	53	20	...	76	149
Momona	31	2½	...	27½	61
Pomahaka	885	...	...	495	1,380
Puketapu	26	...	...	20	46
Tahawai	8	...	...	...	8
Teaneraki	59	...	...	30	89
Tokarahi	1,469	776	102	510	2,857
Windsor Park	387	336	12	105	840
Windsor Park No. 2	...	...	...	...	...
Duncan	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	7,195	3,566½	213	3,031½	14,006

Resolution Island.

I regret that, owing to the uncertain communication with the West Coast, I have been unable to procure from Mr. Henry, the Curator, a succinct report of his operations during the year in time for presentation herewith. I have, however, received from time to time a few notes of his movements and observations in the locality of Resolution Island, in hunting for birds and exploring the country, which I forward.

Conclusion.

In concluding this report I have to remark that the volume of administrative and office work has in no way lessened, but rather increased during the year, notwithstanding the fact that the number of new selections has been comparatively smaller than a few years ago. The transactions in connection with lands already selected and held by Crown tenants are gradually becoming more numerous, involving a yearly increasing amount of time and attention, and it gratifies me to be able to state that in the work of administration I am efficiently supported by the staff at my disposal.

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The results of the transactions of the past financial year may on the whole be considered satisfactory, as, although the gross revenue falls below that of the preceding financial year by over £4,000, the number of selectors over all classes is increased by seventy; the number of forfeitures and surrenders has decreased by twenty-one, and the number of selectors in arrear with rent has decreased by fifty-five, as compared with the year 1901-2.