

LANDS DISPOSED OF.

The subjoined table shows the lands disposed of and dealt with during the year :—

Nature of Selections, &c.	Transactions during the Year.			Area held under Lease at 31st March, 1906.			Gross Revenue received during the Year.				
	Number.	Area.			Number.	Area.					
		A.	R.	P.		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Cash by auction	14	96	0	11	...	...	...	...	243	1	4
Cash by application	15	1,694	1	15	...	...	...	...	565	16	10
Deferred payment	...	...	...	...	15	6,916	2	14	2,347	13	0
Deferred payment made freehold	32	4,781	3	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Perpetual leases	1	126	3	15	73	12,779	1	5	496	5	1
Occupation with right of purchase	67	14,328	1	21	318	71,664	2	19	1,389	17	3
Occupation with right of purchase made freehold	1	80	0	4	...	...	...	...	50	0	4
Lease in perpetuity	21	5,049	0	2	290	86,893	2	30	1,863	14	7
Occupation leases (Mining Districts Land Occupation Act)	1	17	1	0	50	1,758	1	21	141	16	7
Village settlements—											
Deferred payments	...	...	...	...	3	70	2	34	52	19	4
Deferred payments made freehold	3	53	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Perpetual lease	...	...	...	...	87	1,218	3	12	167	5	10
Perpetual lease made freehold	4	42	1	17	...	...	...	...	118	0	0
Occupation with right of purchase	...	...	...	...	4	3	0	24	1	12	1
Lease in perpetuity	17	368	0	31	279	4,362	3	34	336	9	2
Village-homestead special settlement	...	...	...	...	51	553	1	24	127	15	6
Improved-farm settlement	...	...	...	...	47	5,000	1	20	241	3	6
Small grazing-runs	...	...	...	...	19	64,436	0	13	737	1	6
Pastoral runs	7	92,615	0	0	95	1,495,896	1	0	3,997	11	11
Miscellaneous leases and licenses	36	4,529	2	31	361	42,804	2	38	1,425	10	4
Timber-cutting	...	6,702,950	sup.ft.	...	...	...	...	...	2,446	7	4
Other miscellaneous revenue ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	442	4	2
Totals ordinary Crown lands	219	123,782	1	28	1,692	1,794,359	0	8	17,192	5	8
Land for settlements—											
Lease in perpetuity	16	5,645	2	27	215	45,505	3	15	8,180	8	5
Small grazing-runs... ..	...	...	...	...	2	2,808	1	0	181	17	4
Miscellaneous	2	50	2	0	10	1,162	1	6	605	1	3
Totals land for settlements	18	5,696	0	27	227	49,476	1	21	8,967	7	0
Endowments	3	702	0	4	71	131,448	1	3	2,152	13	5
Gross Totals	240	130,180	2	19	1,990	1,975,283	2	32	28,312	6	1

The general results of the year's transactions show an increase of 46 in the number of tenants, an increase of £1,387 3s. 4d. in gross revenue, and of 73,747 acres in the area held as compared with last year. The position as regards the principal tenures in comparison with last year is as follows :—

Cash.—A decrease of 1 in number of purchasers, and of £32 8s. in amount, but an increase of 842 acres in area.

Deferred Payment.—A decrease of 37 holders, 32 having purchased the freehold of 4,782 acres, and 5 holding 1,019 acres exchanged to lease in perpetuity. Only fifteen selectors under this system remain, the area held being 6,916 acres, which includes two deferred-payment pastoral runs under "The Land Act, 1877," containing 5,456 acres.

Perpetual Lease.—No purchases of freehold or exchanges to lease in perpetuity made. An increase of 1 selector, of 127 acres.

Occupation with Right of Purchase.—When option of selection is given, this is evidently the favourite tenure in this district, as 66 new selections, of an area of 14,243 acres, were made, as against 5 on lease in perpetuity, for 581 acres, and 8 on cash, for 974 acres. Last year there were 23 selections made, of an area of 6,387 acres, giving an increase for this year of 44 selectors and 7,856 acres.

Lease in Perpetuity (ordinary).—The number of selections on this tenure was 21, comprising 5 of land opened on the optional system, area 581 acres, and 16 of land opened on lease in perpetuity only,