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ANNUAL REPORT.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR LANDS TO THE HON. MINISTER OF LANDS.

SIR,— Department of Lands, Wellington, 1st June, 1906.

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report, giving the results of the land administration of this Department for the twelve months ended the 31st March, 1906. In compliance with your instructions, I have endeavoured to make the report as concise as possible consistent with affording full information as to the work carried on in all the varied branches. Your direction to avoid repetition where the information to be conveyed is fully dwelt upon in the appended reports of the several Commissioners of Crown Lands has been borne in mind.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM C. KENSINGTON,
Under-Secretary for Lands.

The Hon. T. Y. Duncan, Minister of Lands.

LAND OPENED FOR SELECTION, 1905-6.

During the year a total of 641,133 acres of lands was opened for selection under various tenures, as fully exemplified in the subjoined table :—

TABLE A.—LANDS OPENED for SALE and SELECTION during the Year.

Month.	Optional System.	Cash by Auction.	Lease by Auction and Application.	Village Allotments.	Pastoral Runs.	Small Grazing-runs.	S.G. Runs, Land for Settlements.	Lease in Perpetuity only.	Lease in Perpetuity, Land for Settlements.	Native Towns.	Totals.
North Island.											
1905.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
April ..	537	5	..	26	..	..	..	..	12,431	..	12,999
May ..	2,705	3	..	1,422	..	..	..	..	181	..	4,311
June ..	6,849	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	94	..	6,943
July ..	962	..	251	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,213
August ..	5,584	151	150	..	..	..	..	4,316	..	..	10,201
September ..	3,511	..	..	..	..	..	1,886	..	..	..	5,397
October ..	7,650	..	..	..	13,142	11,283	..	..	284	..	32,359
November ..	16,452	100	..	21	..	..	..	1,896	8	..	18,477
December ..	32,069	4	1,000	171	..	8,541	41,426	..	9,932	..	93,143
1906.											
January ..	..	24	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	64
February ..	23,645	127	790	132	..	..	..	..	..	..	24,694
March ..	12,959	11	54	..	..	..	..	..	2,303	..	15,327
Totals ..	112,923	425	2,285	1,772	13,142	19,824	43,312	6,212	25,233	..	225,128
South Island.											
1905.											
April ..	..	14	820	..	..	..	1,200	44,762	21,057	..	67,853
May ..	60	220	1,206	83	..	..	..	*20,472	3	..	22,044
June ..	3,748	26	417	47	76,020	..	30,731	2,223	13,357	..	126,569
July ..	..	30	8	..	..	..	..	..	275	..	313
August ..	3,357	54	442	114	22,700	..	..	..	841	..	27,508
September ..	3,275	69	197	40	..	7,000	..	1,444	..	..	12,025
October ..	184	38	1,010	5	..	..	..	12,636	..	..	13,873
November ..	2,909	52	3,766	14	..	..	..	4,041	290	..	11,072
December ..	2,109	77	97	..	..	..	..	1,895	2,476	..	6,654
1906.											
January ..	..	51	235	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	291
February ..	3,918	7	409	2	91,429	..	..	17,364	12,701	..	125,830
March ..	..	93	300	..	1,580	..	..	..	..	..	1,973
Totals ..	19,560	784	8,907	305	191,729	7,000	31,931	104,837	51,002	..	416,005

* Includes 127 acres perpetual lease.

SUMMARY.

North Island	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	225,128 acres.
South Island	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	416,005 "
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	641,133

TABLE B.—NUMBER of NEW SELECTORS, and AREA taken up, from 1st April, 1905, to 31st March, 1906, and Total Amount of Revenue received during the Year—*continued*.

Nature and Tenure of Lands selected.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Average Holding.	Cash received on Past and Current Transactions.
		A. R. P.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Village settlement, cash	39	40 0 5	1 0 4	244 11 1
" deferred payment	..	..	..	71 15 5
" perpetual lease	..	..	..	299 16 4
" occupation with right of purchase ..	2	40 3 6	20 1 23	9 7 2
" occupation with right of purchase made freehold ..	..	..	..	..
" lease in perpetuity	55	1,934 0 34	35 0 26	1,296 14 10
Village-homestead special settlement ..	49	287 1 12	5 3 18	3,326 5 7
Special-settlement associations	..	..	..	6,039 16 10
Improved-farm special settlements	3	547 0 0	182 1 13	4,420 11 10
Occupation leases, Mining Districts Land Occupation Act	30	1,194 0 32	39 3 9	1,087 16 8
Small grazing-runs	13	30,942 1 37	238 0 30	27,620 18 10
Pastoral runs	115	342,960 1 18	2,982 1 2	73,342 7 9
Thermal springs, Rotorua	..	..	..	18 0 0
Miscellaneous leases and licenses	539	43,724 2 14	81 0 19	23,930 0 0
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	53,745 8 0
Cheviot Estate—				
Cash	4	1 2 0	0 1 20	47 15 0
Lease in perpetuity	..	..	..	5,981 17 2
Village-homestead special settlement ..	..	..	..	795 19 5
Grazing-farms	..	..	..	6,076 2 1
Pastoral runs	..	..	..	193 3 8
Miscellaneous leases	4	34 0 5	8 2 1	295 7 4
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..
Land for Settlements Acts—				
Cash	6	7 3 13	1 1 9	128 5 2
Lease in perpetuity	413	78,589 3 28	190 1 6	155,135 17 11
(village)	..	..	..	307 1 0
Special-settlement associations (lease in perpetuity) ..	..	..	..	166 19 9
Small grazing-runs	21	37,644 2 8	1,792 2 15	21,966 10 11
Pastoral runs	..	..	..	121 13 0
Miscellaneous leases	33	1,868 0 8	56 2 17	4,505 6 9
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	5,265 13 2
Totals	2,227	787,927 0 11	353 3 9	£520,337 11 3

NOTE.—These figures are exclusive of Endowment, Native Township, and Rotorua Town Council lands.

The reports of the several Commissioners of Crown Lands give the details of settlement in each land district, supplemented by the tables attached to the report. It is interesting to compare the number of settlers who have selected land for close settlement from ordinary Crown lands and lands for settlement, exclusive of pastoral runs and miscellaneous tenures, during the last six years:—

	Selectors.
1900-1	1,767
1901-2	1,632
1902-3	1,602
1903-4	2,053
1904-5	1,581
1905-6	1,536

This gives a total of 10,171 persons (or, with their families, probably forty thousand souls) who have selected lands in six years, and who are adding to the wealth of New Zealand by the manly way in which they have faced the difficulties and trials inseparable from a settler's life, borne in most cases cheerfully and hopefully by man and wife in their strenuous endeavours to create a home for themselves and their children. The Crown tenants on the books of the Department have reached the very respectable number of 23,323 persons, probably numbering with their families some 92,000 souls, and holding a total area of 17,754,813 acres.

THE PROGRESS OF SETTLEMENT.

Looking through the reports received from the several Commissioners of Crown Lands, one cannot help being struck with the hopeful and cheery tone prevailing throughout. I know that it may be urged that the reports are too optimistic; but a glance at the summary of inspections by Crown Lands Rangers will amply sustain the contention of the Commissioners, and prove conclusively by the value of the improvements placed upon their holdings by settlers, above what the Land Act demands, that the settlers as a whole in each land district are a prosperous and contented community.

INSPECTION BY RANGERS.

As indicated in the preceding paragraph, the result of the inspections made by the several Crown Lands Rangers is eminently satisfactory.

The following is a RETURN of the NUMBER of INSPECTIONS made by the Rangers for the Year ended 31st March, 1906 :—

District.	Number of Properties visited.	Area.	Value of Improvements						Number of Defaulters			
			Required.			Actually made.			For Improve-ments.	For Non-re-sidence.	For other Reasons.	Total.
		A. R. P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Auckland ...	1,473	379,100 0 0	79,036	0	0	196,173	0	0	227	276	...	503
Hawke's Bay	877	391,203 0 11	154,829	17	3	449,279	11	4	43	62	12	117
Taranaki ...	631	185,141 0 9	73,167	0	0	150,183	0	0	83	55	...	138
Wellington	1,678	361,034 0 0	149,015	10	11	348,488	4	0	31	46	2	79
Nelson ...	201	32,624 0 0	6,736	0	0	20,746	0	0	18	25	...	43
Marlborough	319	274,822 3 10	67,061	19	8	115,421	9	6	29	40	...	69
Westland ...	491	38,196 0 0	10,560	0	0	18,860	0	0	...	...	...	...
Canterbury	1,859	423,415 1 13	277,614	14	5	516,169	5	4	95	24	...	119
Otago ...	1,228	314,351 0 12	127,651	18	6	212,109	0	2	146	35	...	181
Southland ...	554	106,044 2 3	38,775	12	5	75,862	18	6	50	23	...	73
Total ...	9,311	2,505,931 3 18	984,448	13	2	2,103,292	8	10	722	586	14	1,322

Some 2,505,931 acres were inspected. Upon this area the settlement conditions required that improvements to the value of £984,448 should have been made, whereas the value of the improvements placed upon the same area by the selectors totalled the very handsome sum of £2,103,292, or considerably more than double what the settlers were required to place thereon. Out of a total number of 23,000-odd Crown holdings the Crown Rangers inspected 9,311, and reported 722 cases of non-fulfilment of improvement conditions and 586 of non-residence—a most satisfactory result. I notice, when reporting upon their land districts, that the Commissioners have more or less generally adopted the plan of dividing them into territorial divisions, which will be found very convenient when a comparison of results is sought.

“ BUSH AND SWAMP CROWN LANDS SETTLEMENT ACT, 1903.”

The beneficial result to settlers of the passing of the Bush and Swamp Crown Lands Settlement Act is now becoming very apparent. Up to the 31st March last 416,232 acres had been selected and are held by 952 selectors, and the total annual rent remitted amounted to £15,076—a very great boon to struggling settlers, thereby enabling them to use capital to that amount in clearing and grassing their holdings. Table 36 shows the amount remitted in the several land districts.

The area brought under the provisions of the Act and opened for selection during the past year amounted to 215,322 acres. The selections under the Act during the same period amounted to 207,012 acres, which was taken up by 537 persons, the annual rent remitted to them amounting to £7,034.

IMPROVED-FARM SETTLEMENTS

Considerable interest attaches to this class of settlement, especially when it is borne in mind that it includes a large number of co-operative workers on the North Island Main Trunk line of railway and elsewhere, who had saved money, and, being married men, were anxious to make a home no matter what privations they were at first called upon to endure. These settlers were almost wholly confined to lands set apart in the Taranaki and Wellington Land Districts, only a small portion of suitable land being found available in the Auckland District, as the balance was needed for ordinary settlement. The returns show that in the Taranaki Land District 42,826 acres were set apart for improved-farm settlers, of which area 33,360 acres are at present occupied by 566 persons, who have grassed 10,496 acres and own 5,260 head of cattle. In the Wellington Land District 34,010 acres were set apart under this system, and the area occupied is 27,195 acres, with 845 persons resident thereon, who have grassed 15,104 acres and own 16,718 head of cattle—both most encouraging results. For the whole of New Zealand 96,175 acres have been set apart for improved-farm settlers, of this area 75,529 acres is occupied by 1,830 persons, who have grassed 34,900 acres and own 24,677 head of cattle. The total amount advanced by Government to these settlers amounts to £55,870, whilst the total value of the improvements now upon the land is probably of a value of close upon £166,000, whilst rent and interest paid by the selectors amounts to close upon £28,000.

VILLAGE SETTLEMENTS.

Holdings and settlement under this denomination are specially reported upon by Mr. March, Superintendent of Village Settlements, in the Appendix.

The revenue received from all sources amounted to £550,248, or some £40,000 in excess of last year. Under the heading of "Territorial Revenue" (which comprises receipts from ordinary Crown lands as distinct from that under the Land for Settlements Act, and embraces cash, deferred payment, perpetual lease (1885), occupation with right of purchase, lease in perpetuity, pastoral and small grazing-runs, timber licenses, &c.), amounted to £260,789, whilst non-territorial (which embraces areas disposed of under the land-for-settlements conditions, State forests receipts, Cheviot Estate, amounts recouped under Loans to Local Bodies Act, &c.) amounted to £289,459. The principal contributors under the first or territorial division were: Auckland, £51,770; Hawke's Bay (including Gisborne and East Coast), £23,088; Wellington, £26,836; Canterbury and Otago respectively, £50,726 and £50,956; whilst for the second or non-territorial division the chief contributors were: Auckland, £33,357; Hawke's Bay, £44,730; Wellington, £33,466; Marlborough, £21,180; Canterbury, £83,148, and Otago £31,366. The other land districts contributed in a lesser degree, but all well up to the estimate. For the coming year, 1906-7, it is estimated that £245,000 will be received from territorial revenue (a less amount than last year, owing to the effect of the remission under the Bush and Swamp Crown Lands Settlement Act), and from non-territorial sources, £291,000 (an excess over last year, owing to the opening for selection of new estates), the total estimated revenue being £536,000, though probably last year's receipts will be reached.

This subject is introduced for the sake of appending a table showing the position of all areas held as pastoral runs in Canterbury and Otago, the years in which such leases expire, and the areas reverting to the Crown. This table of reference will be found very useful, because considerable pressure has been and is being put upon the Government to resume these runs, the petitioners not being aware that the only runs which can be resumed by giving twelve months' notice are those which were classed as "Pastoral and Agricultural" when the classification took place. All the runs classed and leased as "pastoral" can only be resumed with the consent of the lessees or by awaiting the falling-in of the leases by effluxion of time.

In the Canterbury Land District, it will be seen by the table that on the 30th of last September 133 runs were held for a total area of 3,349,551 acres, and that not until 1911 and 1917 will any very extensive areas revert to the Crown, and that out of the whole area held only 15,078 acres is resumable upon twelve months' notice. In the Otago Land District 224 runs were held on 30th September last, with a total area of 4,499,629 acres, with no considerable areas falling into possession of the Crown until after 1910, and that out of the total area given above only 297,287 acres is resumable upon giving twelve months' notice.

Number of pastoral runs held at 30th September, 1905	..	..	..	133
Area held	..	..	..	3,349,551 acres.

<i>Schedule showing Number of Pastoral-Land Leases Expiring from Year to Year</i>							Total Area Acres.
Year.						Number of Leases expiring.	
1907	..	..	..	..	..	17	46,891
1908	..	..	..	..	..	5	6,217
1909	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1910	..	..	..	..	..	13	117,961
1911	..	..	..	..	..	24	1,169,400
1912	..	..	..	..	..	13	400,009
1913	..	..	..	..	..	3	2,858
1914	..	..	..	..	..	13	107,912
1915	..	..	..	..	..	1	3,900
1916	..	..	..	..	..	1	1,839
1917	..	..	..	..	..	14	835,723
1918	..	..	..	..	..	18	459,492
1919	..	..	..	..	..	8	193,033
1920	..	..	..	..	..	1	3,938
						131	3,349,173
Yearly licenses	..	..	..	..	..	2	378
						133	3,349,551
							Acres.
Area resumable	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,078
Area not resumable	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,334,473
							3,349,551

Pastoral Runs, Otago Land District.

Number of pastoral runs held at 30th September, 1905	224
Area held	4,499,629 acres.

'Schedule showing Number of Pastoral-run Leases expiring from Year to Year.

Year.						Number of Leases expiring.	Total Area. Acres.
1907						10	163,264
1908						8	67,672
1909						110	110,575
1910						35	1,269,606
1911						24	437,032
1912						20	195,037
1913						12	161,326
1914						7	25,511
1915						20	253,887
1916						11	402,075
1917						15	295,282
1918						20	329,499
1919						6	204,842
1920						7	89,134
1921						3	191,430
1922						5	107,836
1923						4	66,389
1924						1	3,258
1925						1	5,794
1926						3	99,290
1927						2	20,890
						224	4,499,629
							Acres.
Area resumable							297,287
Area not resumable							4,202,342
							4,499,629

The question of the resumption of runs and the cutting out of them all the low-lying land, leaving only the comparatively high snow-covered country to be leased for pastoral purposes, requires to be dealt with very carefully, because once lands are left or given up by the runholder as too high or too barren for profitable use, the question of the rabbit-nuisance has to be faced. It is a self-evident fact that whilst persons are without land, and estates have to be purchased (oftentimes at a high figure) to meet this continued cry for land, it is absolutely necessary that all available land should be withdrawn from runs for closer-settlement purposes and opened for selection. Yet, at the same time, it is evident that every area so asked to be resumed must be very carefully inspected, and if it is not really fit for close settlement, either by reason of being of inferior quality or of too high an altitude, or other valid and good reasons, then it should be left with the run in order to make it workable. It is imperative, in dealing with pastoral runs in high country, that a sufficient area of low country be also given to each lessee in order that the higher lands may be utilised to the best advantage.

"THE MAORI LAND SETTLEMENT ACT, 1905."

Whilst discussing the general question of the great demand for land by all classes of the community, it may not be inappropriate to insert at this stage a paragraph upon the intentions of the Government as to the securing of land for settlement by taking advantage of the power given to them to purchase Native land under section 20 of the above-named Act.

The Government having decided to resume the purchase of Native lands under the provisions of the Act, and to place the initiation of such purchases under the Minister of Lands, the Commissioners of Crown Lands for the respective land districts affected were requested to furnish details of the various blocks suitable for acquisition and subdivision for settlement purposes, as a preliminary to negotiations by the Hon. Minister for Native Affairs for extensive purchases by the Crown from owners who were willing to sell.

Reports as to the quality and area of the blocks deemed suitable for this purpose, together with estimates as to their values, &c., have accordingly been supplied by the Commissioners, and copies of the same duly transmitted to the Native Minister. These reports deal with the following lands :—

County.	Number of Blocks.	Area. Acres.
Auckland Land District—		
Manukau County	1	2,262
Piako County	19	49,755
Ohinemuri County	15	35,574
Thames County	9	16,433
Tauranga County	43	64,135
Whakatane County	7	105,182
Opotiki County	17	124,765
Rotorua County	22	131,206
Kawhia County	17	120,050
Awakino County	11	73,526
Waitomo County	75	238,848
West Taupo County	26	274,361
Raglan County	12	112,583
	274	1,348,680
Taranaki Land District—		
Clifton County (Rangitoto-Tuhua Block)	1	245,132
Clifton County (other blocks)	12	114,032
Clifton and Stratford	1	31,461
Stratford County	1	11,592
Stratford and Waitotara	2	109,775
Patea County	1	706
	18	512,698
Wellington Land District—		
Mauriceville County	1	1,000
Masterton County	3	7,164
Waimarino County	9	158,691
Wanganui County	15	74,086
Waitotara County	1	1,286
Rangitikei County	9	96,960
Horowhenua County	1	3,777
Wairarapa South	7	35,796
Hutt County	1	1,464
Kiwitea County	1	6,584
Elketahuna	1	3,990
	49	390,798

It is hoped that within a comparatively short time a large expansion of settlement may take place not only through the additional area of lands made available by direct purchase as above indicated, but by the Maoris themselves voluntarily placing large areas in the hands of the Maori Land Boards, set up under "The Maori Land Settlement Act, 1905," who can offer them for lease themselves.

Although large portions of the Native lands in the North Island will thus be dealt with, yet all the blocks between Auckland and the North Cape are exempted from the operations of the Act, as regards purchase by the Crown, until the end of the year 1908, and the same limitation has been placed on the large area extending from Lottin Point, near the East Cape, to the Mohaka River, near Wairoa, in Hawke's Bay, which includes the Gisborne District.

In connection with the working of this Act, and more especially with regard to section 24—which gives the Minister power to make advances to Maoris to enable them to cultivate their lands—special regulations have been prepared and gazetted and the necessary forms printed to give effect to this very valuable provision.

REBATES OF RENT.

In addition to the £7,034 remissions of rent, under the Bush and Swamp Crown Lands Settlement Act, for the past year, a further rebate of rent has been made to Crown tenants on ordinary Crown lands during the year of £6,468, thus giving them a total remission for the year of £13,502—a very substantial help, which all classes of settlers must appreciate. In addition to this, settlers on the land-for-settlements estates have had rebate of rent allowed them amounting to £13,523, whilst the Cheviot settlers have participated to the amount of £685 (see Table 37).

PAYMENT OF "THIRDS" TO LOCAL BODIES.

The total amount of "thirds" and "fourths" paid over to the counties and Road Boards towards the maintenance of roads in settled districts amounted to £27,065, whilst the amount spent direct by the Chief Engineer for Roads in districts where no local body exists amounted to £1,349 9s.

"FLAX AND TIMBER ROYALTIES ACT, 1905."

Under the above Act a sum of £6,361 has accumulated for payment to the various local bodies entitled thereto. The amounts are payable after approval by the several Land Boards, but no payments were made prior to the 31st March.

LAND-FOR-SETTLEMENTS ESTATES.

The reports of the several Commissioners of Crown Lands are, upon the whole, very pleasant reading. With very few exceptions they show that the lessees are earnest in their endeavours to carry out the spirit of the Act and to thoroughly work their sections; that the amount of capital invested in improvements is a substantial guarantee to the State that its efforts to provide improved lands for its people are appreciated, and that it is the making of many a man, by giving him the opportunity of selecting land from which he may at once obtain a competent livelihood. The great impetus given to dairy-farming by the establishment of co-operative and other creameries or milk-factories, coupled with a moist summer and plenty of grass, together with good prices for all sorts of produce and the great rise in wool, has put every settler into good heart and given him cause for thankfulness. For the year ending 31st March last, eight additional estates had been opened, with a total area of 260,043 acres, and of this area the Selwyn Estate, Auckland, of 159,302 acres, had 51,000 acres opened in December last, with fair results; another 37,444 acres were opened for selection on the 23rd April, and some 60,000 acres of valuable rimu forest of milling timber have been reserved, and were dealt with by the Auckland Land Board on timber royalty prior to the land being opened for selection. In Hawke's Bay the Lindsay Estate of 13,574 acres has been wholly selected; in Wellington the Tawaha Estate has been only partially selected; in Marlborough the much-discussed Flaxbourne Estate, of 46,598 acres, has been selected, all but 807 acres of partly town and suburban area, and is returning an annual rental of £10,340; in Canterbury the three estates of Morice, Kinloch and Mills, containing together an area of 16,170 acres, have nearly all been allotted to selectors, and the balance unselected is fast being applied for; and, lastly, in Otago the Greenfield Settlement, of 22,071 acres, has been wholly selected. In addition to the above, the Steward Settlement, in Otago, of 21,344 acres, and the Mahupuku, Hikawera, and Dyer Estates, in the Wairarapa District, Wellington, containing altogether 17,288 acres, have been acquired and are being opened for settlement. There is still a very great demand for land of this class throughout the colony, and but little Crown land available to satisfy that demand.

TABLE C.—ESTATES OFFERED for SELECTION during the Year ending the 31st March, 1906, under "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900."

Land District, and Name of Estate.	Area of Estate.			Number of Selectors.	Area unselected, 31st March, 1906.			Annual Rental payable on Lands leased.			Date of Opening.
	A.	R.	P.		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	
Auckland—											
Selwyn	159,302	0	0	25	76,377	3	20	813	8	4	18th Dec., 1905.
Hawke's Bay—											
Lindsay	13,574	0	0	66	..			5,404	7	0	11th April, 1905.
Wellington—											
Tawaha	2,328	2	31	9	1,384	1	7	598	9	0	26th March, 1906.
Marlborough—											
Flaxbourne	46,598	0	0	123	807	3	11	10,339	16	0	22nd June, 1905.
Canterbury—											
Morice	2,253	2	26	28	180	2	6	2,139	19	10	7th Sept., 1905.
Kinloch	13,033	1	5	20	5,044	0	0	4,247	18	0	21st Mar., 1906.
Mills	882	2	30	13	240	3	6	629	18	4	31st March, 1906.
Otago—											
Greenfield	22,071	1	30	40	..			4,243	11	8	11th April, 1905.
Totals	260,043	3	2	324	84,035	1	10	28,417	8	2	

TABLE D.—SUMMARY of the SETTLEMENTS established upon ESTATES ACQUIRED and DEALT WITH, under the Provisions of the Land for Settlements Acts, up to the 31st March, 1906.

Land District and Name of Settlement.	Selec-tors.	Resi-dences.	Principal Purpose for which Holdings are utilised.	Progress during Year.	Present Position.	Prospects.
Auckland—						
Opouriao ..	105	56	Dairying	Excellent ..	Satisfactory ..	Good.
Okauia ..	8	7	Stock-raising	Poor	Not satisfactory ..	Discourag-ing
Rangiatea ..	19	18	Dairying	Excellent ..	Flourishing ..	Good.
Karapiro ..	17	10	Stock-raising	Substantial ..	Satisfactory ..	"
Pencourt ..	34	31	Dairying	Excellent ..	" ..	"
Whitehall ..	10	10	Stock-raising	Doing well ..	Prosperous ..	Bright.
Bickerstaffe ..	24	17	Dairying	Encouraging ..	Satisfactory ..	Hopeful.
Matamata ..	180	105	"	Thriving ..	" ..	Good.
Selwyn ..	25	14	Only recently selected.			
Cradock Hamlet ..	9	8	Workmen's homes	Good ..	Satisfactory ..	Hopeful.
Hetana Hamlet ..	18	14		Moderate ..	" ..	" ..
Kitchener Hamlet ..	9	7		Good ..	" ..	" ..
Methuen Hamlet ..	16	13		" ..	" ..	" ..
Plumer Hamlet ..	12	8		" ..	" ..	" ..
Waari Hamlet ..	6	5		Moderate ..	" ..	" ..
	492	323				
Hawke's Bay—						
Raureka ..	19	17	Dairying and farming ..	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Elsthorpe ..	46	28	Pastoral	" ..	" ..	" ..
Waimarie ..	18	16	Dairying and farming ..	Fair ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Pouparae ..	9	9	"	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Tomoana ..	13	12	"	" ..	" ..	" ..
Willows ..	22	18	"	" ..	" ..	" ..
Mahora ..	34	28	Dairying, fruit, and cropping ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
Hatuma ..	62	58	Agricultural and pastoral ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
Manga-a-toro ..	26	25	Pastoral	" ..	" ..	" ..
Kumeroa ..	15	14	Agricultural and pastoral ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
Forest Gate ..	29	26	"	" ..	" ..	" ..
Argyll ..	62	59	"	" ..	" ..	" ..
Wigan ..	17	13	Pastoral	" ..	" ..	" ..
Lindsay ..	66	51	"	Excellent ..	Very good ..	" ..
	438	374				
Taranaki—						
Tokara ..	13	14	Dairying	Good ..	Steady ..	Good.
Spotswood ..	12	11	Workmen's homes and dairying (only half estate taken up)	Moderate ..	Not satisfactory ..	Not promising.
Clandon ..	6	5	Dairying	Good ..	Satisfactory ..	Good.
	31	30				
Wellington—						
Paparaugi ..	37	36	Residential, dairying, &c. ..	Good ..	Prosperous ..	Good.
Ohakea ..	15	15	Dairying	" ..	Very satisfactory ..	Very good.
Te Matua ..	13	12	"	Very good ..	Prosperous ..	Excellent.
Aorangi ..	37	39	Dairying and residential ..	" ..	Very prosperous ..	" ..
Langdale ..	30	23	Grazing and cropping ..	Good ..	Satisfactory ..	Good.
Mangawhata ..	7	8	Dairying	" ..	" ..	" ..
Epuni Hamlet ..	42	42	Residential, market-garden-ing	" ..	" ..	" ..
Maungaraki ..	20	20	Residential, market-garden-ing	" ..	" ..	" ..
Linton ..	5	5	Dairying	Fair ..	Fairly prosperous ..	Fair.
Longbush ..	6	5	Grazing	Good ..	Satisfactory ..	Very good.
Tablelands ..	9	7	"	" ..	" ..	" ..
Normandale ..	30	22	Residential, poultry, and dairying	Moderate ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Tawaha ..	9	..	Established only in March, 1906.			
	260	234				

TABLE D.—SUMMARY of the SETTLEMENTS established upon ESTATES ACQUIRED and DEALT WITH up to the 31st March, 1906—*continued*.

Land District and Name of Settlement.	Selectors.	Residences.	Principal Purpose for which Holdings are utilised.	Progress during Year.	Present Position.	Prospects.
Marlborough—						
Blind River ..	14	14	Grazing and cropping ..	Fair ..	Good ..	Good.
Omaka ..	13	12	Grazing	Small ..	" ..	" ..
Puhipuhi ..	2	0	Grazing	Small ..	" ..	" ..
Starborough ..	142	89	Grazing and cropping ..	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Richmond Brook ..	10	11	Grazing	Fair ..	Fair ..	Improving.
Waipapa ..	5	5	Grazing	Fair ..	Fair ..	Improving.
North Bank ..	6	7	Grazing and cropping ..	Small ..	Moderate ..	" ..
Rainford ..	11	9	Dairying	" ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Flaxbourne ..	114	63	Grazing and cropping ..	Rapid ..	Promising ..	" ..
	317	210				
Westland—						
Poerua ..	19	15	Grazing almost exclusively for dairy purposes	Good ..	Prosperous ..	Good.
Kokatahi ..	7	6	Ditto	" ..	" ..	" ..
	26	21				
Canterbury—						
Pareora No. 1 ..	28	24	Small-farming	Steady ..	Good ..	Good.
Studholme Junction ..	4	3	"	" ..	" ..	" ..
Kapua ..	12	12	Small-farming and dairying	" ..	" ..	" ..
Rosebrook ..	14	13	"	" ..	" ..	" ..
Otaio ..	9	8	"	" ..	" ..	" ..
The Peaks ..	11	1	Grazing	" ..	" ..	" ..
Patoa ..	4	1	"	" ..	" ..	" ..
Roimata ..	26	26	Residential	" ..	" ..	" ..
Braco ..	14	14	Residential and market-gardening	Good ..	Fairly satisfactory	" ..
Epworth ..	2	1	Small-farming	Steady ..	Good ..	" ..
Ashley Gorge ..	12	12	Grazing and dairying ..	Good ..	" ..	" ..
Kereta ..	4	3	Dairying	Steady ..	" ..	" ..
Orakipaea ..	27	20	Small-farming	" ..	Satisfactory ..	Fairly good.
Highbank ..	75	59	Mixed farming	Good ..	Very good, except a few small lots	Very good.
Waiapi ..	15	14	"	Steady ..	Good ..	Good, except small holdings.
Rakitairi ..	22	19	"	" ..	" ..	Good.
Otarakaro ..	7	7	Market-gardening	Satisfactory ..	" ..	" ..
Wharenui ..	26	26	Workmen's homes ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
Albury ..	77	60	Mixed farming	Good ..	Very good ..	Very good.
Marawiti ..	13	12	"	Steady ..	" ..	Good.
Horsley Down ..	26	24	Grazing	Good ..	" ..	" ..
Hekeao ..	15	13	Mixed farming	Satisfactory ..	" ..	" ..
Pawaho ..	25	25	Workmen's homes ..	" ..	Good ..	" ..
Waikakahi ..	176	158	Mixed farming	Very good ..	Excellent ..	Very good
Tamai ..	40	40	Workmen's homes ..	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Takitu ..	5	5	Grazing	" ..	Very good ..	Very good
Pareora No. 2 ..	32	32	Mixed farming	Very good ..	" ..	" ..
Punaroa ..	17	17	Mixed farming and dairying	Good ..	" ..	" ..
Rautawiri ..	6	6	Small-farming	Fair ..	Good ..	Good.
Papaka ..	9	9	Mixed farming	" ..	" ..	" ..
Lyndon No. 1 ..	8	8	Grazing	Satisfactory ..	" ..	" ..
Kohika ..	15	15	Mixed farming and dairying	Good ..	" ..	" ..
Raincliff ..	1	1	Grazing	Steady ..	" ..	" ..
Tarawahi ..	24	24	Workmen's homes ..	Satisfactory ..	" ..	" ..
Puhuka ..	9	9	"	Very good ..	Very satisfactory	" ..
Kaimahi ..	12	11	Market-gardening	Fairly good ..	Fair ..	Improving
Kaputohe ..	11	9	Workmen's homes ..	" ..	" ..	Fair.
Kapuwai ..	5	5	Grazing	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Lyndon No. 2 ..	8	8	"	Satisfactory ..	" ..	" ..
Maytown ..	11	11	Small-farming	Very good ..	Very good ..	" ..
Eccleston ..	4	4	Mixed farming	Good ..	" ..	" ..
Mead ..	21	19	"	Fairly good ..	Fairly satisfactory	" ..
Chamberlain ..	22	21	Mixed farming and grazing	Very good ..	Very good ..	Very good.
Annan ..	38	37	"	Good ..	Very satisfactory	" ..
Rosewill ..	153	143	"	Very good ..	" ..	" ..
Morice ..	28	..	Grazing and dairying ..	Only just established.	" ..	" ..
Kinloch ..	20	..	"	" ..	" ..	" ..
Mills ..	13	..	"	" ..	" ..	" ..
Homestead sites, &c.	10	4				
	1,166	993				

TABLE D.—SUMMARY of the SETTLEMENTS established upon ESTATES ACQUIRED and DEALT WITH up to the 31st March, 1906—*continued*.

Land District and Name of Settlement.	Selec-tors.	Resi-dences.	Principal Purposes for which Holdings are utilised.	Progress during Year.	Present Position.	Prospects.
Otago—						
Pomahaka Downs	24	15	Mixed farming	Fair ..	Unsatisfactory ..	Not bright
Teaneraki ..	23	15	Dairying	Good ..	Good ..	Fair.
Tahawai ..	8	8	"	Very good ..	Satisfactory ..	Very good.
Maerewhenua ..	73	56	Mixed farming	Good ..	" ..	"
Puketapu ..	11	9	"	Very fair ..	Good ..	Fair.
Ardgowan ..	66	53	Mixed farming and dairying	" ..	Excellent ..	Excellent.
Makareao ..	31	18	"	Very fair ..	Good ..	Good.
Makareao Extension	3	3	"	" ..	" ..	"
Momona ..	14	13	Dairying	Poor ..	Not satisfactory ..	Very good.
Tokarahi ..	79	44	Mixed farming	Satisfactory ..	Good ..	"
Jane-field ..	21	19	Market-gardening and dairy-ing	Fair ..	Fair ..	Good.
Elderslie ..	34	24	Mixed farming	Good ..	Sound ..	Very bright
Barnego ..	22	19	Mixed farming and dairying	Fair ..	Fair ..	Good.
Earnscliffe ..	13	8	Fruit-growing	Good ..	" ..	"
Windsor Park No. 1	37	25	Mixed farming and dairying	Sound ..	Satisfactory ..	Very good.
Windsor Park No. 2	10	7	"	Very fair ..	" ..	"
Duncan ..	7	4	"	Poor ..	Unsatisfactory ..	Not bright
St. Helens ..	3	3	"	Good ..	Fairly good ..	Good.
Greenfield ..	40	32	"	Very good ..	Satisfactory ..	Very good.
	519	375				
Southland—						
Merrivale ..	47	41	Dairying and stock-raising	Very good ..	Good ..	Very good.
Otago ..	6	4	Farming and grazing ..	Fair ..	Satisfactory ..	Fair.
Beaumont ..	8	5	"	" ..	Unsatisfactory ..	Poor.
Ringway ..	7	6	Mixed farming and grazing	" ..	" ..	Doubtful.
Glenham ..	26	25	Dairying, farming, and graz-ing	" ..	" ..	"
Edendale ..	121	97	Ditto	Very good ..	Very good ..	Excellent.
	215	178				
Totals ..	3,464	2,738				

COGNATE SUBJECTS.

Very briefly, it is advisable to report upon a few other matters over which the Lands Department exercise either a whole or partial control, and as separate and special reports will be laid before Parliament upon each of these, it will suffice to enumerate them and give a short synopsis of the subjects dealt with in each. The first and foremost of these, and one in which intense interest is taken is

FORESTRY.

This will be dealt with in a separate paper to be laid before Parliament, and will be divided into two portions, viz.,—(a) State and Crown forests under yourself, as Commissioner of State Forests, and with delegated powers to the several Commissioners of Crown Lands, as Conservators of State Forests, who, again, have Timber Experts and Rangers under them. This paper will give the present position of all State forests, their use whether as climatic or for the purpose of affording needful supplies of milling timber, and also the timbers they contain, and a general description of each reserve classified in their respective land districts. And (b) State forest plantation reserves and nurseries; these last being the only areas which are under the control of Mr. H. J. Matthews, the Chief Forester. This portion is written by Mr. Matthews himself, and is the report of the operations of his Branch, which deals entirely with the reforestation operations which are being carried on under his supervision. The five nurseries and plantations in Otago are carried on entirely by free labour, and not with prison labour. In Canterbury, at Hanmer Plains, the work is being carried on both by free and prison labour, with the view of reforestation that district on an extensive scale. In Marlborough, the nursery at Starborough and the plantations at Dumbree are carried on with free and prison labour. Turning to the North Island, the extensive plantations around Rotorua and Waitapu are carried on chiefly with Maori labour at the nurseries, and with extensive prison labour on the plantations, the last and most northerly being north of Whangarei, where the nursery established at Ruatangata Railway-station is raising trees for the reforestation of the Puhipuhi State Forest, which was burnt many years ago. This plantation, now being planted, will enclose at first about 2,000 acres, to be afterwards extended as the trees are ready.

“WORKERS’ DWELLINGS ACT, 1905.”

The carrying-out of the provisions of this Act is under the control of the Right Hon. the Minister of Labour, who directed that the putting in hand of the preliminary surveys of the acquired areas, and the formation of the streets and other works, should be carried out under the direction of the Minister of Lands prior to the erection of workers’ dwellings by the Colonial Architect. Surveys and street-construction are well in hand at Ellerslie and Otahuhu, near Auckland, and at Petone, near Wellington, also at Sydenham, Christchurch, and Windle, near Dunedin. Considerable areas have also been secured in the Lower Hutt District, Wellington. A special parliamentary paper will be laid before Parliament by the Right Hon. the Minister of Labour.

DOMAINS (UNDER ACT OF 1905).

Some four hundred domains are now under the control of this Department, and the various trustees are also more or less in touch with the Head Office. A special report dealing with the whole of these domains will be placed before Parliament.

CEMETERIES.

The setting-apart and vesting of all new public cemetery-sites is also dealt with by this Department, as is also the general oversight of all public cemeteries vested in trustees appointed by the Governor. Small grants towards fencing and clearing new sites are also made from appropriations granted by Parliament, and in cases where the present roads leading to cemeteries in use are found to be of impracticable grades, assistance is given towards surveying and procuring suitable deviations.

SCENERY PRESERVATION.

The Commission appointed to make recommendations under “The Scenery Preservation Act, 1903,” brought its business to such a point that, without public inconvenience, its operations could be brought to a close on the 31st March, and by direction of Cabinet this Department took over charge, and is now carrying out the several recommendations made to the Governor, which have received approval. It is intended to ask for a slight alteration in the Act to enable a fresh Commission to be set up, consisting of the head of the Tourist Department, the Surveyor-General, and the Commissioner of Crown Lands of each land district to be an *ex officio* member. The Commission will then resume its labours.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO SETTLERS IN SPARSELY SETTLED DISTRICTS.

The pitiable conditions of many settlers and their families in the back settlements for want of medical aid has led the Government to materially increase the amount given by way of subsidy towards this desirable end, but at the same time to safeguard these contributions by insisting that the settlers do their share in contributing to the salary of a resident medical man. When application is made for a subsidy the first condition imposed is to the effect that the settlers must form themselves into a medical club or association, elect a chairman, through whom they communicate with the Department, and then state what amount will be locally raised and paid to a medical man. The amount of subsidy, of course, varies as the needs of the particular district and the scattered nature of the settlers demand.

LANDLESS NATIVES OF THE SOUTH ISLAND.

The final report, together with schedules of names of Maoris entitled to participate in the several awards recommended by Messrs. Percy Smith and A. Mackay, the Commissioners, has been received; the lengthy list of names and areas have been carefully checked by this office, and again revised by the Commissioners, and a Bill to give effect to the recommendations will be laid before Parliament, and, if passed, the awards will be gazetted. The total area in the South Island allotted to landless Natives is 142,118 acres, to be divided amongst 4,064 persons, or averaging slightly under 35 acres to each Native.

DEPARTMENTAL AND GENERAL.

The retirement of the Surveyor-General (Mr. J. W. A. Marchant) on the 31st March, after forty years of yeoman service both as Commissioner of Crown Lands in Wellington and Christchurch, has led to a rearrangement of the Department by the Government, who have made the Under-Secretary for Lands the head of the Department. The land administration being one of the chief points in the Government policy, the growth of the Department and the management of the various offshoots requires the whole time of one administrative head, whilst the Surveyor-General will undertake in future the direction of the survey side only. In appointing Mr. Thomas Humphries to the position of Acting

Surveyor-General until Mr. Marchant's leave expires, on the 30th June, the Government felt they were conferring a well-earned honour upon an old and valued officer, and one which would give universal satisfaction to the staff.

The completion and presentation to Parliament of the report of the Commission appointed to investigate the land administration has enabled the Government to feel assured that from one end of New Zealand to the other the public are satisfied with that administration. It also gives ample justification for the placing on record in this annual report that in every land district in New Zealand our Commissioners of Crown Lands are doing splendid work, and that the tactful and careful way in which they carry out their multifarious and onerous duties is worthy of all commendation. When it is considered that the Commissioners of Crown Lands are dealing with nearly twenty-four thousand Crown tenants, who must in the nature of things at times be possessed with the idea that they have grievances and that the Commissioners and Land Boards are of course the cause, it speaks well for the whole of our officers that so few complaints (when investigated) have any real ground, and are more often than otherwise the fault of the settler himself.

The system of administering the Land and other Acts by the Land Boards for each land district, though perhaps more expensive than a Land Board for each Island, has this very great advantage—viz., that it gives the opportunity to each settler to come before the Land Board in his district, without any very great expense to himself, and ventilate personally his grievance, and it also keeps the whole of the Crown tenants in the land district in touch with the Land Board. With regard to the Land Boards themselves, ever since the general conference, held last year between the Minister, the Commissioners of Crown Lands, and the several Land Boards, a more liberal and less hard-and-fast manner of interpreting the various Acts has been observed, and from length to breadth of New Zealand the Land Boards have done their best to assist the Government in carrying out the law in the most liberal spirit. They have also kept in touch with the settlers by making personal visitations amongst the more scattered and far distant settlements, which has done more than anything else to bring about a good understanding between the Land Boards and settlers.

ADMINISTRATION.

As there has been a widely expressed wish that the public should be made aware, through the pages of the annual report, as to what are the duties of the Lands Department generally, and what Acts are administered by it, herewith is appended a synopsis, which it is hoped will convey in some not altogether inadequate manner the information which is sought.

Synopsis.

Crown Lands for Settlement.—Classifying lands after survey; arriving at correct valuations; reserving areas for education, forest, scenic, recreation, and other purposes; consideration of proposals by Land Boards; preparing schedules, descriptions, and posters of lands thrown open for selection; gazetting and advertising lands.

Applications.—Receiving applications from intending selectors (50,000 applications annually); attending to same; recording, examining, and bringing before Land Board; holding of ballots for land; notifying applicants in connection with various processes; entering all particulars in land registers, ledgers, and other books; preparing and executing leases, licenses, certificates of title, and occupation, &c., of lands taken up under various Acts.

Dealings.—Receiving and attending to some 2,000 applications to transfer, mortgage, sub-lease, surrender, and otherwise deal with land; forfeitures, applications for loans to settlers under Advances to Settlers Act.

Inspections.—Required of all lands held under lease from the Crown; making valuations of improvements effected; seeing that regulations and conditions are complied with.

Local Bodies.—Preparing and supplying schedules of amounts accrued to credit of and available for expenditure on roads; examining and approving proposals for expenditure; preparation of descriptions, &c., of rating districts for special loans under Local Bodies Act.

Publications.—A Crown Lands Guide for each district is revised and issued quarterly, some 17,000 copies being distributed annually. The Settlers' Handbook is revised and issued to all parts of the world. Land-sale posters, pamphlets of each settlement, summaries of Crown lands available for selection are issued at intervals.

Acts and Statutes.—The following list of statutes regulate the duties of the officers of the Lands Department, and a knowledge of their provisions is essential to the proper performance of their functions: "Land Act, 1892," and amendments; "Land for Settlements Act, 1900," and amendments; "Bush and Swamp Crown Lands Settlement Act, 1903"; Crown Tenants' Rent Rebate Act; "Workers' Dwellings Act, 1905"; Land Transfer Acts; "New Zealand State Forests Act, 1885,"

and amendments; Thermal Springs Act; Public Reserves Act and amendments; "Education Reserves Act, 1877," and amendments; "Scenery Preservation Act, 1903"; Mining Districts Land Occupation Act; Reserves Enabling and Disposal, &c., Acts; "New Zealand Institute of Surveyors and Board of Examiners Act, 1900"; Loans to Local Bodies Act; Public Domains Act; Cemeteries Acts; Timber Floatage Act; Kauri-gum Industry Acts; Harbour Board Endowment Acts; University Endowment Acts; North Island Main Trunk Railway Endowment Act; "Native Townships Act, 1895"; Maori Lands for Settlement Act; Auckland Museum Endowment Act; Tongariro National Park Act.

It may be of interest to mention that carefully prepared maps showing the whole of our system of poster-advertising of Crown lands when opened for selection, together with posters, pamphlets, and land-guides, will be exhibited at the Christchurch Exhibition, space having been booked, and an officer will be in attendance to give all information. A fresh edition of the "Immigrants' Guide and Settlers' Handbook" is being prepared in a different form from the first edition, which met with a favourable reception. It is hoped that the second edition, now in the hands of the Government Printer, will be found still more useful, it being intended, firstly, for the immigrant coming to our shores, and, secondly, for the same man when he has become a settler.

In conclusion, I must record my high opinion of the manner in which all our officers have carried out their duties, and the loyal and efficient manner in which the several Commissioners and Chief Surveyors and officers under them furnish the Head Office with the numerous and sometimes very difficult returns asked for.

I would also here congratulate Mr. Flanagan, the Chief Draughtsman of the Head Office, upon his well-earned promotion to the Commissionership of Crown Lands, Nelson. Mr. Flanagan has filled a very difficult position with great credit to the Department and himself.

The onerous duties of Chief Clerk of the Head Office have been admirably performed by Mr. O'Neill, who is aided by a staff who have proved on many occasions that they can successfully cope with sudden emergencies, demanding both a prompt obedience and a sacrifice of their time not always convenient.

THE LAND AUDIT.

The onerous duties of this branch of the Department are faithfully carried on by Mr. Runcie, the Auditor of Land Revenue, and his assistants. Mr. Runcie speaks very highly of the manner in which the Receivers of Land Revenue carry out their duties. When it is realised that the total revenue handled annually by these officers amounts to over £550,000, our Receivers can one and all be congratulated upon the careful manner in which their books are kept and the accounts entered.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX I.—SETTLEMENT OF CROWN LANDS.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CROWN LANDS ON SETTLEMENT OPERATIONS DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS WHICH ENDED ON THE 31st MARCH, 1906.

AUCKLAND.

THE SETTLEMENT OF CROWN LANDS.

It will be seen from the following summary that there continues unabated a demand for Crown lands in this land district. As the primary efforts of the Department are directed towards the settlement of the people on the land, it is therefore satisfactory to review a year's transactions, which show that an additional area of 107,405 acres has been taken up by 427 persons, who, with their families, are thus able to establish homes for themselves.

Number of New Selectors and Area taken up, from 1st April, 1905, to 31st March, 1906, and Total Amount of Revenue received during the Year.

Nature and Tenure of Lands selected.	Number of Selectors.	Area selected.			Cash received on Past and Current Transactions.		
		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Town lands sold for cash	2	0	3	17	33	0	0
Rural lands sold for cash	29	1,549	3	8	924	8	9
Perpetual leases made freehold	...	...	...	...	287	5	0
Occupation with right of purchase made freehold	...	...	...	...	2,569	9	0
Deferred-payment instalments	...	...	...	...	186	5	1
Perpetual leases	...	...	...	...	953	9	3
Occupation with right of purchase	188	63,395	3	37	12,330	3	11
Lease in perpetuity... ..	59	19,859	1	24	6,764	8	10
Village settlement—							
Cash	30	19	3	8	182	4	0
Lease in perpetuity	8	24	2	1	120	9	2
Village-homestead special settlements... ..	...	...	...	...	142	19	3
Village-homestead special settlements—Repayment of advances... ..	...	...	...	...	122	7	6
Special-settlement associations—Lease in perpetuity	...	...	...	...	314	6	0
Improved-farm special settlements	...	...	...	...	286	18	9
Occupation leases, Mining Districts Land Occupation Act	7	262	0	0	404	13	8
Small grazing-runs	1	2,012	0	0	522	3	10
Pastoral runs	14	3,328	1	19	543	5	5
Thermal springs, Rotorua	...	...	...	...	18	0	0
Miscellaneous leases and licenses	5	1,265	2	28	790	13	6
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	42,449	6	7
Land for Settlement Acts—							
Cash	1	1	0	0	42	0	0
Lease in perpetuity	82	11,863	0	31	11,711	12	7
Small grazing-runs	1	3,823	0	0	42	7	5
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	2,472	15	10
Totals	427	107,405	2	13	84,214	13	4

LANDS OFFERED AND DISPOSED OF DURING THE YEAR.

Every effort has been made during the year to get as much as possible of our land opened. The area of Crown lands in the district as on the 31st March, 1906, was as follows:—

Area of Crown land open for settlement—

	Acres.
North of Auckland City	143,747
South of Auckland City	682,842
	826,589

Area of Crown land not yet open for settlement—

	Acres.
North of Auckland City	271,847
South of Auckland City	545,026
	816,873

Total	1,643,462
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The area opened for settlement during the year ended the 31st March, 1906, was as follows :—

	Acres.
North of Auckland City	13,250
South of Auckland City	124,005
Total	137,255

The area taken up on all tenures during the year ended the 31st March, 1906, was :—

	Acres.
North of Auckland City	26,174
South of Auckland City	81,231
Total	107,405

It is estimated that the area of new lands that will be opened during the coming year will be as follows :—

	Acres.
North of Auckland City	42,000
South of Auckland City	152,000
Total	194,000

CONDITION AND PROGRESS OF SETTLEMENT.

Considerable progress is being made in the settlement of Crown lands in this district, as evidenced by the returns of land opened and disposed of. These show that a large area has been available, and a correspondingly large area taken up. Although it may be somewhat premature to predict whether all the new selectors will make a success of their holdings, still it will be an indication of what the majority will do if a glance is taken at the various tables, which show what a similar class of men have already achieved. In the great bulk of cases the Rangers reports show that the total value of improvements far exceeds the value required by law. There are of course defaulters, both as to improvements and residence, but they form a very small minority.

For convenience of description, Auckland as a land district may well be designated as North and South from the City of Auckland.

North of Auckland.

In the country north of Auckland there are approximately 2,708 Crown tenants, the majority of whom are making steady progress with their selections. There is doubtless a great deal of broken second-class land under occupation, and cattle-raising and dairying are the principal industries, the timber, flax, and gum industries also giving employment to a large number of people. The want of road access is, however, in many cases a severe handicap, but every year naturally brings an improvement in this respect.

In this portion of the district, an area of 178,887 acres, divided into 825 holdings, has been inspected by the Rangers, and on this area improvements to the value of £38,973 should have been effected by our tenants. The inspections, however, show that the value actually carried out amounts to £97,605. There were seventy-seven who had not effected the required improvements, and 128 were not residing, whilst, as a set-off to this, in many instances both residence and improvements had been carried out long before either was due.

South of Auckland.

In the southern districts there has also been considerable progress. On all hands the reports go to show that settlers are successfully farming their lands, content with their progress, and hopeful for the future.

In some instances settlers, particularly on the east coast districts, are giving up maize-growing on account of the frosts, and are going in for sheep and cattle raising, for which the land seems well adapted. Dairying is well established in some localities, and in others is the future hope of the settlers, as soon as the land is at all suitable and the roads are completed.

In some localities, particularly in the east coast—Matata district, great attention is being paid to swamp-drainage, and in many parts of the Auckland District this will be one of the greatest problems. Hand in hand with it there will not only be the advance of settlement, but the flax industry will go ahead by leaps and bounds, areas being so worked long before the country is dry enough for the growing of grass.

On the Coromandel peninsula the chief industries are gold, timber, and gum. Although the eastern portion of the Thames country is rough and broken, there is a good strip of fair land on the west side of the county, and some sections have changed hands there at very high prices, whilst the advantages of the Mining Districts [Land Occupation and Hauraki pastoral-lease tenures in the encouragement of settlement] are gradually being realised.

In the King-country and south-western portion of the land district settlement is also progressing on sound lines, mixed farming, in the way of cattle and sheep raising, being what the settlers have at first in view, with dairying to follow in later years.

In the southern half of the land district there are approximately 2,613 Crown tenants, and of these 648 holdings, comprising an area of 200,213 acres, have been inspected. The Rangers value the improvements made at £99,468, whereas the requirements were only £40,063.

There were 148 who had not taken up residence, and 150 defaulters as to improvements.

It may not be here out of place to note that the system of inspection by Rangers has been altered during the year. The land district is now subdivided into Rangers' districts, in each of which a Ranger resides. Every Ranger is supplied with a ledger containing full particulars of all the selections under

his control. Information as to new selections, transfers, &c., are supplied from time to time to enable the books to be kept up to date, and so far the changes made have resulted in expediting the work, insuring greater accuracy, and a saving in travelling-expenses.

The Whole District.

The Rangers have inspected a total area of 379,100 acres, divided into 1,473 holdings, and the results show that the total value of improvements effected is £196,173, as against £79,036 required by law. This represents inspections made to ascertain whether the requirements of the Land Acts have been fulfilled. In addition to such ordinary inspections, the Rangers have had much of their time taken up in reporting on timber, flax, and kauri-gum lands and school-sites, and in making miscellaneous inquiries, many of which were really foreign to their recognised duties.

THE DIFFICULTIES OF SETTLERS, AND THE LAND BOARD'S POLICY.

It is probable that in no part of the colony are there so many varied interests to minister to as are met with in the Auckland District amongst the 5,344 tenants. These require unabated attention and discrimination. The treatment meted out to settlers in the endeavour to give justice to all may on the face of it often seem lenient and conciliatory as compared with the southern districts of the colony, but there the difficulties of access and isolation press less heavily on the men and women who have to earn their bread by the fruits of the soil. A selector here may have failed to carry out his obligation, but may nevertheless be perfectly *bona fide*. Adverse circumstances, beyond his control, may prevent him from fulfilling the conditions of his lease. He may have no better access than miles of walking-track. In such cases, where the facts become known, every consideration is given by the Board. On the other hand, there are some selectors who have other interests far removed from the locality of their holdings. In many cases they should have known when applying for the land that they would never be able to reside. This, had they been conscientious, should have deterred them from applying, but yet they have acquired land, keeping out *bona fide* selectors and trusting to some chance of evading the requirements of the law. Even this class, however, have often in view settlement either by themselves or their sons in future years. Still, there are numbers of genuine hardworking pioneer settlers, forming the noble band who are undergoing the variety of discomforts associated with back-block holdings, who, notwithstanding the absence of roads and schools and their practical isolation, are turning the bush wilderness into comfortable homesteads.

In reviewing from different standpoints the progress and prospects of settlement, it can be said that the progress has been of a steady and permanent character and the prospects are hopeful for the coming year, whilst the provisions of the Bush and Swamp Act, as also the power to give rebates in rents, have been a wonderful help to many struggling settlers during the earlier years of settlement, when relief is most appreciated.

LAND BOARD.

There have been fourteen meetings of the Land Board during the year, when, in addition to the ordinary business, 340 transfers and 331 mortgages were considered, five transfers being refused.

The Board, following out its policy of meeting the settlers in the vicinity of their holdings, paid an extended visit to the King-country, the trip occupying nineteen days. In this way members were brought face to face with, and were enabled intimately to appreciate, the difficulties that have to be overcome in carving out homes in bush country far removed from civilisation and where settlers are often isolated from their fellows through the want of access.

The Board found a unanimous desire on the part of the genuine settlers for the enforcement of residential requirements, so that their isolation and the absence of schools and roads might as far as possible be modified. It was further noted that the majority of complaints made came from the class of selectors who prefer residing in the townships to complying with the conditions under which they took up their sections.

FOREST LAND.

A special report is being compiled on the state of our timber lands. It is therefore not necessary to deal with it in these remarks, beyond stating that it will show approximately the amount of different timbers still available and the condition of the land from which timber has been disposed of.

A total of eight timber-floatage licenses was issued, making a grand total of 153 licenses issued in this district since the commencement of the industry.

OFFICE-WORK.

The clerical work entailed in the issue of leases, collection of rates, supervision for residence and valuation of improvements, the consideration of transfers, mortgages, and other dealings, and the mass of correspondence associated therewith, is already great, and it can easily be seen that the opening of 428 new accounts must necessitate renewed energies and many expedients for coping with the work. In consequence, there can be no diminution in the volume of clerical work, and it is not reasonable to expect any when each year sees the business increasing by the addition of a large number of new selectors.

During the year 23,556 letters, 1,650 parcels, and 1791 telegrams were received, and 37,438 letters, 9,005 parcels, and 1,692 telegrams were despatched. 1871 vouchers were passed through the books, representing an expenditure of £40,778 16s. 2d., and fifty transfer vouchers were passed, showing credits for the year amounting to £3,563 16s. 2d. Cheques numbering 1,756, amounting to £16,057 0s. 5d., were drawn on the Imprest Account, and 850 cheques, amounting to £11,918 11s. 10d., were drawn on the Official Account.

The total revenue received from all sources was £87,191.

JAMES MACKENZIE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

HAWKE'S BAY.

LAND OPENED FOR SELECTION.

The ever-increasing demand for land in this district has again, during the past year, been voiced in no uncertain manner, and the area available for disposal is all too small to meet requirements. The total area of Crown lands opened for sale or lease during the year amounted to 42,302 acres—a considerable increase over last year.

LANDS DISPOSED OF.

The revenue this year shows a substantial increase of £15,035 as compared with last year, and £9,736 over the previous highest total received, thus constituting a record for the district. The land transactions for the year ended the 31st March, 1906, with the number of tenants, the area held under each tenure, and the revenue derived therefrom, are given concisely in the following summary:—

Summary of Land Transactions, 1905-6.

Tenure.	Transactions during Year.		Leasehold Lands held at 31st March, 1906.		Revenue received during Year 1905-6.
	Number.	Area.	Number.	Area.	
		A. R. P.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Cash	19	213 1 4	...	...	1,303 8 1
Perpetual lease made freehold	2	685 2 0	...	...	388 16 8
Deferred payments made freehold	2	254 0 0	...	...	140 4 11
Occupation with right of purchase made freehold	15	6,219 0 0	...	...	5,773 12 0
Perpetual lease	...	...	4	2,797 3 15	186 2 2
Deferred payments	...	...	1	1,415 0 0	42 10 0
Occupation with right of purchase	25	24,176 0 2	242	133,496 3 17	7,011 8 10
Lease in perpetuity	9	3,482 2 8	199	104,462 0 5	4,021 10 4
Village settlements—					
Occupation with right of purchase	2	40 3 6	8	45 1 14	1 10 0
Lease in perpetuity	20	1,485 3 23	54	1,957 1 5	649 6 3
Village - homestead special settlements	...	...	28	164 1 17	70 5 2
Special - settlement associations—Lease in perpetuity	...	...	14	3,111 0 19	84 15 4
Improved farms	...	...	17	1,916 0 0	272 6 6
Small grazing-runs	3	10,005 0 0	85	248,938 3 2	2,724 12 10
Pastoral runs	2	7,816 0 0	15	101,481 2 0	716 3 5
Timber-cutting	...	...	...	...	725 19 6
Miscellaneous leases	8	1,409 2 21	80	63,536 3 38	1,465 10 0
Transfer fees	...	...	...	...	214 4 0
Crown-grant fees	...	...	...	...	55 10 2
Survey liens	...	...	...	...	86 11 0
Other sources	...	...	...	...	180 4 1
Totals	107	55,787 2 24	747	663,323 0 12	26,114 11 3
Land for settlements—					
Lease in perpetuity	64	13,947 3 36	397	107,399 2 1	35,554 9 1
Lease in perpetuity (village)	...	...	16	35 0 0	8 17 8
Small grazing-runs	1	1,886 0 0	16	19,681 0 0	4,141 8 4
Miscellaneous leases	...	...	9	384 2 5	280 15 11
" receipts	...	...	...	...	83 11 10
Buildings, &c.	...	...	...	...	678 8 7
Native townships	...	...	89	617 3 14	361 19 2
Endowments	...	...	26	9,804 2 35	410 10 11
Grand Totals	172	71,621 2 20	1,300	801,245 2 27	67,634 12 9

REVIEW OF EACH SYSTEM OF TENURE.

Deferred Payment.—Only one tenant now remains under this system, holding an area of 1,415 acres.

Perpetual Lease.—This is rapidly becoming a tenure of the past, last year's tenants now being reduced to four, with an area of 2,797 acres and a yearly rental of £339.

Occupation with Right of Purchase.—This easily holds pride of place in tenure-selection, 25 tenants having been added during the year, whilst 2 were written off, and 15 acquired freeholds. There are now 242 tenants, with an area of 133,496 acres, on the books, who pay an annual rental of £6,646. Value of improvements effected on properties visited was £110,767, as against £41,201 required by law; and souls residing, 344.

Lease in Perpetuity.—The ordinary lease-in-perpetuity selections show a falling-off as compared with previous years, and numbered 8, with an area of 3,459 acres. There were 3 surrenders and 1 exchange, and the area now held by 199 tenants is 104,462 acres, for which an annual rental of £3,642 is payable. Value of improvements required was £42,332, while those actually effected were £98,588; and 397 souls were residing.

Small Grazing-runs.—Eighty-five tenants hold the large area of 248,938 acres, the annual rental payable being £2,775. The leases of twelve runs, containing an area of 21,430 acres, and for which an annual rental of £268 is payable, will expire during the year 1908; and of these a fair proportion will no doubt be cut up for closer settlement and offered under the optional system.

Pastoral Runs.—101,481 acres are now held by fifteen settlers, who pay an annual rental of £692. The concluding remarks of the preceding paragraph also apply to this system of tenure, although, owing to the inaccessibility of the runs, it is not anticipated that a large area will be suitable for closer settlement.

INSPECTIONS AND RANGERS' REPORTS.

Ranger H. M. Smith reports that he visited 671 properties, with an area of 275,334 acres, on which he found 2,090 souls residing. Value of improvements required was £96,496, as against £298,638 actually effected. 43,260 acres of the total area visited were felled, 64,552 were grassed, and 9,688 acres were in crop, whilst 536 buildings had been erected thereon. Out of a total of 1,300 tenants, 92 are defaulters for non-residence, &c., due in some cases to difficult access.

Ranger Simson reports that he visited 206 properties in the Poverty Bay District, with an area of 115,868 acres, and found that 611 souls resided, and that improvements to the value of £150,641 had been effected, as against £58,332 actually required. Area felled on holdings visited was 52,216 acres; grassed, 50,268 acres; and in crop, 298 acres.

POSITION AND PROGRESS OF SETTLEMENT.

Another excellent and prosperous period obtained in this district during the past twelve months, and as a whole the tenants are carrying out the requirements and conditions of the Act in a most encouraging manner.

That the district has undoubtedly advanced and prospered is evidenced by the great increase in revenue and decrease in arrears. There has been a constant demand for land of all descriptions, and keen competition and a plethora of applicants is invariably experienced when a block is thrown open for selection. The spread of settlement over all parts of the district during recent years has to a considerable extent contributed to the general prosperity, and has added in no small degree to the production of grain, dairy-products, growth of stock, &c. This is partly disclosed by the Rangers' reports, which give total improvements required on holdings visited, £154,828, whilst those effected amount to £449,279. Stock carried shows the remarkable increase of 127,802 over last year, and is now—horses, 2,481; sheep, 313,793; cattle, 17,164; and pigs, 1,320. The area grassed and in crop is 124,806 acres.

The future prospects of our settlers appear to be of a most hopeful character, and there should be no difficulty in keeping up the present high standard, even in less favourable years. The seasons have been exceptionally good, and it is with confidence that I look forward to another successful year.

REBATE OF RENT.

It has not been the custom hitherto to grant rebates under "The Crown Tenants' Rent Rebate Act, 1900," but during the year just ended a new departure has been made, a rebate of 10 per cent. having been allowed to 415 tenants, amounting to £492. Three hundred and fifty-two tenants under "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900," were granted rebates amounting to £2,309.

NUMBER OF TENANTS AND ARREARS.

A further increase of 101 tenants has been gained during the year, 801,245 acres being held by 1,300 settlers, for which the annual rental of £57,261 is payable.

The arrears stand at £1,044, owing by fifty tenants. The Land for Settlements arrears total £816, as against £185 due on Crown lands, but the general reduction, as compared with last year, is £1,058, which must be considered satisfactory.

FORFEITURES AND SURRENDERS.

There were 9 forfeitures for non-compliance with the conditions, 3 of these being reselected; 6 surrenders were accepted, 3 for subdivision and transfer, whilst 3 were unable to carry on; 4 of these latter are now in occupation.

LANDS TO BE OPENED.

An available area of 117,082 acres will probably be dealt with during the coming year; 100,524 acres in the Cook and Waiapu Counties under the optional and small-grazing-run systems, and 16,558 acres in Hawke's Bay and Waipawa Counties, the area under the optional system being 2,888 acres; pastoral run, 11,000 acres; and small grazing-run, 2,670 acres.

IMPROVED-FARM SETTLEMENTS.

The position with regard to the Waikopiro and Akitio Improved-farm Settlements remains practically the same, Waikopiro showing an increase in area felled and grassed and value of improvements.

DEPARTMENTAL.

The Land Board held eighteen meetings during the year, and made several visits of inspection to localities requiring same. Some seventeen hundred letters, applications, and papers were dealt with, being a considerable increase over the previous year's figures.

20,964 letters and 724 telegrams were received and despatched, and 601 vouchers, representing payments of £15,618, were dealt with during the year. Receipts for rent totalled 2,903, cards to Auditor 142, reports to Government Advances to Settlers Department 231, and transfers recorded 169.

The preparation of the numerous special and periodical returns involves a large amount of time and work. Members of the staff have been kept exceptionally busy, and in the performance of their numerous duties have displayed efficiency, interest, and zeal, and I have much pleasure in placing on record my appreciation thereof.

ERIC C. GOLD SMITH,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

TARANAKI.

The land transactions for the year ending the 31st March, 1906, are shown in the subjoined summary:—

Class of Selection.	Transactions during the Year.			Held at 31st March, 1906.			Revenue received during the Year.				
	Number.	Area.			Number.	Area.					
		A.	R.	P.		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Cash	32	1,771	0	14	...	...	...	...	1,384	9	3
Deferred payment ...	3	637	0	0	3	497	0	0	242	1	10
Perpetual lease ...	...	...	...	...	13	3,961	0	16	301	18	7
Perpetual lease made freehold	3	640	0	0	...	...	...	...	805	5	6
Occupation with right of purchase	28	20,212	0	0	364	157,656	0	5	6,018	16	10
Occupation with right of purchase made freehold	9	1,586	1	0	...	...	...	...	2,431	9	5
Lease in perpetuity ...	20	13,511	3	0	451	169,344	0	10	4,534	18	8
Lease in perpetuity—Land for settlement	...	...	...	...	29	2,418	0	7	2,268	0	5
Village settlements—											
Occupation with right of purchase	...	...	...	...	9	8	1	0	2	4	11
Lease in perpetuity ...	...	...	...	...	10	69	0	8	10	12	3
Special settlement—Lease in perpetuity	...	...	...	...	86	16,268	3	15	1,013	17	3
Improved-farm settlements...	...	10	0	0	250	33,360	2	27	1,165	3	3
Small grazing-runs ...	...	...	...	...	17	16,654	2	6	254	3	1
Miscellaneous leases ...	2	1	1	0	104	1,237	0	39	535	12	9
Transfer and other fees ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150	11	0
Miscellaneous receipts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,046	16	1
Crown-grant fees ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	0	6
Endowments ...	...	...	...	...	1	53	2	32	357	15	5
Timber licenses ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	0	0
Totals	97	38,369	1	14	1,337	401,528	2	5	22,617	17	0

CROWN LANDS OPENED FOR SELECTION.

The only land offered for the first time was one section in the Ohura Survey District, of 242 acres, for lease in perpetuity.

Lands offered previously comprised 3 isolated forfeited sections for lease in perpetuity, of a total area of 1,299 acres; 29 isolated forfeited sections, comprising 18,236 acres, under optional conditions; 1 section in Opaku Survey District, by public auction for cash; 150 acres and 10 allotments in the Spotswood Settlement.

The town lands offered for cash by public auction for the first time were: 44 sections in the Town of Mangaroa, 11 acres 1 rood 32 perches; 11 suburban areas in the same township, 60 acres 3 roods 24 perches; and 6 suburban lots in Aria Township, 15 acres 1 rood 18 perches.

LANDS DISPOSED OF.

These principally comprised sections remaining in blocks opened for application towards the close of the last year, the remainder being isolated sections that were offered in previous years. There was not a great deal of competition for these lands during the whole year. Three allotments, totalling 1,731 acres, were disposed of for cash, one of them, comprising 150 acres, being sold by public auction.

Two applications, for 184 acres, were granted under section 114 of "The Land Act, 1892." In conversation with applicants for land and those who have made selections in recent years, I learn that the provisions of "The Bush and Swamp Crown Lands Settlement Act, 1903," are greatly appreciated, especially where the holdings selected are of areas between 500 acres and 2,000 acres, a great deal of capital being required in the first few years of settlement.

In town, village, and suburban lands, 142 allotments were offered by public auction, and fifty-two were disposed of, with fair competition.

PRINCIPAL SYSTEMS OF TENURE.

These are, in this district, occupation with right of purchase and lease in perpetuity; and out of lands offered under the optional tenures, 28 selectors took up 20,212 acres under occupation with right of purchase, and 9 persons favoured the lease-in-perpetuity tenure, while 2 applicants selected 1,581 acres for cash.

POSITION AND PROGRESS OF SETTLEMENT.

The Ranger for the central and southern portions of the land district, Mr. John Barron, reports that,—

"In the ordinary inspections made during the year, which include perpetual-lease, lease-in-perpetuity, and occupation-with-right-of-purchase tenures, I have to say generally that the tenants under these tenures have complied well with the conditions of residence and improvements; where they failed, the chief cause is want of access.

"Under the farm-homestead-association system of tenure, the settlements in this district comprise the Milsom, Oxford, Lepperton, Gatton, Eltham, Ross, Terrace End, Mangaehu, and Whenuakura Associations. Their identity as settlements is almost extinguished, the amalgamation of holdings into larger areas, surrenders, and forfeitures being chiefly the cause. Those who have remained on the land have proved good settlers and are making steady progress. Some of them have already completed the required ten years' residence.

"*Small Grazing-runs.*—Where they are handy to the markets, as in the Patea district, they are fairly successful, but in the back country settlers have a difficulty in financing to make improvements. The prospects of the settlers, especially on dairying land, have been fairly good this year owing to the good prices for butter, and also where settlers were fortunate to stock with sheep, but where cattle have been stocked on the land the results have been most discouraging consequent upon the low prices ruling for this class of stock. The inspections during the year comprise 435 holdings, the area being 111,172 acres; and the value of improvements effected £135,943, a little more than twice the amount required to be made."

Mr. J. W. Thurston, Assistant Ranger for the northern portion of the district, reports that the selectors in the more settled parts are doing fairly well, those engaged in dairying having experienced a good year on account of satisfactory prices for their produce. Those who were grazing stock suffered because of the low prices for cattle. Many of them are investing in sheep, and expect to do well with them. All that they complain about is the state of the roads, which have been impassable for many months in the year owing to two very wet seasons and scarcity of metal.

In the country taken up about two years ago, most of the settlers are effecting extensive improvements, and are satisfied with their holdings. They anticipate that in a few years the country will be used for dairying operations where suitable, as the road-works are making good progress. The settlers adjacent to the main Ohura Road have the benefit of two schools, post and telephone offices, and a sawmill. Two new schools are likely to be erected within twelve months at Mangapapa and Aria.

The holdings visited during the year number 196, the area 73,968 acres, and the value of improvements effected £14,240, nearly double the amount required to be made.

REBATES OF RENT.

During the year 642 tenants, holding under the lease-in-perpetuity and occupation-with-right-of-purchase conditions of the Land Act, were granted 10 per cent. rebate on their annual instalments, amounting to £777 7s. 5d.; and seventeen land-for-settlements tenants received the sum of £130 12s. 9d. There being only 1,080 tenants who could avail themselves of the concession, those who did so represent a very fair proportion of the total, and I feel confident that many others failed simply through their inability to pay on the due dates.

ARREARS OF RENT.

Excluding the current instalment, the number of tenants in arrear was eighty-seven as compared with 181 last year, a very satisfactory decrease, the amount owing being £1,273, or £618 less than the preceding year. Taking the current instalment into consideration, there are 117 less than last year, and the amount owing is £1,370 lower. I am still not satisfied, however, with the position of these arrears, especially in one or two cases which require stringent measures to be taken, and look to effecting a further material reduction during the year.

FORFEITURES AND SURRENDERS.

There were twenty-eight holdings resumed, ten of which were forfeited for breaches of the Land Act, the remainder being principally given up for want of sufficient capital, or on account of the difficulty of access. Capital and access are, of course, the greatest necessities for successful settlement. Many persons will take up sections without looking at them first, and, upon being asked the reason, state that they would sooner risk a selection being suitable after taking it up than take the chance of obtaining one in a ballot. I always urge upon applicants that they should see the land before selecting it.

RESERVES, FORESTS, ETC.

Out of the total area, 3,351 acres, reserved during the year, 3,315 were for preservation of forest and scenery, the remainder being for public schools, municipal purposes, and primary education. In blocks of land disposed of under the "provisional survey" system, large areas have yet to be gazetted for primary education, forest and scenery, &c.

DISPOSAL OF THE REMAINING CROWN LANDS.

During the early part of the coming year, a block of 11,800 acres in the Ohura and Heao Survey Districts, and later on a block of about 10,300 acres in the Mahoe Survey District, will be opened for application on the optional conditions. These comprise all the land that is at present under survey for settlement purposes, and it is anticipated that most of it will be applied for, there being a good deal of inquiry for land.

Other blocks will be in course of preparation for settlement during the year, but I am not sure that they can be offered in time for inclusion in the transactions for the year ending the 31st March, 1907.

In my report of last year I furnished detailed areas of Crown lands available for future disposal, and therefore I need not repeat them.

By the passing of "The Taranaki Scholarships Act, 1905," an area of 7,922 acres of the University Reserve in the Carlyle and Opaku Survey Districts, producing a revenue of £580 per annum, became vested in the Public Trustee, and the management of those lands was handed over to that officer last December with all rents due paid up.

OFFICE-WORK.

The amount of clerical business dealt with shows an increase on that of the last two years, being made up as follows:—Correspondence inwards and outwards, circulars, applications, parcels, &c., 19,085; cheques drawn for wages, &c., 629; vouchers dealt with, 771; transfers recorded, 131; receipts for rent, refunds, &c., 4,768; provisional titles issued, 144; cards furnished to Auditor, 163; total, 25,691.

In addition to the ordinary work arising out of the transactions for the year, there has been the preparation of titles consequent upon the completion of the surveys of lands disposed of within the last two years under the "provisional area" system, together with the necessary corrections to the books of reference caused by amendment of areas.

FRANS. SIMPSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

WELLINGTON.

A comparison of the following summary of the year's transactions with that of the previous year shows an increase of 20,060 acres in the area selected during the past year under all systems, the number of selectors being, however, thirteen less.

NUMBER of NEW SELECTORS and AREA taken up, from the 1st April, 1905, to the 31st March, 1906, and TOTAL AMOUNT of REVENUE received during the Year.

Nature and Tenure of Lands selected.	Number of Selectors.	Area selected.	Cash received on Past and Current Transactions.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Town lands sold for cash	16	7 0 38	1,720 19 7
Rural lands sold for cash	11	539 2 13	2,113 4 4
Perpetual leases made freehold	...	...	8,237 18 11
Occupation with right of purchase made freehold	...	...	339 15 5
Deferred-payment instalments	...	...	370 19 7
Perpetual leases	...	...	9,960 14 2
Occupation with right of purchase	60	31,317 3 19	5,840 7 2
Lease in perpetuity	9	1,021 1 24	10 5 0
Village settlement—Cash	...	...	1,895 11 1
Village-homestead special settlements	48	285 0 5	27 10 0
Special-settlement associations—			4,386 13 7
Perpetual lease	...	...	2,454 19 10
Lease in perpetuity	...	...	1,167 13 3
Improved-farm special settlements	3	537 0 0	2,041 16 8
Improved-farm special settlements made freehold	...	...	2,041 7 9
Small grazing-runs	4	8,303 1 37	1,017 4 6
Pastoral runs	2	32,052 0 0	2,764 10 7
Miscellaneous leases and licenses	39	1,391 1 8	9,010 16 0
Miscellaneous	...	...	171 13 4
Land for Settlement Acts—			3,820 19 0
Lease in perpetuity	16	1,050 3 20	
Small grazing-runs	...	...	
Miscellaneous leases	...	...	
Totals	208	76,505 3 4	59,394 19 9

The total area now on the books on settlement conditions is 595,536 acres, held by 3,273 selectors, or 31,970 acres, and 133 selectors more than the previous year. The revenue received was only £10 less than the previous year.

LANDS OPENED FOR SALE OR SELECTION.

The total area of Crown land offered for sale or selection during the year was 23,821 acres, which, added to the area standing open on the 1st April, 1905—viz., 95,769 acres—made a total area of 119,590 acres available for selection. Of the area of 23,821 acres offered during the year, 20,105 acres were offered for the first time. Included in the area offered was a portion of the Awarua Block, near Utiku, comprising about 14,496 acres, subdivided into 11 lots disposed of on optional system, and 2 lots as small grazing-runs. The keenness of the demand for this block was shown by the fact that about 1,660 applications were received for it, the number of the applicants for several of the sections varying from two hundred to over three hundred. Part Section 19, Block X, Hautapu, near Mangaweka, offered on optional system, was applied for by 416 applicants. The Tupapanui Block, situated near Raetihi, and comprising 2,614 acres subdivided into five lots, was offered and disposed of on optional system. Five lots for cash, and 52 village homesteads, in the Manunui Village Settlement, near Taumarunui; 6 lots in the Pukeroa Township, near Hunterville; and 9 lots in Raetihi Township were also offered. Seven creamery-sites, situated in Apiti, Umutoi, and Mount Cerberus Districts, Taihape Township, and Makuri and Pongaroa Villages, were sold for cash by public auction. The Tawaha Settlement, recently acquired from the trustees of the late Mr. C. R. Binwell, comprising 2,302 acres, situated near Martinborough, subdivided into twenty-three farms, was offered on the 26th March, 1906. Ten of the lots still remain open for disposal.

The timber on part of the Awarua Block, near Utiku, comprising totara, matai, rimu, miro, kahikatea, and maire, estimated at 31,635,900 superficial feet, was offered by public auction in three lots, but up to the present none of it has been disposed of.

Out of the 23,821 acres offered during the year, 17,755 acres were opened subject to "The Bush and Swamp Crown Lands Settlement Act, 1903," 14,556 acres being classed as "heavy bush," 2,809 acres as "light bush," and 390 acres as "scrub land."

On behalf of the Wellington School Commissioners, a primary-education reserve (Lots 5 and 6, and parts 4 and 7, of Section 101, Otahoua District, Masterton Suburbs), 9 acres, was disposed of for cash by public auction.

About 2,510 formal applications were received for lands during the year.

INSPECTIONS AND RANGERS' REPORTS.

These comprise 856 inspections by the two Rangers in the east coast district of an area of 275,803 acres, being a decrease of 102 in number, but an increase of 66,316 acres over last year's figures, the value of the improvements required to be effected being £108,007. The amount actually spent was £213,052, being £105,045 more than was required to be spent.

In the west coast district 822 inspections were made by two Rangers of an area of 85,231 acres, being a decrease of sixty-nine in number and 26,256 acres in area from last year's figures. The amount required to be spent on improvements was £41,008, whereas £135,435 was expended, being £94,427 in excess of requirements. The grand totals for both districts are as follows: Number of inspections made, 1,678, over an area of 361,034 acres, being a decrease from last year's figures of 171 in number, and an increase of 40,060 acres in area. Improvements required to be effected to the value of £149,015; improvements actually done to the value of £348,488: excess, £199,473. Out of 1,678 holdings inspected only seventy-nine holders had not complied with requirements.

REBATES OF RENTAL.

Rebate, amounting to £2,418, for prompt payment of rental to 2,187 selectors was granted. These figures show an increase over last year's returns of seventy-six selectors and £74 in amount.

ARREARS OF RENTAL.

There are 177 selectors in arrear with two or more payments, amounting to £1,711, comprising an area of 19,851 acres, being an increase over last year's figures of nineteen in number and £173 in amount, the area being less by 5,049 acres. The total arrears, inclusive of the current half-year's payment, are 377 in number, £3,548 in amount, for 58,774 acres.

SMALL GRAZING-RUNS.

A number of these leases are now running out, and will determine by effluxion of time next year, and the necessary valuations have been made and notices issued in terms of section 209 of "The Land Act, 1885."

FORFEITURES AND SURRENDERS.

There was only one forfeiture during the year under the land-for-settlements tenure, the area held being 10 acres and 35 perches, and the annual rental £14 Os. 2d.

Two surrenders, of 205 acres, were accepted, the annual rental being £15 2s.

RESERVES AND ENDOWMENTS.

During the year 11,887 acres were reserved for the following purposes: Scenery, water-conservation, State forests, primary education, &c. An area of 2,200 acres was set aside as an endowment for the Victoria College.

CASH LANDS.

The area disposed of for cash was 546 acres 3 roods 11 perches, comprising one selection of 446 acres under Part III of "The Land Act, 1892"; the land purchased without option being ten lots of rural land aggregating 93 acres 2 roods 13 perches, and sixteen lots of town lands amounting to 7 acres and 38 perches.

TIMBER ROYALTIES.

The revenue received under this heading amounted to £470.

WORK DONE FOR THE SCENERY PRESERVATION COMMISSIONERS.

Plans, reports, and recommendations were prepared and sent in of the proposed reserves in seventeen survey districts, scattered generally throughout this land district, and comprising an area of about 10,553 acres.

"THE MAORI LANDS ADMINISTRATION ACT, 1900," ETC.

Under the above heading this office has undertaken the preparation of plans of the northern portion of this district, including the Aotea Maori Land Board's areas, and balance of Ikiroa, and showing the various tenures under which these lands are now held, together with the boundaries of the North Island Main Trunk Railway area, &c. In addition, all leases and deeds of blocks acquired by the Native Land Purchase Department in this district have been prepared, as well as of such blocks as have been handed over to the Aotea Maori Land Council (now the Aotea Maori Land Board), and also the schemes of subdivisions of certain Native reserves in the Upper Wanganui district.

SAND-DUNES AND DRIFTING SAND.

These dunes in this district consist of a narrow strip along the sea-coast between Paekakariki and the Patea River, varying in width from a few chains to three or four miles, although at Rangitikei River it extends to six miles, and comprise roughly an area of about 91,000 acres. Full and comprehensive reports and plans in illustration thereof have been furnished, together with proposals and recommendations for dealing therewith, and I am now endeavouring to arrange with some settlers to carry out the planting of experimental areas on a small scale.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON LAND-ADMINISTRATION.

This Commission, which was set up by direction of Parliament to inquire into the working of the Land Acts throughout the colony, came into this district in June last. By request of the Chairman I attended at Stratford, and accompanied the southern division of the Commission through this and the adjoining district of Hawke's Bay, visiting and sitting at Taihape, Feilding, Palmerston North, Pahiatua, Masterton, and Wellington. In addition to these I attended the Commission when sitting at Dannevirke, Waipukurau, and Hastings, in Hawke's Bay. It is satisfactory to be able to state that, although some complaints were made in regard to the past administration of the Land Board, the Commission, after a full investigation of each case, and after hearing both sides, decided that in no case had the Board failed in its duty to the settlers, or exceeded its powers, but that if certain amendments were made in the Land Act, with a view to removing some anomalies and disabilities under which settlers who hold under particular tenures now labour, most of their complaints would probably cease.

MEETINGS OF LAND BOARD.

During the year the Land Board held eighteen meetings and paid eight visits, making inspections in the following districts: Wairarapa, Eketahuna, Rangitikei, Hutt, Nukumarū, and Martinborough.

PRESENT POSITION AND FUTURE PROSPECTS.

From the foregoing and from my personal observation when visiting the outlying portions of the district where settlement is principally taking place, as well as from the visits of inspection made by the Land Board, and the frequent and lengthy reports furnished from time to time by the various Crown Lands Rangers, I have no hesitation in saying that the condition and future prospects of settlement in this district are eminently satisfactory not only in regard to the ordinary Crown lands as dealt with under "The Land Act, 1892," &c., but also in regard to that taking place under the Land for Settlements Acts.

LANDS TO BE OPENED DURING THE COMING YEAR.

The following lands will probably be placed on the market during the coming year: Two homestead sections in Longbush and Tablelands Settlements, 920 acres; the Mahupuku Settlement, 4,831 acres; Hikawera Settlement, 1,753 acres; Dyer Settlement, 16,450 acres; and the Waddington, Heretaunga, Hall-Jones, Wilford, Pitt, Melling, and Hawtrey Settlements, which have been acquired subject to the provisions of the Land for Settlements Act and "The Workers' Dwellings Act, 1905": also the Kawhatahi (North Kaitieke) Block, 20,000 acres; the Te Maire, Kirikau, and Retaruke Blocks, 48,000 acres; Rangitatau Block, 9,000 acres; and probably a number of forfeited sections. It is also proposed to hold sales of township sections in Ohakune, Raetihi, Waiouru, Taihape, Mangaweka, &c.

CLERICAL BRANCH.

The number of letters received during the year amounted to 13,285, and those despatched to 15,792. Including letters, rent-notices, parcels, &c., a total of 59,577 letters, &c., were received and despatched during the year. Six hundred and twenty-five cheques were drawn on my Imprest Account for a total of £5,651; the number of vouchers dealt with being 916, representing a total of £22,632.

JOHN STRAUCHON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

NELSON.

SUMMARY OF LAND TRANSACTIONS DURING THE YEAR 1905-6.

System.	Transactions during the Year.				Area under Lease at 31st March, 1906.				Revenue received during the Year.		
	Number.	Area.			Number.	Area.					
		A.	R.	P.		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Cash	20	4,704	3	4	...	...	...	...	1,884	13	5
Deferred payment	...	...	...	...	123	11,803	1	4	866	1	5
Deferred payment made freehold	46	4,851	0	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Perpetual lease	...	...	...	...	12	2,017	3	14	33	0	11
Perpetual lease made freehold	2	302	0	0	...	...	...	...	113	5	0
Occupation with right of purchase	3	626	2	28	193	37,940	3	3	985	18	2
Occupation with right of purchase made freehold	1	100	0	0	...	...	...	...	30	0	0
Lease in perpetuity	53	16,468	0	27	279	78,261	3	13	2,193	2	6
Mining districts land occupation	6	372	1	13	27	1,398	3	27	117	18	6
Small grazing-runs	...	...	...	...	6	8,556	0	0	102	3	11
Pastoral runs	6	6,500	0	0	60	237,909	0	0	535	0	4
Miscellaneous leases and licenses, including coal and timber royalties	273	13,152	0	6	560	83,615	0	15	2,699	6	8
Other sources	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	471	16	4
Totals	410	47,077	0	33	1,260	461,502	2	36	10,032	7	2
Endowments.											
Village - homestead special settlement	...	...	...	...	20	100	3	7	15	0	6
Mining districts land occupation	3	13	2	0	79	1,497	2	11	77	19	9
Miscellaneous leases	3	0	1	13	297	5,480	2	26	837	1	5
Royalty on coal and timber ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,222	18	1
Grand totals	416	47,091	0	6	1,656	468,581	3	0	24,185	6	11

Crown Lands opened for Selection.—The total area opened for sale or selection during the year amounted to 90,655 acres, in the Kongahu, Mokihinui, Inangahua, Burnett, Rahu, Matiri, Brighton, Steeples, Mount Arthur, Rintoul, and Tadmor Survey Districts. 84,781 acres, being within mining districts, were opened under lease in perpetuity only, and 4,625 acres under the optional clauses of "The Land Act, 1892."

Cash Lands.—The total amount received for cash sales of rural land by twenty selectors amounted to £1,884 13s. 5d., for an area of 4,704 acres 3 roods 4 perches, of which 309 acres 3 roods 31 perches was selected by adjoining occupiers under section 114 of the Land Act. These areas are scattered over the whole land district, the bulk of the land applied for being in the Rintoul, Tadmor, and Wangamoa Survey Districts. About 4,250 acres was selected solely for pastoral purposes, the balance in small areas for mixed farming.

Lease in perpetuity.—Fifty-three settlers selected 16,468 acres and 27 perches under this tenure during the year, the bulk of the area being situate in the Central Buller and Maruia Districts, and practically the whole of this area has been taken up for pastoral purposes, sheep and cattle raising being the most profitable use the land can be placed to in these districts.

Deferred payment.—Forty-six lessees, holding 4,851 acres and 35 perches, have acquired the freehold during the year, leaving 123 holders with an area of 11,803 acres 1 rood 4 perches remaining on the books.

Mining Districts Land Occupation Act.—Nine selections were made under this Act for small areas in mining districts. The leases under this tenure now number 106; area 2,896 acres 1 rood 38 perches.

Pastoral Licenses under Regulations for Occupation of Pastoral Lands within Mining districts.—Intending settlers in mining districts where the land has not been proclaimed open under the Land Act have eagerly taken advantage of these regulations for acquiring holdings. Already thirty-six selectors have acquired 9,170 acres, chiefly for pastoral purposes, and a number of other applications will shortly be dealt with by the Board as soon as the Ranger's and Warden's reports are received. None of these settlers have yet been in occupation twelve months, and reports as to progress and value of improvements are necessarily deferred till next year.

Village Homesteads.—Seddonville Special Settlement: This settlement has continued in a prosperous state since the State Coal Mine, which is close to it, was opened, the majority of the settlers being engaged in coal-mining. There are now seventy-five people in the settlement, and, of the area taken up of 101 acres, 80 acres of bush has been felled and is now in grass. The land is about the best in this part of the district, and the holdings, which are in orchards, gardens, and paddocks for dairying, are looking well, and the tenants seem prosperous. Total value of improvements effected, £1,830.

Coal and Mineral Leases.—The output of coal from the Westport Coal Company's mines at Denniston and Millerton for the past year amounted to over half a million (500,231) tons, on which royalties amounting to £12,738 4s. 2d. were collected by this office. Extensive developments are taking place in the workings of the Millerton Mine, and a still larger output is expected during the current year.

Miscellaneous Leases and Licenses.—Two hundred and seventy-three licenses, with an area of 13,152 acres and 6 perches, were issued during the year, comprising 216 timber licenses, 28 licenses under section 116 of the Land Act for small areas chiefly in mining districts, and 29 miscellaneous. There are now 857 miscellaneous licenses, with an area of 89,095 acres 3 roods 1 perch, on the books.

Endowment Lands.—The Westport Harbour Board endowments, which are entirely administered and the rents collected by this office, now comprise 398 leases, area 7,079 acres and 27 perches. The revenue of these lands, including coal and timber royalties, amounted to the large sum of £14,152 19s. 9d. for the past year. The arrears of rents on this large revenue only amount to £58 5s.

SAWMILLING AND TIMBER-CUTTING INDUSTRIES.

The Crown Lands Ranger reports that during the past year the timber industry has not made any great progress, owing, no doubt, to the export trade falling off on account of the marketable timber (namely, white-pine) at present not being obtainable, while other classes of timber were not in any great demand. Therefore the mills were not by any means kept fully occupied.

There are about 466 men employed in the timber trade—some at the mills, others cutting railway sleepers, firewood, posts, mining-timber, &c.

The total number of sawmills erected on private and Crown lands and harbour reserves is thirty-nine, and from the latter two descriptions of land 2,385,950 superficial feet of timber was cut, and the royalty collected on same was £770 18s. 6d.; while the number of railway sleepers cut was 85,166, and royalty collected on same amounted to £914 8s. 9d.: thus making the total amount of royalty collected for year, £1,685 7s. 3d. The area of land now held for timber-cutting purposes throughout the district is 12,683 acres 2 roods 28 perches.

PROGRESS AND CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT.

The Rangers' reports show that during the year inspections were made as follows:—

Districts.	Number of Inspections.	Area.	Value of Improvements.		Defaulters.		Total.
			Required.	Effected.	Improvements.	Non-residence.	
Northern portion of district— Counties of Collingwood, Waimea, and Sounds	116	Acres. 24,819	£ 5,649	£ 14,696	11	16	27
Southern portion of district— Counties of Buller and Inangahua	85	7,805	1,087	6,150	7	9	16
Totals ...	201	32,624	6,736	20,846	18	25	43

In addition to the above inspections, there are over four hundred other holdings requiring inspection which the Ranger was unable to visit this year, as his time was much occupied inspecting 250 timber licenses and cutting, and about 150 applications for pastoral and other miscellaneous licenses. However, next year the four hundred holdings above referred to will be fully inspected, as arrangements have been made for Ranger Harris to devote his whole time to Crown lands, and Ranger Wesley to the timber industry.

From the above table it will be seen that the position and progress of the tenants whose holdings were inspected is very satisfactory, and all appeared well satisfied with their holdings, the number of defaulters being very small.

The past year has been a very good one for Crown tenants who are applying themselves principally to pastoral pursuits, as their holdings are mostly high and broken country, well suited for sheep and cattle raising. Good prices were obtained for sheep and wool, thus encouraging tenants to cultivate more of their bush lands, which is being done to a great extent. During the coming year I anticipate that large areas which are now covered with bush will be under cultivation, as settlers can now see the advantage gained by improving their lands, and as roads are being pushed on further into the back country better access is obtained for stock and produce to the markets, and enabling the opening-up of Crown lands that a few years back were inaccessible. Judging by the great demand for land at the present time it means a substantial improvement as regards settlement in this district. The approximate number of stock at the present time on the holdings inspected is 23,700 sheep, 1,400 cattle, 270 horses, and 300 pigs.

There are a number of creameries throughout the district, principally on freehold lands, but many close to leasehold on which dairy cows are depastured, and from which the creameries receive large supplies of milk.

Generally speaking, the Crown tenants are very well satisfied with past results, and are favourably impressed with their selections, there being very few forfeitures and surrenders. The rents have been paid promptly, and the arrears are trifling.

REVENUE.

The total revenue collected from all sources, including endowments and royalties on coal and timber, amounted to £24,185 6s. 11d.

ARREARS OF RENT.

The arrears of rent for the year amounted to only £201 12s. 9d., and as there are 1,656 Crown tenants in the district I think this may be considered a satisfactory result of the efforts made to secure prompt payment of rents.

LANDS FOR FUTURE SETTLEMENT.

The following blocks of surveyed and unsurveyed lands will be placed on the market for selection almost immediately:—Surveyed: Spooner Range Block, Gordon and Wai-iti Survey Districts, 4,600 acres. Unsurveyed: The North Maruia Block, Lyell, Maruia, and Tutaki Survey Districts, 24,500 acres; the Big Bush Block, Motupiko Survey District, 18,136 acres. A block of about 5,000 acres on the west side of the Inangahua River, near its junction with the Buller, is now under scheme survey and will be opened for selection very shortly.

In addition to the above I have also to report that the District Surveyor, Reefton, will explore the Blackwater Valley, Ohika Survey District, as it is reported that the lands in the valley and its vicinity are fit for settlement. The outlet for this country will be about eighteen miles from Westport, on the main coach road. The approximate area fit for settlement is from seven to ten thousand acres.

Mr. Ranger Harris has lately explored the Blackwater Valley, Tutaki Survey District. He reports an area of about 15,000 acres in this valley as fit for settlement. He speaks very favourably of this country. The valley is flat land for about a mile wide, with gently sloping hills on either side. The outlet for this country would be Murchison, *via* the Mangles River.

Tutaki and Matiri Survey Districts (30,000 acres): Mr. Ranger Harris has also lately explored and inspected Crown lands in Blocks II, III, VI, VII, X, XI, Tutaki Survey District, and reports as follows: "From the junction of the Blackwater Creek with the Mangles River, and up same creek for a distance of about eight miles, with an average width of 60 chains to the foot of the hills, is very good flat agricultural land, and the hills are low and well adapted for pastoral purposes, well watered, and covered with light mixed timber, and about four miles from main coach road, Nelson to Westport. From the junction of the Buller and Mangles Rivers, up both sides of the latter, more so on the north side, the nature of the country is small flats with low hills—good pastoral lands, well watered, and covered with a fairly light mixed timber. I think that the whole of the above country should be open for selection, as it is well suited for settlement purposes."

W. G. MURRAY,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

MARLBOROUGH.

The following summary of land transactions for the year shows that a total area of 55,883 acres was dealt with, of which 45,354 acres represents the Flaxbourne Estate. In addition to the former area, 6,623 acres were exchanged to lease in perpetuity, mostly from small grazing-runs and pastoral runs. There is a very limited area of Crown lands in this district, but the progress of settlement and the class of settlers, taken as a whole, are exceedingly satisfactory.

LANDS DISPOSED OF.

The following table shows the particulars of the lands disposed of during the year, number of new selectors, and area taken up from the 1st April, 1905, to the 31st March, 1906, and total amount of revenue received during the year:—

Nature and Tenure of Lands selected.	Number of Selectors.	Area.			Cash received on Past and Current Transactions.		
		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Rural lands sold for cash	2	41	0	20	251	2	6
Perpetual lease made freehold	1	51	1	20	52	0	0
Occupation with right of purchase made freehold	1	400	0	0	200	0	0
Perpetual leases	...	...	...	...	34	5	0
Occupation with right of purchase	...	...	...	...	405	12	9
Lease in perpetuity	4	955	0	0	2,427	9	10
Village settlement—							
Perpetual lease	...	...	...	...	1	2	6
Lease in perpetuity	...	...	...	...	16	6	8
Village-homestead special settlement	...	...	...	...	18	17	6
Occupation lease, Mining Districts Land Occupation Act	...	...	...	...	31	13	9
Small grazing-runs	4	8,291	0	0	2,959	15	5
Pastoral runs	...	...	...	...	4,151	16	10
Miscellaneous leases and licenses	8	1,028	0	0	134	0	1
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	2,288	14	6
Land for Settlements Acts—							
Lease in perpetuity	120	14,013	0	36	10,803	9	9
Small grazing-runs	18	30,731	0	0	6,691	2	1
Miscellaneous	16	3,889	2	12	514	16	8
Totals	174	59,400	1	8	30,982	5	10

POSITION AND PROGRESS OF SETTLEMENT.

During the past year the progress of settlement has been well maintained, and has been further improved by the settlement of the Flaxbourne Estate, which was taken up in June last, by which the number of holdings was increased by the settlement of 123 additional tenants, and, in spite of the exceptionally wet winter, which proved a heavy handicap to the work of fencing, building, &c., the amount of improvements already effected has been the subject of much favourable comment. Two small grazing-runs—Ben More and Napoleon—were also let, the fortunate applicants being both Kaikoura residents. Owing to the continued high values of sheep and wool, the pastoral community are still thriving, and the future prospects may fairly be considered as highly satisfactory. The old-established settlements are, of course, similarly in a healthy condition. There are 594 holdings, comprising 1,303,499 acres, in this district held by tenants under the various tenures, exclusive of the land-for-settlements blocks, which are dealt with in another portion of this report.

Sounds County.—It can now be said that all the land within this district, having water frontage and access, with the exception of the reserves, is occupied under one or another form of tenure. The Crown tenants have nearly all been in possession of their holdings for ten years and over, and have complied with the conditions of their leases. The new leases in perpetuity are chiefly conversions from the small-grazing-run tenure; and in cases where they are not the lessees have so far complied with the requirements of the law, except three and these will shortly do so. The value of the land, especially level land, has increased quite fifty per cent. during the past three years; and there are several instances of Crown tenants having sold out, receiving a substantial bonus over and above a good price for the improvements effected. Approximately 2,600 acres of bush lands have been cleared for grassing during the year. The quality of the sheep in all points has also improved, and sheep command greater attention from buyers of both wool and mutton. Danthonia grass has taken kindly to the Sounds hills and valleys, and is gradually creeping over all; its presence will materially assist in the destruction of that troublesome shrub tauhinu. The Sounds settlers, after many years of vicissitudes, may now be considered comfortable, with the prospect of their land continuing to rise in value—not altogether from its productive power, but from the desire of retired people and caterers for the tourists to become possessed of land in this exceptionally beautiful district.

Pelorus and Wairau Districts (comprising all land within the Marlborough County north of the Wairau River).—It is in some of the blocks in this district that the settlers have the hardest struggle to bring their lands into a profitable condition; much of it lies cold and high, and is infested with sweet-briar and blackberry. Exotic grasses do not hold their own except on the flats and in a few favourite

spots. Settlers are now trying danthonias, crested dog's-tail, Chewing's fescue, and other sorts of hardier grasses, in the hope that if these grasses thrive they will eventually overcome the fern trouble. A rose-blight is attacking the sweetbriar; in some of the valleys where sweetbriar obtains it has decidedly given it a shaking. The flax-mills, sawmills, creameries, and road-construction afford subsidiary means to the Crown tenants during their campaign with the adverse conditions to successful settlement. There were seventeen defaulters who had not as yet complied with the conditions of their leases regarding improvements, and five not residing at the time of inspection. The road along the north bank of the Wairau River is still unavailable for traffic at times of flood—another impediment to the settlers located west of Langley Dale. A certain amount of prospecting for gold is always being done in this locality, and some claims are working and getting gold. It occasionally happens that there is friction between the settlers and miners, the former thinking that their grazing-rights are encroached upon. Taking all things into consideration—the difficulties, the pooriness of land, and noxious weeds—the settlers, in spite of all, are making headway, and in some cases can be considered prospering.

Central Marlborough (i.e., the district situated between the Wairau and Clarence Rivers).—The Crown lands here are in most cases held under pastoral license, and consist of mountains and valleys only suitable for depasturing merino sheep. The acquired lands held under the Land for Settlements Act are situated within this district, but are treated under a separate heading. There are five small grazing-runs, all of which are in a satisfactory condition. One was disposed of during the year to new tenants, the old tenant receiving a good price as well as bonus. Any of these five runs would bring the present occupiers more money than has been expended in improvements.

Kaikoura County.—The success which has attended the settlement of Crown lands in this district has created a land-hunger here which is not easily satisfied. All the Crown lands have been disposed of under one or another form of tenure, and there only remains the Clarence country, which is occupied under pastoral license. There are eleven Crown tenants who have not yet made sufficient improvements, but work on each section is still progressing, and all in time will comply. There are three who have so far failed in residence requirements. The Seaward Valley and Puhipuhi Roads are so frequently blocked and the Hapuku River is so often dangerous to ford, that the Land Board has determined to continue the remission of the residential conditions to the tenants on the lands whose access is by the roads mentioned. About 800 acres of bush land has been cleared during the year, preparatory to grassing. The values obtained for sheep and wool have been satisfactory, but cattle have receded in price. Very little cropping is done on the Crown lands, and settlers depend solely on the proceeds of their pastures.

Lease in Perpetuity.—This is undoubtedly the popular tenure in this district, 256 tenants holding 130,052 acres. The lessees appear to be fairly prosperous, and there were no surrenders or forfeitures during the year. A very large percentage of the above area is of a mountainous nature, only adapted for grazing.

Occupation with Right of Purchase.—This tenure has never taken on here, and there are only thirty-eight tenants, occupying 10,541 acres, while last year there was not a single transaction; otherwise the same remarks hold good as in the case of the lease in perpetuity.

Small Grazing-runs.—The area held under this tenure is 209,889 acres, representing 100 runs, which for the most part consist of the higher slopes of the hills, and consequently are somewhat rough and broken. The annual rent of these runs is £2,841, and the arrears amount to £269, which comparatively large percentage is due to the fact of this tenure not being subject to the Crown Tenants' Rent Rebate Act.

Revenue.—The total revenue collected during the year was £30,982 5s. 10d., an increase of £9,118, which was owing to the acquisition of Flaxbourne Estate.

Rebate of Rent.—Rebates amounting to £1,601 18s. 8d. were granted to Crown tenants last year, and there is no doubt that this Act is a distinct incentive to those tenants to whom its benefits apply to pay up their rents promptly.

Arrears of Rent.—These amount to £781 13s. 10d., out of a total annual rent-roll of £31,491 15s. 1d.

Surrenders.—There were no surrenders on the part of the Crown lands tenants, but four lease-in-perpetuity holders on Flaxbourne Estate, occupying 237 acres altogether, surrendered during the year. These four sections were, however, immediately taken up again by the respective lessees of the adjoining land.

Forests.—The output of sawn timber from the sawmills of the district has been less than the previous year, through the stoppage of three of the mills permanently and four temporarily. The deficiency of about 1,500,000 ft. of marketable timber was not caused in any way by the slackness of demand, some builders in the south end having to import from Wellington. Two of the mills which ceased working have again resumed operations, and a new mill has been established at the mouth of the Pupipuhi River; another is about to be erected on the coast north of the Hapuku. Approximately, 8,000,000 superficial feet were turned out, employing, one way and another, two hundred hands.

Scenic Reserves.—During the last month of the year Mr. Matthews, as representing the Scenery Commission, made an inspection of the proposed areas, and will submit his recommendation for consideration.

Starborough Nursery.—During the year the services of Mr. Craig, who so ably conducted the work in this nursery, were transferred elsewhere, but the management appears to be continued in a satisfactory manner by his temporary successor.

Remarks.—During the month of March an inspection of the central Clarence Valley was made by me, by direction of the Hon. the Minister of Lands, in order to ascertain its suitability for closer settlement. A special report, with maps illustrating same, has been prepared and forwarded to the Head Office.

HENRY TRENT,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

WESTLAND.

CROWN LANDS OPENED FOR SELECTION.

The following table exhibits the manner in which Crown lands were opened for sale or lease during the year :—

	Cash by Auction.	Village Settlements : Lease in Perpetuity.	Lease in Perpetuity (Ordinary).	Total.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Offered for first time ...	40	47	14,673	14,760
Offered previously ...	5	...	...	5
Totals ...	45	47	14,673	14,765

For cash by auction, 39 acres 3 roods 14 perches of the Township of Waitaha (as village allotments), and 4 acres 3 roods 38 perches of the Township of Kokatahi (as village allotments), were put up for sale. The area on lease in perpetuity (village settlements), 47 acres and 30 perches, was an extension of the State Coal-mine [Township of Runanga. The lands which were offered under lease in perpetuity (ordinary) were located in scattered groups between the Teremakau and Okuru Rivers.

LANDS DISPOSED OF.

The subjoined table sets forth the results of land-administration in this district for the year :—

Class of Selection.	Transactions during the Year.		Leasehold Areas held on 31st March, 1906.		Revenue received during the Year.
	Number.	Area.	Number.	Area.	
		A. R. P.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Perpetual lease ...	...	...	7	580 1 8	29 3 0
Occupation with right of purchase	4	1,466 1 22	106	18,590 0 24	556 11 1
Lease in perpetuity ...	93	14,330 1 38	417	45,709 0 11	834 2 10
Lease in perpetuity, land for settlements	...	...	26	4,990 1 4	563 5 1
Village settlements—					
Cash ...	5	3 1 38	...	...	25 0 0
Lease in perpetuity ...	6	1 2 5	10	198 0 27	11 4 2
Mining Districts Land Occupation Act	1	11 1 32	4	46 0 0	1 10 0
Pastoral runs ...	68	38,824 3 11	149	595,048 0 11	849 7 2
Miscellaneous leases ...	29	4,280 0 4	229	8,087 0 18	573 5 10
Flax royalty ...	...	...	...	...	278 16 0
Timber royalty ...	...	...	...	...	8,159 11 4
Transfer lease, &c., fees ...	...	...	...	...	177 4 0
Crown-grant fees ...	...	...	...	...	5 0 0
Other sources ...	...	...	...	...	55 11 3
Endowment lands ...	...	...	6	1,631 2 5	1,147 1 0
Totals ...	206	58,918 0 30	954	747,600 2 28	13,266 12 9

REVENUE.

The revenue for the year amounts, as shown above, to £13,266 12s. 9d., which is £734 6s. 3d. above the estimate, and £1,364 6s. 9d. more than last year.

Though, owing to the Westland settlement lands being of moderate fertility and wholly covered with forest, the upset prices are low and the resulting revenue is therefore comparatively small, yet it is steadily improving year by year. About 130,000 tons of coal were won from the Crown lands at the Point Elizabeth State Coal-mines; these, of course, are exempt from taxation, otherwise if subject to the ordinary royalty the revenue would have been augmented by £3,250. It must also be remembered that, as the bulk of the new lands have been disposed of under the Bush and Swamp Crown Lands Settlement Act, no rentals are derived in the majority of cases (after the first half-year's instalment) for the ensuing two or three years.

REVIEW OF THE CURRENT SYSTEMS OF TENURE.

Cash Lands.—As has been previously noted, owing to the district being a proclaimed goldfield, great care is necessary not to dispose of any auriferous country, consequently cash sales of lands are now wholly confined to town allotments.

Occupation with Right of Purchase.—During the year, under this system, there were four selectors, for 1,466 acres. These lands were situated within blocks which had in past years been withdrawn from the goldfield.

Lease in Perpetuity.—Under this tenure during the year, in all parts of the country, separated areas of suitable settlement lands were subdivided and offered for selection, resulting as follows: Number of allotments offered, 68, of 14,673 acres; number of allotments taken up, 52, of 10,985 acres.

The summary of land transactions for the year shows 93 selections, for an area of 14,330 acres; of these, 23 selections, for a total of 6 acres, were for lease in perpetuity, in the Township of Runanga, at the State Coal-mine, near Greymouth.

Village-settlement Lands (for Cash).—In the Township of Kokatahi five half-acre sections were purchased at auction.

Village-settlement Lands (on Lease in Perpetuity).—In the Runanga Township Extension, six sections were taken up, totalling $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

Leases under "The Mining Districts Land Occupation Act, 1894."—One leasehold of 11 acres has been occupied during the year; three also, of 120 acres, await survey, and will be included in next year's return. The minimum rental under this Act is too high for this district, and its contemplated reduction will result in considerable areas being selected.

Pastoral Runs.—The area leased during the twelve months amounts to 38,825 acres, held by 68 lessees, of whom 24 are holders of small areas under the 219th section of the Land Act, and 44 occupy 8,884 acres under the Regulations for the Occupation of Pastoral Lands.

Miscellaneous Leases.—The total area occupied under this heading throughout the year amounts to 4,280 acres. Four selectors took up coal lands, and 3 leased flax areas, while 22, on a yearly tenure, and determinable at instant notice, obtained small acreages comprising unoccupied reserves, and also odd portions of lands in the vicinity of gold-mining operations.

INSPECTIONS AND RANGERS' REPORTS.

The Land Board members and the Commissioner have from time to time visited various localities in the northern district, and also made an extended journey into south Westland. They were thus enabled to satisfactorily settle several cases of dispute by meeting the contending parties on the ground; and the local knowledge gained on these excursions has been of invaluable service in connection with ordinary Land Board business.

As heretofore, the Commissioner, besides very frequent inspections of the northern and central parts, has visited the far south, and thus had personal oversight of the whole of the district. Consequently, many important questions of adjustment, especially as affecting the settlement of lands abutting gold-workings, have been arranged; proposed sawmilling timber reserves inspected, and duly set apart from settlement action; ordinary and disputed valuations settled on the spot; and conclusive reports furnished to headquarters and the Land Board on the varied and intricate matters of the land-administration of the district.

Rangers Meharry and Macfarlane have had a very busy year. The necessity for close inspection and reports upon all the numerous applications for land adjoining gold-workings, and the constant vigilance which is also required to preserve the milling-timber, compels very thorough examination of each block before a grant is made, hence much time and trouble has been involved in furnishing the necessary information for the guidance of the Land Board. The Rangers have also sent in the usual reports upon the Crown tenants' holdings scattered throughout the whole district; and likewise supplied the Wardens with information regarding the numerous applications for sawmill areas, reservations, and residence areas which come under their jurisdiction. They have likewise inspected the various sawmills and flax-mills; investigated the manner of timber-cutting, and compared the mill-books with the railway, shipping, and wagoners' returns, so as to check the output for the correct collection of the royalties. Altogether, apart from the ordinary routine work of serving of notices, delivery of deeds, &c., the Rangers have made 1,047 inspections and reports during the year.

POSITION AND PROGRESS OF SETTLEMENT.

Northern Division.—That portion of the district between the Nelson boundary and the Mikonui River may be termed the Northern Division. This includes (with the exception of a few isolated holdings) the earliest selections, and consequently many freeholds. Interspersed with and surrounding these are the Crown tenantry. Much cultivation takes place, and dairying is carried on, owing to the close proximity of the larger towns and the dairy factories, speedy connection therewith being cheaply obtained by road and rail. Moderate supplies of fat stock are sent to market, but ordinary farm and dairy produce form the settlers' main support. The present position is as follows: Number of tenants, 167; area held, 33,630 acres; area brought into profitable use, 6,760 acres; value of improvements effected by tenants, £29,378 (exclusive of Runanga Township, pastoral and miscellaneous tenantry, noted below).

Southern Division.—Between the Mikonui River and the Otago boundary lies the southern portion of Westland, which has been in the main occupied only during recent years. Consistent progress has been made in and around the older settlement centres during the year, and also in the newer farming localities. Owing to difficulties of access, through want of road communication and reliable ports, farming and dairy produce are not as yet wholly payable. A few energetic settlers at Okuru export

some butter and potatoes, while others further north use horse-power chaff-cutters for providing winter feed, but stock raising and fattening are the principal farming features. An increased number of cattle, horses, and sheep of fine quality have been sent up during the year to the northern markets; a considerable acreage of bush has been felled, and grass and turnips sown; and altogether the prospects of the south were never brighter. The present position is as follows: Number of tenants, 201; area held, 44,789 acres; area brought into profitable use, 11,511 acres; value of improvements effected by tenants, £31,264 (exclusive of Township of Runanga, pastoral and miscellaneous tenantry, noted below).

Township of Runanga.—Tenantry, 208. This town is situated about four miles from Greymouth and half a mile from the coal-mines, and, being within the State Coal-mine Reserve, no freeholds could be granted, so the allotments were offered to the public on lease in perpetuity. Out of 352 sections submitted, 208 have been taken up, and, as new streets are opened in the bush, the balance will ere long be applied for. A marked improvement has taken place during the past twelve months; there are fifty-nine houses built, and new ones are in progress; several shops have already been established; a fine school has been erected in a spacious reserve which has been cleared out of the dense forest, and a thoroughly equipped railway-station occupies a central position. The appearance of this rising township is very creditable, considering that two years ago the whole area was covered with dense forest, and its prospects are very encouraging. For details of the expenditure on streets, &c., see Mr. District Surveyor Wilson's report appended to my survey report (published as part of C.—1A).

Pastoral Leaseholds.—There are 149 lessees who occupy areas of pastoral country. Some of these runs are of considerable size, but the majority are of small extent, and are almost wholly covered with forest, in which large herds of cattle are bred. The bulk of these cattle are fattened in the cultivated paddocks. Sheep, again, are grazed upon the grassy islands in the river-bottoms, and also on the tussock pastures of the mountains, whilst large mobs of horses are bred and reared on the native herbage of the river-flats. Remedial legislation is expected in connection with the present short terms of leases and the limited compensation for improvements. Still, many runholders are very enterprising in fencing, clearing, and grassing portions of their runs. During the year, stock of all kinds on these runs has increased, the wool has improved in quality and quantity, horses have realised good prices, sheep have had a brisk demand, fat cattle have met with good markets, and appearances are very hopeful for the coming season.

Miscellaneous.—Tenantry, 229. With the exception of a few lessees of coal, oil, and flax areas, the other holders occupy allotments of small reserves, &c., and, having only temporary titles, their improvements are limited. Yet many of these occupiers rear fair numbers of stock, and sell moderate quantities of potatoes, honey, and fruit. They have had good prices during the year, and the outlook for the next season is promising. Numbers of these small holders employ much spare time at the sawmills, gold-mining, sleeper-cutting, &c.

GENERAL.

The reports of the Commissioner and Rangers indicate that the settlers, north and south, are fulfilling the conditions and obligations under which they occupy their holdings, whilst most friendly feelings exist as between Crown and tenant.

The district maintains its progressive character, and, despite the inclement season, is doing well and evidences a continuance of its present prosperity. After a fairly open winter, spring set in cold and wet, and no growing period followed until very late in the season, consequently delay was experienced in planting crops. Very poor harvesting weather ensued, and this still further delayed farming operations. Fruit has been comparatively a failure, very little of marketable quality being secured. Honey has necessarily been of moderate quality; still, several apiaries have had a fair yield. Potatoes again have suffered severely from the blight, and many farmers lost large areas, despite their spraying operations. Carrots, mangolds, and turnips have done well; the oat-crop is a fair average; a plentiful quantity of hay was fortunately saved in good condition, and there was hardly ever a better season for grass. Dairying has been very successful, and the factories have had plentiful supplies of milk and cream, with cheering financial results. A new dairy factory, fully equipped with the latest machinery, has been erected in the Arahura Valley and promises splendid returns. Creameries are also being established in various settlements, and eventually dairy factories will follow. In many localities separators (horse and hand power) are used, while one enterprising settler at Okuru uses steam. Horses, cattle, and sheep have done well, and good prices have been obtained in the local markets; the yearly improvement of the animals forwarded for sale is very apparent and is richly rewarding the foresight of those who have imported pedigree stock. The wool-clip has been larger than before, and of excellent quality. More attention has been paid to agriculture and renewal of old pastures, with better types of machinery. Buildings of all kinds, fencing, and a fair acreage of bush-felling has gone on apace, while, despite the bad "burn" obtainable during the year, large areas have been sown in turnips and grass, and are looking first class.

The farming lands which have been thrown open for selection have had keen competition, and a good class of settler, local or outside, has been obtained.

The outlook for the coming year is very reassuring; there is plenty of winter feed in field, stack, and shed; the farms are well stocked, and energetic work is progressing in every class of farming. The dairy industry is expanding; an increased number of local markets, due to the establishment of sawmills, flax-mills, &c., will be reciprocally beneficial to all classes, while the frequent inquiries with regard to the blocks of settlement lands which are now being subdivided for selection prove that the desire for farming areas is as eager as ever.

But the sore lack of roads and bridges greatly hinders, and in many localities positively prevents, a more extensive farming expansion of the district. And I would here repeat a paragraph from my last report—viz., “If legislative action follows the recommendations of the Conference of Commissioners and Land Board members lately held in Wellington concerning various proposals for the betterment of settlement conditions in Westland—viz., to reduce upset values, to extend lease terms, to grant permanent titles in lieu of temporary tenures, to issue more liberal pastoral leases, and to reintroduce the homestead system—then undoubtedly the settlement of our remote, and, at present, waste country would be greatly encouraged, and it is believed would be very successful.”

ARREARS OF RENT.

These amount to £348 6s. 6d., owing by 119 tenants. Of these, forty-nine are lease-in-perpetuity holders of quarter-acre allotments in the Township of Runanga. A fair amount of these arrears is since to hand. There are no arrears on the land-for-settlements estates at Poerua and Kokatahi, or on the Kokatahi Village Settlement lands.

FORFEITURES AND SURRENDERS.

There were only 8 forfeitures during the year. One occupation-with-right-of-purchase lease was forfeited owing to the death of the lessee and interest in license being valueless, and 6 quarter-acre lease-in-perpetuity leases in the Township of Runanga were similarly dealt with owing to the refusal of applicants to execute their leases. One small pastoral license was also forfeited, owing to death of licensee and non-payment of rent. Of the 10 surrenders which were accepted, 1 small occupation-with-right-of-purchase leasehold was required for road purposes; 3 lease-in-perpetuity sections, in Township of Runanga, were too wet at present to build upon; 2 pastoral runs were found to require very expensive access; and 4 temporary grazing and miscellaneous leases, to enable the lessees to take up the areas on more secure tenures.

RESERVES.

The appended list exhibits the lands reserved for public purposes during the year:—

Purpose.	Number	A.	R.	P.
Recreation	1	8	1	10
Public-school sites	5	26	0	0
Timber-preservation	4	14,119	1	13
Scenic	13	2,438	0	10
Gravel.. .. .	102	69	1	29
Protection of railway	1	55	0	0
Roadmen's-camp sites	1	33	0	34
Dairy-factory sites	2	10	0	0
Acclimatisation	1	100	0	0
Travelling stock	4	664	1	9
Ferry	1	15	0	0
Cemetery	1	5	0	0
	136	17,493	2	25
Taken under Act for road	1	0	1	23
Totals	137	17,494	0	8

The timber-preservation and scenic reserves, mentioned above, are merely those areas which have been set apart within the various settlement blocks subdivided for public selection. The great schedule of scenic reserves throughout Westland (amounting to 722,321 acres) will be duly set forth in next annual report. The travelling stock reserves are necessary as resting-places for cattle and sheep when on journey to and from market from the outlying far-away districts.

FORESTS.

The sawmilling industry is still progressing, and there has been an increase in the number of mills, with a corresponding greater output. Royalty has been paid on 32,638,266 ft. during the past year, and the indications are that a very much larger quantity will be cut next season, as additional mills are in course of erection alongside of the Hokitika-Ross Railway-line, which is fast approaching completion and will provide access to one of the largest blocks of milling-timber in the district. Some nine hundred hands are employed in connection with the various branches of the timber trade, either about the mills, mines, or in cutting railway-sleepers, firewood, and other lumber. These wage-earners and families are considerable consumers of farm-produce, and thus good local markets are available for adjacent settlers.

FLAX-MILLING.

This industry is steadily increasing, and every flax-covered area has been diligently inspected with a view to the establishment of mills. In some cases considerable capital has been expended in attempts to set up mills; but after determined experiments these ventures were abandoned, chiefly owing to difficulty of land access or the impossibility of sea-carriage. Two mills closed down during the season, partly owing to these difficulties, one in the Kopara district and one at Arawata, but are expected to resume operations. Two new mills have been built at Teremakau and Paringa, making a total number of twelve now at work throughout the district. Somewhat costly arrangements have been made to

develop the industry at Karangarua, the lessees having procured a fine steam-launch to enable the fibre to be transhipped. The lack of harbours or reliable bar-ports is the great drawback to the expansion of this industry. The establishment of these flax-mills has already led to the settlement of lands, many of the operatives having selected contiguous areas. Despite the difficulties mentioned, the flax-milling industry in this district is decidedly a commercial success, and owners appear contented with the outlook.

CROWN LANDS FOR DISPOSAL DURING THE YEAR 1906-7.

The Crown lands at present available and to be thrown open for selection, apart from pastoral runs, amount to 137,078 acres, and are classified thus :—

	Town and Suburban Lands.	Rural Lands.		Pastoral Runs.	
		Surveyed.	Unsurveyed.		
<i>Lands now open for Selection.</i>					
	Acres. 118	Acres. 7,747	Acres. 94,205	Number. 57	Acres. 786,810
<i>Lands to be thrown open for Selection.</i>					
	...	33,669	...	8	127,000
Total lands available during coming year	118	41,416	94,205	65	913,810

All these rural lands are or will be obtainable under "The Bush and Swamp Crown Lands Settlement Act, 1903." Of the surveyed rural lands, 1,299 acres, between Waiho and Bruce Bay, are open for selection under all tenures of the optional system, the balance is available on lease in perpetuity only, and is located in blocks all over the district. The pastoral runs cover all the country fit for depasturing stock.

The surveys having been nearly completed, five blocks of rural lands in various localities will be placed in the market at an early date, and the other areas will continuously follow as soon as they are subdivided. There is still a steady growing demand for settlement lands, and it is confidently expected that they will be occupied during the coming season.

The provisions of "The Bush and Swamp Crown Lands Settlement Act, 1903," have proved most applicable to this densely timbered country, and have greatly induced the settlement of many areas during the year.

PAYMENTS TO LOCAL BODIES.

Proposals and plans by the Westland County Council for the expenditure of "thirds" amounting to £404 5s. 1d. were duly investigated, and, after careful inspection and check, were recommended to the Land Board and approved.

As the Land Board only approved of the payment of the "halves" of timber and flax royalties to the local bodies in April, 1906, these amounts do not appear in this year's report.

ERADICATION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS.

Determined efforts are being made by many of our settlers to cope with this evil, and several are close-grazing sheep on pastures infected with ragwort, with good results.

The sum of £105 10s. 6d. was paid for the destruction of these weeds on Crown lands, on the certificate of the Inspector of Stock.

DEPARTMENTAL.

The Land Board has held fourteen ordinary and special meetings during the year, and, as remarked above, has made several inspection visits to various parts of the district. The number of applications and items dealt with was 1,559, or an average of 111 at each meeting, being an increase of 88 per cent. on last year.

The following items represent approximately the amount of clerical work put through by the Department during the last twelve months: The sale posters, Land Guides, and lithographs distributed aggregated 880; the number of vouchers which passed through the Accountant's Office was 1,550, representing £43,868; cheques issued, £2,681; amount paid out of imprest was £26,705; 9,404 letters and telegrams received and despatched; 2,158 notices sent out; 185 Auditor's cards; 1,882 receipts; 144 departmental returns furnished; 590 leases and similar documents prepared; besides reports to the Wardens, to the Advances Office, and other Departments.

Once more it affords me much pleasure to record the willing assistance of the staff in our attempt to efficiently administer this district.

OBITUARY.

On the 18th August last, the senior member of the Land Board, Mr. Andrew Matheson, passed away. For upwards of twenty years he had been a continuous member, and, from his commercial ability, his knowledge of the district and its people, as well as his aptitude and probity, he was especially helpful in the successful working-out of the great problem of the prosperous settlement of our Crown lands.

G. J. ROBERTS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

CANTERBURY.

LAND TRANSACTIONS.

The appended table shows in a concise form the transactions that have taken place during the year, the number and area of Crown holdings at the 31st March, 1906, and the total revenue received from all sources within the period.

Tenure.	Transactions during Year.		Area held at 31st March, 1906.		Revenue received during the Year.
	Number of Se-lectors.	Area.	Number of Se-lectors.	Area.	
Cash lands—		A. R. P.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Town	6	5 2 9	...	...	237 10 0
Rural	5	60 1 5	...	...	478 18 5
Deferred payments—					
Rural and pastoral	...	...	7	9,344 0 10	688 1 6
Village	...	...	7	64 3 3	15 16 9
Made freehold	2	359 2 28	...	...	607 0 11
Perpetual lease—					
Ordinary	...	...	25	2,070 1 20	158 1 2
Village	...	...	22	294 3 35	99 16 1
Made freehold	10	711 2 30	...	...	1,184 2 4
Occupation with right of purchase—					
Ordinary	2	23 0 36	27	4,973 2 23	246 11 3
Village	...	...	8	2 2 0	3 9 8
Made freehold	4	131 3 1	...	...	227 18 5
Lease in perpetuity—					
Ordinary, Crown	...	...	242	75,570 0 21	3,805 10 6
Village, "	...	...	18	8 2 0	8 3 1
Lake Ellesmere	...	...	68	13,937 0 0	1,269 14 7
Conversions to lease in perpetuity—					
Ordinary	2	68 0 0	...	...	...
Village homestead	11	338 3 30	...	...	...
Farm homestead	3	99 0 18	...	...	...
Village - homestead special settle-ment—					
Perpetual lease	...	...	76	1,655 0 34	280 17 11
Lease in perpetuity, Crown ...	1	2 1 7	183	6,891 2 6	535 2 8
Lease in perpetuity, Lake Elles-mere	...	...	57	1,419 1 3	254 12 8
Farm homestead—					
Perpetual lease	...	...	10	669 0 8	52 12 6
Lease in perpetuity, Crown ...	...	...	20	1,867 2 9	50 6 6
Small grazing-runs, Crown ...	1	2,331 0 0	51	121,916 1 25	5,474 10 8
Pastoral runs—					
Crown	5	22,798 1 26	145	3,469,430 3 29	33,147 12 0
State forests	...	...	...	4,746 0 0	135 1 6
Miscellaneous occupation licenses—					
Crown	52	2,489 3 38	544	73,135 0 22	2,643 1 0
Lake Ellesmere	...	...	17	1,190 2 10	109 17 4
Endowment	1	90 0 0	1	1,480 2 8	195 0 0
State forests	2	167 3 10	22	7,061 2 14	386 9 0
Timber licenses	6	445 0 0	22	3,884 3 8	290 7 1
Mineral licenses	...	...	8	1,600 1 22	79 1 0
Other sources	...	...	...	...	577 18 8
<i>Cheviot Estate.</i>					
Lease in perpetuity	...	...	118	24,392 1 2	5,981 17 2
Village homestead	...	...	92	2,480 1 0	795 19 5
Grazing farms	...	...	50	46,020 0 6	6,076 2 1
Pastoral licenses	...	...	1	1,642 0 0	193 3 8
Miscellaneous occupation licenses	4	34 0 5	67	1,381 0 22	295 7 4
Other sources: Cash sales ...	4	1 2 0	...	...	47 15 0
<i>Land for Settlements.</i>					
Lease in perpetuity	71	10,987 2 19	1,117	170,239 0 11	55,476 0 11
Farm homestead	...	...	11	2,114 1 9	166 19 9
Small grazing-runs	...	...	43	77,477 0 26	10,211 17 5
Miscellaneous occupation licenses	8	294 2 25	36	967 2 31	251 15 8
Other sources	...	...	...	...	414 17 4
Cash sales	5	6 3 13	...	...	86 5 2
Totals	205	41,447 1 20	3,115	4,129,928 3 17	133,241 6 1

Upon comparing this statement with the corresponding one for last year, it will be noticed that while the number of transactions is practically the same, the area represented is much larger, the respective figures being: 1904-5—Number of selectors, 203; area, 29,577 acres 2 roods 3 perches. 1905-6—Number of selectors, 205; area, 41,447 acres 1 rood 20 perches. The principal difference of area lies in the selections under the Land for Settlements Act, which show an increase of 8,600 acres. The total area occupied at the close of the year shows an increase of sixty-three selectors, 32,574 acres and 29 perches. The revenue received during the year shows an increase of £9,193 14s.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

Lands opened.

Excluding lands opened under the Land for Settlements Act, and in the Cheviot Estate, which are dealt with in separate reports, the lands opened for selection in North Canterbury may be classified as follows:—Under Part III of “The Land Act, 1892”: One section of 18 acres in the Mairaki Survey District, for which there were eight applicants, and the successful one took it under the occupation-with-right-of-purchase system. Under village-homestead lease-in-perpetuity system: One section, of 2 acres 1 rood 7 perches, in the Sockburn Village Settlement, near Christchurch, for which there were nine applicants. Under pastoral license for terms of seven years: Three runs in the Ashley and Selwyn Counties, comprising a total area of 5,658 acres; the total upset rental was £269, and the rental realised £580 per annum. Under temporary tenancies for various terms: Eleven sections, comprising a total area of 403 acres and 32 perches, which were offered at upset rentals totalling £75 6s. per annum; six of the lots were disposed of, the rentals realised amounting to £126 4s. per annum.

Lands occupied.

Excluding the two classes of land previously mentioned, the lands occupied under the principal tenures in North Canterbury, extending from the northern boundary of the district to the Rangitata River, may be divided as follows:—

	Number of Holders.	Area.		
		A.	R.	P.
1. Deferred payment, pastoral, rural, and village ..	12	9,040	1	3
2. Perpetual leases, rural and village ..	18	1,332	0	27
3. Occupation with right of purchase, rural only (no village)	21	4,168	3	34
4. Leases in perpetuity	150	35,138	3	37
5. Village homestead	208	7,913	3	12
6. Farm homestead	30	2,536	2	17
7. Small grazing-runs	23	33,552	1	20
8. Pastoral runs	78	1,692,608	1	21

Deferred Payments.—There are only five rural and pastoral, and seven village-settlement holdings under this system in North Canterbury, the total area of the twelve sections being 9,040 acres. Out of this total 8,845 acres are comprised in three large hill blocks near the Hurunui River, which are still held under the pastoral-deferred-payment system inaugurated by “The Land Act, 1877.” The freehold of one holding of about 60 acres was acquired during the year.

Perpetual Leases.—The ordinary and village-settlement perpetual leases in this portion of the district number eighteen, and comprise 1,332 acres, distributed over various localities. The period of compulsory residence in respect of these has long since expired, and the lands in the majority of cases are not of an area or quality to attract permanent residential occupation. Eight leases, comprising 579 acres, were converted into freehold during the year.

Occupation with Right of Purchase.—The freehold of three sections, totalling 91 acres 3 roods 1 perch, was acquired during the year, and one new selection of 18 acres was made under this system. Nearly the whole of the licenses current comprise lands situated on the plains near Oxford, which are of light quality, but capable in damp seasons of producing good returns. These lands were only selected in June, 1903, but in most cases the residence and improvement conditions of the licenses are well fulfilled.

Leases in Perpetuity.—There has been practically no change in the area occupied under this system during the year. About one-half of the number and a little over a third of the area held is situated on the low-lying lands around Lake Ellesmere, which consist generally of excellent pasture-land, and as there are several creameries established in the locality a good deal of dairying is done, with satisfactory results. The conditions of the leases have generally been well fulfilled, except in the cases of a few very low-lying areas subject to almost total submergence when the lake is high, and therefore unfitted for residence or much expenditure on improvements. The greater proportion of the remaining lands held under this tenure are situated on the plains of the Ashburton County, and comprise generally lands of light or medium quality; good homes have, however, been established on most of these holdings, and although the improvements effected are in some cases short of requirements, they are sufficient for the reasonable working of the lands.

Small Grazing-runs.—There have been no changes under this tenure in North Canterbury during the year. The existing leases are located near Hurunui, Waipara, Oxford, and Alford Forest, the most important group being situated on the Black Hills and Greta Peaks near Hurunui. In some cases the

lessees are now residing on other holdings in the vicinity, but good improvements have been effected on the runs, and, with favourable seasons and good prices for stock, these holders have done exceedingly well.

Pastoral Runs.—There are seventy-eight pastoral-run licenses, comprising 1,692,608 acres in North Canterbury, practically the whole of this consisting of the high pastoral country on the slopes and spurs of the main alpine range. It has already been mentioned that the leases of three pastoral runs in this portion of the district were reoffered during the year, and disposed of at a considerable advance on the upset rentals. During the ensuing year the leases of three other runs, comprising a total area of about 11,925 acres, situated in the Malvern Hills, will fall in, and it has been decided that two of these, together with some other adjoining Crown lands, comprising in all 12,675 acres, shall be divided into five blocks, and offered for settlement occupation under the small-grazing-run system.

In connection with pastoral runs it may be noted that the growth of gorse, sweetbriar, and blackberry on some of the runs is a matter for earnest consideration and attention, seeing that unless effective measures are taken for checking the growth and spread of these pests, the value of the Crown's pastoral estate, which now yields a yearly revenue of £34,115 within the whole of the Canterbury District, will be seriously diminished.

SOUTH CANTERBURY. (South of the Rangitata River.)

Lands opened.

Exclusive of lands opened under the Land for Settlements Act, the lands offered may be classified as follows:—For cash sale at auction: Thirty sections in the Townships of South Rangitata and Arowhenua, comprising a total area of 7 acres 3 roods 29 perches; twenty-two sections were sold, and realised £237 10s., being an advance of £7 on the upset. Under pastoral license for a term of twelve years: One run, comprising 17,000 acres, in the Waimate County, at an upset of £200 per annum, an advance of £20 per annum being realised by the sale. Under temporary-occupation tenancies for terms of seven years: five lots, comprising 112 acres $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 roods 21 perches, situated in the Orari Village, and near Orari and Timaru. The upset rental of these was £26 13s. 10d. per annum, and the rental realised £30 3s. 10d.

Lands occupied.

Exclusive of those under the Land for Settlements Acts, the following are the areas occupied under the principal systems:—

			Number of Holdings.	Area.		
				A.	R.	P.
1. Deferred payment, rural and village	..	..	2	368	2	10
2. Perpetual leases, rural and village	..	..	29	1,033	0	28
3. Occupation with right of purchase, rural and village	..	..	14	807	0	29
4. Leases in perpetuity, rural and village	..	..	178	54,376	2	24
5. Village-homestead settlement	..	..	108	2,052	0	31
6. Small grazing-runs	..	..	28	88,364	0	5
7. Pastoral runs	..	..	67	1,781,568	2	8

Deferred Payments.—The freehold of one section, comprising 300 acres, was acquired during the year, leaving only two more holdings under this tenure in South Canterbury.

Perpetual Leases.—Two leases, comprising 133 acres, were converted into freehold, and two others, including 68 acres, were exchanged to lease in perpetuity, leaving twenty-nine holdings, with an area of 1,033 acres and 28 perches, still under this system.

Occupation with Right of Purchase.—One holder of 40 acres acquired the freehold of his section during the year.

Lease in Perpetuity.—Except for the increase of two holdings exchanged from the perpetual-lease tenure, there has been no alteration under this system. The greater proportion of the area occupied is included in leases of pastoral sections, classed as second-class lands, ranging up to 2,000 acres in size. Most of these are situated on the Waitohi Hills, near Geraldine, and on the Hunter's Hills, extending from the vicinity of Albury towards Waimate. They comprise pastoral land of generally good quality, and with favourable seasons and prices for stock, &c., the lessees are doing well. The holders in some instances reside upon the lands, and in other cases upon lower lands adjacent thereto. The improvements consist generally of buildings (where necessary), fencing, clearing of scrub, &c., and surface sowing, and although the values effected are in most cases much below legal requirements, they are sufficient for the working of the lands.

A considerable area is also held under this system at Ashwick Flat, near Fairlie; the land is of light and stony quality, and suitable only for occupation in good-sized blocks. Most of the sections are residually occupied, and improved as far as the quality of the land will permit.

In the Nukuroa and Wainono Settlements, near Studholme Junction and Waimate, there are numerous leases in perpetuity, in areas of from 10 to 40 acres. These consist of excellent agricultural lands, used for dairying and mixed gardening, occupied by small settlers who have good homesteads and improvements, and are in a prosperous condition.

Small Grazing-runs.—One run of 2,331 acres in the upper Hakataramea Valley has been selected during the year. The runs held lie principally in the vicinity of Burke's Pass, and thence southward along the hills towards Waimate, and between that place and Hakataramea. In many cases, by reason of the fact that the free-selection system originally practised had deprived the Crown lands of almost

all lower country, the runs have not been found suitable for strict enforcement of residence conditions, and the lessees reside on lower lands in the vicinity; good improvements have generally, however, been placed on the Crown lands, the carrying-capacity of which has also been increased by surface sowing. In a fair number of cases, where suitable and accessible sites could be found on the runs themselves, good homesteads have been established.

Pastoral Runs.—The sixty-seven runs, comprising 1,781,568 acres, cover all the back country and mountain-ranges not hitherto found suitable for closer occupation. In nearly all cases the lower country necessary for the working of the runs was bought up under the free-selection system, and the practicability of further subdivision of many of the runs is thus seriously diminished. A considerable number of the existing leases will expire in 1911, and these and other subjects connected with the leasing of these lands will—in 1910 or shortly before—have to receive earnest consideration.

In all the foregoing paragraphs, lands in the Cheviot Estate and in land-for-settlements estates have been excluded from the data quoted, but in those that follow they are included in all cases.

Rangers' Inspections.

A summary of the Rangers' reports shows that full inspections have been made of 1,859 holdings occupied under settlement conditions, representing an area of 423,415 acres; the value of improvements required amounted to £277,614, and the value actually effected to £516,169, not far short of double the statutory requirements. The total number of defaulters for all causes is 119, and ninety-five of these represent cases in which the improvements are not yet up to the required values. Many of these lessees are, however, arranging to add to their improvements as their means and necessities will permit.

In addition to the work represented by the above figures, a very large number of other inspections have been made, covering lands offered for acquisition for settlement or scenery-preservation purposes, applications for temporary tenancies of various kinds, sawmilling and timber-cutting licenses, forest and scenic reserves, &c., and the three Rangers have thus had their time very fully employed.

Payments of Rent, Rebates, and Arrears.

In accordance with the provisions of "The Crown Tenants' Rent Rebate Act, 1900," and section 52 of "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900," a uniform rebate of 10 per cent. has been allowed to all tenants under the specified tenures who paid their rents within the prescribed period of one month after due date. The total number of tenants who participated in this concession was 1,741 out of the 2,040 tenants included in the classes specified by the Acts, and the total amount of rebate granted was £7,320 12s. 1d.

Excluding the current half-year's rent, the total amount of arrears owing on the 31st March, 1906, was £1,064 5s. 5d., payable by 103 tenants, occupying an area of 8,213 acres and 16 perches. The amount of arrears represents about $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. of the total annual rent-roll of the district, and the number of tenants in arrear is about $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. of the total.

Forfeitures and Surrenders.

The total number of holdings of all classes that reverted to the Crown during the year was twenty-five, comprising an area of 1,191 acres 2 roods 33 perches. Out of these only two, comprising 270 acres 2 roods 29 perches, both temporary occupation licenses, were forfeited for breach of conditions, all the others being surrendered at the request of the lessees; while seventeen sections out of the total were held under temporary-occupation licenses.

Transfers and Exchanges.

The total number of settlement holdings transferred during the year was 159, comprising an area of 25,424 acres 2 roods 20 perches, made up as follows:—

	Number.	Area.		
		A.	R.	P.
Leases in perpetuity, all classes	104	14,60	2	36
Village-homestead leases	37	1,18	1	10
Perpetual and farm-homestead leases	11	68	0	21
Occupation-with-right-of-purchase licenses	2	33	3	33
Small grazing-runs and grazing-farms	5	8,609	2	0

Sixteen holdings, with a total area of 506 acres and 8 perches were exchanged from the perpetual-lease to the lease-in-perpetuity tenure.

Reserves.

Thirty-five reserves, comprising a total area of 373 acres 1 rood 18 perches, were set apart for various purposes, including gravel-pits and quarries, school-sites, recreation and scenic reserves, &c.

Proposals have been submitted with a view to the setting-aside of endowments for education and hospital and charitable-aid purposes. As the only available Crown lands consisted of pastoral country, runs aggregating 181,501 acres, and at present yielding a rental of £2,075 per annum, were selected for educational endowments, and an area of 94,624 acres, now let at a rental of £1,284 per annum, for hospital and charitable-aid endowments. These were distributed as much as possible over the different parts of the district.

Timber, Forests, &c.

Twenty-two milling and splitting licenses, covering 3,884 acres 3 roods 8 perches, were in existence at the close of the year, the revenue collected having been £290 7s. 1d. Practically the whole of these were situated in the Oxford Bush.

There has been a satisfactory absence of destructive fires on Crown timber lands during the year.

Planting operations are still being carried on by the Mackenzie County Council on a reserve at the southern end of Lake Tekapo by means of funds derived from the temporary occupation of other planting reserves in the same part of the district.

Reports have been furnished by officers of the Department on the proposed acquisition of lands at Peel Forest, and of the properties known as "Kennedy's Bush" and "Dean's Bush," near Christchurch, with a view to the permanent preservation of the native bush growing thereon.

"The Workers' Dwellings Act, 1905."

The first homes to be established in Canterbury under this Act will be located in Christchurch, on a piece of land belonging to the Crown, which has been used as a paddock for a number of years. It is situated near one of the electric-tram lines, about fifteen minutes' journey from the centre of the city, and is very well adapted for the purpose contemplated. About thirty-five sections, averaging nearly $\frac{1}{4}$ acre each, will be laid out, and arrangements are now being made for road-construction, water-supply, drainage, &c., preparatory to the erection of dwellings by the Crown, in terms of the Act.

Crown Lands for Disposal.

The following table summarises the Crown lands open for selection on the 31st March, 1906:—

Tenure under which Land is open.	Area.			Counties in which situated.
	A.	R.	P.	
Village-homestead allotments ...	103	0	0	Ashburton.
Optional selection, under Part III of "The Land Act, 1892"—				
First-class surveyed ...	54	1	27	Ashburton.
Second-class surveyed ...	186	0	9	Ashley, Ashburton, Geraldine, and Waimate
First-class unsurveyed ...	421	0	0	Selwyn and Ashburton.
Pastoral runs ...	45,000	0	0	Amuri.
Land for Settlements Acts—				
Small grazing-runs ...	3,684	0	0	Amuri.
Lease in perpetuity ...	5,478	0	35	Amuri, Selwyn, Akaroa, Ashburton, Levels, and Waimate.
Total ...	54,926	2	31	

It has been already indicated that leases of five blocks under the small-grazing-run system, comprising in all about 12,675 acres of Crown land on the Malvern Hills, at present occupied under pastoral licenses expiring on the 28th February, 1907, will be offered for selection early next year, but beyond these there are practically no further Crown lands to be offered for occupation during the year, except such as may from causes at present unforeseen revert to the Crown.

Some portions of the Kinloch and Mills Settlements, recently opened under the Land for Settlements Acts, were still available for selection at the close of the year, but no new properties are at present in hand for disposal under this system.

Departmental.

The number of ordinary and special meetings of the Land Board held during the year was twenty-five, a change having been made in June, 1905, by holding ordinary meetings once a month, instead of at fortnightly intervals. The number of statutory applications for land lodged was 265, of which ninety were granted, and large numbers of applications for approval of transfers and mortgages, Crown Lands Rangers' reports, and other miscellaneous questions, were dealt with at each sitting. The inward and outward recorded correspondence, returns, notices, &c., amounted in round figures to about 18,500, and about 4,300 sale plans, posters, &c., were distributed. In the office of the Receiver of Land Revenue, besides the gross revenue for the year, amounting to £133,241 6s. 1d., for which 5,544 receipts were issued, a sum of £17,794 19s. 2d. was paid into the Deposit Account, against which 833 receipts and cheques were issued. A sum of £2,498 2s. 4d. was paid to the Local Bodies' Deposit Account, and £1,842 1s. 10d. paid over to various local bodies in respect of proposals approved by the Land Board. In the accountant's office, 321 vouchers, representing a sum of £4,102 17s. 10d. were drawn against the Imprest Account, and 395 vouchers, representing £70,114 15s. 11d. were passed through for pre-audit and payment.

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OTAGO.

The first matter to be dealt with is that of settlement on ordinary Crown lands. The transactions, however, under this head, as will be seen from the several tables, have been comparatively few, a fact which must be regarded as evidence of the limited area of ordinary Crown lands now available in this district for close settlement.

LAND OPENED AND TO BE OPENED.

The total area opened for sale and selection under the various systems during the year amounted to 150,802 acres. Of this total, 22,314 acres were opened for the first time, and the balance of 128,488 acres were previously opened. The Greenfield Settlement, of 21,779 acres, constituted nearly the whole of the area opened for the first time, leaving only 535 acres of ordinary Crown land so dealt with. Of the area previously opened, 122,670 acres were offered under pastoral lease, 5,256 acres were offered under optional system, for cash by auction or on lease in perpetuity only, while 562 acres previously dealt with comprised sections under the Land for Settlements Act. The demand for good land continues as brisk as ever, and the difficulty of meeting such demand is undiminished. The area open in the Land Guide is 63,715 acres, but unfortunately the whole of this area is either comparatively poor in quality or is difficult of access. As time goes on, the land that remains in the hands of the Crown available for settlement will comprise the inferior areas, consequently the selections may be expected to be yearly fewer and fewer. As pastoral leases fall in, the Land Board has sometimes opportunities of dissevering portions of the lower country for subdivision into small grazing-runs or sections of smaller size suitable for closer occupation. There is, however, as has been before pointed out, a risk that the separation of the low country may render the higher lands unprofitable for grazing purposes, if not altogether useless. The climate of Otago is such that severe snowstorms may be looked for periodically, and runs having no warm low-lying land attached to them are liable to be denuded of their stocks. The question of dealing with expiring runs is therefore one that requires very careful consideration. The area to be put on the market during the ensuing year (exclusive of estates purchased under the Land for Settlements Act) will probably be about 65,000 acres. The portion taken from Rocklands Station has been subdivided into small grazing-runs, the aggregate area being about 25,000 acres. These will shortly be opened, and will no doubt be eagerly competed for. The present lease of Run 186, Lee Stream, Waipori, and Hedgehope districts, will expire on the 1st March, 1907. This run comprises some 25,880 acres, and it is intended to subdivide it into small-grazing-run areas. The Blackstone Hill Station, of 16,354 acres, will also be subdivided for closer settlement during the year.

The summary of transactions shows that as compared with the previous year the volume of business has been rather less, while the revenue received was greater by upwards of £4,000. The gross number of transactions, taking into account leases made freehold, was eighty-nine less, and the acreage dealt with 77,062 acres less, than in 1904-5. The total number of holdings now on the books is, including land for settlements and endowments, 3,480, with an acreage of 5,580,344 acres, at an annual rental of £81,088 8s. 5d., being an increase over the previous year of [ninety-three holdings, 17,739 acres, and £3,723 13s. 3d. annual rental. Thus year by year the administrative work of the Department increases with marked rapidity.

Number of New Selectors and Area taken up, from 1st April, 1905, to 31st March, 1906, and the Total Amount of Revenue received during the Year.

Nature and Tenure of Lands selected.	Number of Selectors.	Area selected.			Cash received on Past and Current Transactions.		
		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Town lands sold for cash	19	9	1	31	232	17	6
Suburban lands sold for cash	10	13	1	16.9	91	10	0
Rural lands sold for cash	23	432	2	1	426	16	11
Perpetual leases made freehold	...	...	...	...	1,575	5	0
Occupation with right of purchase made freehold	...	...	...	...	19	0	0
Deferred-payment instalments	...	...	...	...	353	15	3
Perpetual leases	...	...	...	...	1,323	5	6
Occupation with right of purchase	11	1,885	3	19	1,123	17	1
Lease in perpetuity	26	4,773	1	37	4,761	14	4
Agricultural lease	...	...	...	...	23	4	5
Village settlement—							
Deferred payment	...	...	...	...	2	19	4
Perpetual lease	...	...	...	...	31	11	11
Occupation with right of purchase	...	...	...	...	0	10	6
Lease in perpetuity	4	56	0	14	144	4	1
Village-homestead special settlements	...	...	...	...	133	7	0
Special-settlement associations—Lease in per-	...	...	...	...	109	15	8
petuity							
Occupation leases, Mining Districts Land Occu-	15	531	0	27	390	4	2
pation Act							
Small grazing-runs	...	...	...	...	12,804	10	11
Pastoral runs	11	139,025	3	2	27,225	1	5
Miscellaneous leases and licenses	81	13,572	2	28	2,230	4	4
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	821	18	7
Land for Settlements Acts—							
Lease in perpetuity	44	21,081	1	19	21,567	15	8
(village)	...	...	...	...	298	3	4
Small grazing-runs	1	1,204	2	8	526	5	0
Pastoral runs	...	...	...	...	121	13	0
Miscellaneous leases	7	904	3	11	560	4	1
Totals	252	183,491	0	13.9	76,899	15	0

THE SEVERAL SYSTEMS OF TENURE.

Table 5 (Return of Crown Lands sold for Cash) shows the total number of purchasers to have been less by 10, the area less by 1,849 acres, and the consideration less by £1,321 11s. 9d. than the previous year, there being a smaller number of purchasers under the optional system and fewer conversions into freehold.

The deferred-payment holdings have been reduced from 31 at the 31st March, 1905, to 19 on the 31st March last; and the area held from 8,121 acres to 6,189 acres; so that in the course of a year or two the holdings under this system will become nil.

Perpetual-lease holdings also have been further reduced by 13 in number, 3,337 acres in area, and £115 16s. annual rental, the number now being 206, area 38,783 acres, and the annual rental £1,452 14s. 4d.

The selections under the occupation-with-right-of-purchase system have increased by 10, there now being 249, over an area of 43,000 acres, at an annual rental of £1,197 13s. 2d. This, of course, is a very small increase for a current tenure, but it must be borne in mind that the area opened during the year under the optional system has been very small.

Lease-in-perpetuity selections, apart from land for settlements, have only been 26 in number and 4,773 acres in area, as against 72 selections and 13,221 acres respectively. In addition, two have been exchanged from perpetual lease. There are now 775 holdings, over an area of 189,095 acres, at an annual rental of £5,563 5s. 4d. These, added to the ordinary lease in perpetuity under the Land for Settlements Act, make a total of 1,204, with 268,301 acres, at £29,479 10s. 4d. per annum, being a total increase under this head of 65 tenants, 25,064 acres, and £4,116 16s. annual rental.

Agricultural leases remain about the same, while occupation leases under the Mining Districts Land Occupation Act have but slightly increased, there having been a number of forfeitures and surrenders of the latter during the year. Village settlements, too, have altered but little, the only difference being an increase of four village-homestead allotments selected under lease in perpetuity, with an area of 56 acres, at £3 8s. annual rental.

In small grazing-runs there has been no increase, with the exception of one under the Land for Settlements Act in the Greenfield Settlement. The survey of the 25,000 acres before referred to, which it was thought probable would have been brought into the market during the year, was not completed in time, but the several areas into which the block has been cut up will now be offered at an early date.

A number of these runs are about to fall in, and renewals have been offered to the present lessees in terms of the Land Act. The issue of the new leases in these cases will constitute some of the present year's transactions. All things considered, the tenants under this system are doing fairly well, the conditions of the leases being complied with in a generally satisfactory manner.

In respect of pastoral licenses, the transactions during the year and the area at present held are practically the same as the previous year. The annual rental, however, at which these lands are held is gradually diminishing, as evidenced by the fact that, while the area at the 31st March last is only some 4,000 acres less than at the 31st March, 1905, the annual rental is less by £508. The cause of this has been frequently adverted to—namely, the cutting-off of the low-lying country, and the lessening of the carrying-capacity through the depredations of rabbits and the spread of noxious weeds. The following comparative table of the ordinary Crown lands held under pastoral license during the last five years may be of interest, as showing the gradual falling-off of revenue under this tenure :—

Year.					Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.		
						Acres.	£	s.	d.
1901-2	...	...	...	...	237	4,508,322	29,313	8	8
1902-3	...	...	...	...	237	4,519,101	28,832	4	2
1903-4	...	...	...	...	226	4,385,344	27,876	15	10
1904-5	...	...	...	...	213	4,324,622	27,427	14	6
1905-6	...	...	...	...	216	4,320,008	26,919	14	4

INSPECTIONS AND RANGERS' REPORTS.

The results of the inspections by the Rangers, showing as they do so large an excess of improvements effected over actual requirements, are very satisfactory, and must be taken as conclusive evidence of steady and substantial progress. The excess of improvements over statutory requirements in respect of the total area inspected amounts to £84,457. With regard to several of the defaulters, attention is again directed to the fact that these are principally those who hold inferior land upon which the expenditure necessary to cover the required amount of improvements is not warranted. The Rangers' general reports as to settlement will be referred to under the next heading.

PROGRESS OF SETTLEMENT.

On every hand there are unmistakable indications of satisfactory progress of settlement throughout the district as a whole. It must, however, be noticed that such progress varies in different portions of the district, and the Rangers' general notes serve to illustrate this fact, and show the relative position and progress in the three divisions into which for convenience of reference, the district has been

nominally divided—viz., North, South, and Central. The results of the year, from a farmer's point of view, have not, for climatic reasons, been altogether so favourable as the previous year. A cold and backward spring, following a somewhat mild and open winter, with broken and unusually cold summer weather, continued into and through the harvest has caused the crops in many places, mainly in the South, to be thin and poor in quantity and quality.

The information herein furnished as to the number of lessees, area held, and value of improvements effected, in the several divisions of the district, is limited to lands held on settlement conditions, and does not include land held as ordinary pastoral runs or under miscellaneous leases and licenses.

The following is a general outline of the Rangers' reports under this head :—

" In the Northern Division there are 245 ordinary Crown tenants, holding an area of 231,587 acres, having improvements valued at £43,778 ; also 378 land-for-settlements tenants who hold 49,890 acres, and who have effected improvements to the value of £85,515, making a total of 623 tenants, holding 281,477 acres, with improvements valued at £129,294. The Southern Division contains 645 tenants of ordinary Crown lands, with a total area of 123,443 acres and improvements to the value of £68,418 ; and also 128 tenants under the Land for Settlements Act, holding an area of 35,956 acres, with improvements valued at £27,014 ; making a total for the division of 773 tenants, holding 159,399 acres, with improvements valued at £95,431. The Central Division, which comprises all Central Otago and the lakes district, has 1,089 ordinary Crown tenants, whose area is 499,972 acres, with improvements valued at £164,331 ; and 13 land-for-settlements tenants, with an area of 1,239 acres and improvements valued at £1,627 ; making a total for the Central Division of 1,102 tenants, holding 501,212 acres, with improvements valued at £165,958 : the grand totals for the three divisions being 2,498 tenants, holding 942,088 acres, with improvements valued at £390,683.

" The past season has been of such a nature, taken all round, that it may be said that no very decided progress has been made by the ordinary Crown tenants, although evidences of some small advance are not altogether absent. The winter was very dry and mild, enabling farmers to get on well with their ploughing and sowing, and keeping stock in such good condition that in some cases the ordinary amount of winter feed was not consumed. Early in September, however, a decided change set in, and continuous rain and cold weather followed over the Northern and Southern portions of the district, while in the Central portion cold dry winds with occasional showers of snow and rain were very prevalent. About the New Year drier weather prevailed over the Northern and Central Divisions, while it still continued wet and cold in the South. The effect of this change was that in Central Otago the crops and grass, and particularly the root-crops, ceased to develop, and when the ordinary time for harvest arrived, very few grain-crops were ready for cutting. The harvest has been a prolonged and unsatisfactory one all over Otago, with the exception of the Oamaru district, and good yields of grain have not been general. The turnip-crops of this year will be very much under the average of former years, but if a mild winter follows, this may not be severely felt. The potato-crops, unfortunately, have been all more or less attacked by the potato-blight, and the yields are very light. Many of our farmers, and particularly those who have had experience of this blight in the Old Country, are of opinion that the wet and cold season is responsible for its appearance, and that a warm dry season following may banish it altogether.

" Notwithstanding, however, the injury or damage caused by the unfavourable season, the past year has had at least a few bright features. Good prices have been received for wool, and very fair percentages of lambs have been obtained. The dairying industry, too, has held its own, and commanded good prices and returns all round.

" The prices of wool and stock affect the whole district more or less, but probably in a greater measure the Central portion, while the dairying industry is more confined to the Northern and Southern portions, where the land is better and the holdings consequently smaller.

" The prospects of the settlers generally are bright and promising. As long as the present good prices are maintained, an occasional unfavourable year such as the past will not act as anything like a serious setback ; and with more favourable years to come, the past will soon be forgotten. The average production of fat lambs will not be forthcoming, but this may really be an advantage in disguise, inasmuch as farmers tempted by the high prices were often induced to oversell the best of their stock."

Ranger Mackenzie reports that in his district (which is, of course, part of the Central District) there are 201 leases under different tenures, with a total area of 28,494 acres, the improvements on which are valued at £18,305. In forwarding a list of defaulters he points out that a number lack the required improvements, this being caused by the amount of rough pastoral land in their holdings which cannot very well be improved. In several instances the enforcement of the improvement conditions would simply mean that the land would be thrown on the Stock Department to rabbit. Under all the circumstances the improvement conditions are being fairly well complied with. The year has been a fairly good one for the farmers, with the exception of a few places in Tarras and Hawea, where drought has spoiled the main crop and turnips. In the Hawea and Wanaka districts very little progress has been made. There were inquiries for land for settlement and for small grazing-runs. At Makarora the settlers were holding their own, but would be in a better position if their holdings were enlarged. The Makarora River was still encroaching on the land and cutting away a number of acres every year. At Earnslaw, Glenorchy, and Upper Wakatipu very little was doing, the crops being both light and poor. Swamp land during the last two years had been much improved by ditching and drain-ploughs. At Tarras the large blocks of land taken up some years ago had been greatly improved by wire-netting and clearing

of rabbits, showing what could be done with really poor land. The marram-grass planted to arrest the sand-drift had been a great success: one of the settlers whose land was being spoiled had said "It was all right now, and there was no further danger."

Ranger Mackenzie's work had been carried on as formerly. In addition to visiting and inspecting holdings and making valuations, and giving information to visitors and others, a considerable amount of office-work had been performed in connection with surveys and putting plans on leases, &c.; also in visiting and protecting bush reserves in the district. Fires had been rare during the year. He had also been engaged in helping to overtake some of Ranger Atkinson's work which had been delayed through the latter's illness.

REBATES OF RENT.

The tenants to whom rebate was granted during the year were more in number than the previous year by 133, and the total amount granted greater by £473 5s. 10d., exceeding the estimate for the year by £398. The following are the several tenures that participated in the rebate, and the number and amount granted during the twelve months:—

Tenure.				Number of	Amount granted.		
Ordinary Crown lands—				Tenants.	£	s.	d.
Deferred payments..	..	..	..	9	3	6	6
Perpetual lease	..	..	..	184	118	19	2
Lease in perpetuity (ordinary)	..	..	..	620	406	8	2
Lease in perpetuity (village homestead)	..	..	..	53	6	7	4
Lease in perpetuity (farm-homestead association)	..	..	..	14	11	7	7
Occupation with right of purchase	..	..	..	206	90	6	7
Totals				1,086	636	15	4
Land for settlements				395	1,826	11	3
Grand totals				1,481	£2,463	6	7

The large amount thus granted and the number of tenants participating are an indication that the selectors who are privileged to receive rebate have come forward with commendable promptitude with their rents, leaving a comparatively small amount in arrear. The following table serves to show the steady and gradual increase in the number and amount of the rebates granted during the last six years:—

Year.	Ordinary Crown Lands.		Land for Settlements.		Total.	
	Number of Tenants.	Amount of Rebate.	Number of Tenants.	Amount of Rebate.	Number of Tenants.	Amount of Rebate.
1900-1 ...	673	£ 198 0 11	136	£ 149 1 8	809	£ 347 2 7
1901-2 ...	847	497 12 2	183	527 13 11	1,030	1,025 6 1
1902-3 ...	898	520 15 2	213	631 8 1	1,106	1,152 3 3
1903-4 ...	978	553 10 11	308	1,296 16 3	1,286	1,850 7 2
1904-5 ...	1,030	596 3 0	318	1,393 17 9	1,348	1,990 0 9
1905-6 ...	1,086	636 15 4	395	1,826 11 3	1,481	2,463 6 7
Totals ...	...	3,002 17 6	...	5,825 8 11	...	8,828 6 5

ARREARS OF RENT.

It is pleasing to be able to report that, notwithstanding the unfavourable season in some localities, and the fact that considerably less pressure has been used during the year for the collection of outstanding rents, the amount of arrears in respect of ordinary Crown lands, exclusive of the current half-year, is less than at the 31st March, 1905, while in land for settlements, considering the increase in the number of tenants, the amount of rent owing is but slightly in excess of the amount owing the previous year. It is true that, taking the arrears inclusive of the current six months into consideration, there is a larger number of holders in arrear, but the amount owing is only about £800 more than in 1905. In these arrears the small grazing-runs bulk largely, inasmuch as, there being no rebate for prompt payment, and the amount only becoming due in advance on the 1st of the last month of the financial year, there is no inducement for the lessees to pay until the half-yearly period is well advanced. Exclusive of the current half-year, the percentage of tenants in arrear is $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the total number on the books, and the amount owing $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the total annual rental. If the current six months

be included, the relative percentages are—number of tenants, 14 per cent. ; amount owing, 9 per cent. It must, I think, be conceded that under all the circumstances these percentages are strikingly small. The following is a comparative statement of arrears, exclusive of current half-year, for the last seven years :—

Year.			Number of Tenants in Arrear.	Area held by Tenants in Arrear.	Amount of Arrears.	Total Number of Tenants on Books.	Gross Annual Rent.
Ordinary Crown Lands.							
				Acres.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1900	...	...	159	50,834	988 0 5	2,490	51,015 9 2
1901	...	...	153	75,160	1,043 17 5	2,582	51,283 11 3
1902	...	...	120	67,398	922 9 3	2,598	51,409 7 1
1903	...	...	83	75,130	993 10 3	2,626	51,605 16 3
1904	...	...	40	22,413	296 13 10	2,745	51,091 12 6
1905	...	...	48	24,515	383 17 3	2,863	50,956 19 10
1906	...	...	54	20,488	310 8 0	2,912	50,437 11 11
Land for Settlements.							
1900	...	...	98	15,187	4,077 1 3	368	14,976 13 4
1901	...	...	104	16,972	4,076 19 10	389	17,145 9 6
1902	...	...	57	9,584	2,358 17 8	407	17,460 3 6
1903	...	...	51	10,349	1,654 16 11	462	20,194 16 8
1904	...	...	19	4,604	396 9 0	470	20,703 15 10
1905	...	...	22	3,418	572 4 5	475	20,974 10 2
1906	...	...	33	5,289	813 4 11	519	25,217 11 4

FORFEITURES AND SURRENDERS.

The total of these were three more in number than for the previous year, 20,369 acres less in area, and £169 10s. 5d. less in respect of annual rental. Of 14 forfeitures, 8 were for non-payment of rent, and 6 for non-residence and abandonment, the latter six being occupation leases under the Mining Districts Land Occupation Act. For the ten surrenders there were various reasons, such as subdivision, grouping with other sections, reduction of capital value, ill health, mining, &c. The number, therefore, of forfeitures and surrenders in proportion to the number of holdings on the books is exceptionally small. The number of these transactions year by year for the last seven years is shown in the following return :—

Year.	Forfeitures.			Surrenders.			Total.		
	Number.	Area.	Amount of Rent.	Number.	Area.	Amount of Rent.	Number.	Area.	Amount of Rent.
1899-1900	61	A. 119,392 R. 1 P. 9	£ 918 s. 11 d. 6	63	A. 20,101 R. 1 P. 15	£ 790 s. 14 d. 8	124	A. 139,493 R. 2 P. 24	£ 1,709 s. 6 d. 2
1900-1 ..	51	160,852 2 11	205 13 2	31	9,602 2 25	336 16 6	82	170,545 0 26	1,542 9 8
1901-2 ..	22	4,630 0 18	120 8 2	23	21,775 3 4	210 14 0	45	26,405 3 22	331 2 2
1902-3 ..	34	48,195 3 27	365 17 3	18	26,205 1 25	301 8 8	52	74,401 1 12	667 5 11
1903-4 ..	41	117,005 2 12	248 7 8	17	6,131 0 9	201 1 6	58	123,136 2 21	449 9 2
1904-5 ..	10	5,646 3 20	139 0 4	11	26,711 1 5	351 0 2	21	32,358 0 25	490 0 6
1905-6 ..	14	10,981 2 8	234 0 4	10	1,007 2 2	86 9 9	24	11,989 0 10	320 10 1

TRANSFERS.

Transactions under this head are still very frequent, as may be gathered from the fact that there were altogether 199 transfers, covering an aggregate area of 275,296 acres, during the last year, the following being the respective numbers and acreages for the several tenures affected :—

	Number.	Acres.
Perpetual leases	13	1,814
Cash certificates	3	700
Occupation with right of purchase	11	1,949
Lease in perpetuity (ordinary Crown lands)	65	13,300
Lease in perpetuity (land for settlements)	45	5,624
Occupation leases (Mining Districts Land Occupation Act)	7	157
Small grazing-runs	23	51,227
Pastoral runs	9	176,524
Miscellaneous licenses	16	23,905
Wardens' leases	7	96

In 1904-5 the total number was 168, and the area dealt with 452,718 acres,

BUSH AND SWAMP CROWN LANDS SETTLEMENT ACT.

Up to the 31st March, 1905, only four selections had been made under this Act, the total area taken being 792 acres and 6 perches. During the last year there were three selectors, over 393 acres 2 roods 20 perches. Nothing definite can yet be said as to the effect of the operations under the Act in this district. In any case, the transactions here are few and comparatively insignificant.

RESERVES, FORESTS, ETC.

During the year reserves have been permanently gazetted for various public purposes of an aggregate area of 3,499½ acres. Of these, 2,678 acres were proclaimed under "The Scenery Preservation Act, 1903," and 543 acres reserved for the growth and preservation of timber. Steps are being taken for the reservation of further areas of Crown lands for scenery purposes, and negotiations have been progressing for the acquisition of additional private lands pursuant to the recommendations of the recent Commission under the Act referred to, the latter relating to lands at Mount Cargill, Signal Hill, Nichol's Creek, Leith Valley, and other localities, it being deemed eminently desirable to conserve the native bush and scenery associated with those places. Until these negotiations have been completed, nothing definite as to their results can be stated.

The timber transactions in relation to ordinary Crown lands have been very limited, not more than £43 9s. 6d. having been collected in fees and royalty during the year.

GENERAL REVIEW.

The year's transactions and a general survey of settlement operations for the year may be said to indicate satisfactory progress and prospects. That the demand for land of good quality is still unsatisfied is emphasized by the very large number of applications that were recently made for allotments in the Steward Settlement under the Land for Settlements Act, and, indeed, on every occasion when a block of fair land is opened in a favourable locality. The revenue during the year has been collected without recourse to anything like stringent measures, and its increasing amount points to steady advancement, while the comparatively small indebtedness in the shape of overdue rents tends to confirm the impression that settlement throughout the district is on the whole fairly prosperous. This is borne out by a perusal of the various notes by the Rangers, as well as in the report on land for settlements.

DEPARTMENTAL.

The volume of departmental work involved in the carrying-on of the administration of the office continues to increase as further settlements under the Land for Settlements Act are brought into the market and other matters are placed under the management and control of the Department. The staff at my disposal has been fully occupied, and the several members thereof have devoted themselves with commendable energy to their severally allotted tasks.

In conclusion, I have to report with very great regret the death from phthisis of Mr. John Murdoch, a clerical assistant in this office for some nine years; also the illness during the year of the Chief Draughtsman, Mr. S. Thompson, and of Ranger E. Atkinson, each of these officers having had to undergo serious and painful surgical operations. The former, I am glad to say, has been able to resume duty, but the latter is still under medical treatment in a private hospital.

I have, &c.,

D. BARRON,

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SOUTHLAND.

LANDS OPENED FOR SALE OR SELECTION.

Amongst the lands offered for the first time were 5,271 acres withdrawn from State forests in the Forest Hill, Hokonui, Mabel, Taringatura, and Winton districts, all of which have been selected, excepting over 2,000 acres in Forest Hill, which have been withdrawn from sale. Also 2,498 acres in the Waikawa district were opened on lease in perpetuity only, under the provisions of "The Bush and Swamp Crown Lands Settlement Act, 1903," of which 837 acres were selected.

The land reoffered which had been previously opened to selection comprised a number of sections of small area and of nearly all tenures, scattered over the district from Waiau to Waikawa; and of 5,774 acres, 4,650 acres were reselected. A large area of pastoral runs was reoffered—viz., 61,567 acres ordinary, and 8,575 acres endowment, the whole of which was again taken up.

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,

area 4,468 acres : total, 5,049 acres. There were 5 exchanges from other tenures to lease in perpetuity area 1,019 acres. Last year 5,312 acres were selected on this tenure by 20 applicants.

The other ordinary tenures show little movement during the year, there being comparatively few selections, and few forfeitures or surrenders.

"THE BUSH AND SWAMP CROWN LANDS SETTLEMENT ACT, 1903."

The total area opened to selection under this Act during the year was 5,597 acres, comprising 2,709 acres of heavy-bush land, and 2,888 acres of light-bush land. The total area selected was 8,665 acres, comprising 2,420 acres of heavy-bush land, 2,526 acres of light-bush land, 596 acres of scrub land, and 3,123 acres of swamp land ; the number of selectors being 47.

The total number of selectors in the district under the Act is 84, the area held being 18,615 acres. It is as yet too early to make any pronouncement as to the success or otherwise of the operation of the Act.

REBATES AND REMISSIONS OF RENT.

The rebates allowed for prompt payments of rent amounted on ordinary Crown lands to £275 0s. 6d., distributed amongst 626 tenants ; to 149 tenants on settlements under the Land for Settlements Acts, rebates amounting to £637 2s. 9d. were granted.

No remissions of rent on account of adverse circumstances were granted to tenants on ordinary Crown lands during the year, but two land-for-settlements tenants were granted remissions amounting in all to £75 14s. 4d.

ARREARS OF RENT.

The arrears of rent due by tenants on ordinary Crown lands amount to £203 6s. 3d., owing by 52 selectors, as against £114 2s. 4d., owed by 37 selectors, last financial year.

On land for settlements the arrears amount to £1,247 6s. 10d. due by 29 tenants, as against £687 9s. 9d. owed by 14 tenants last year.

RESERVES.

2,384 acres have been reserved during the year, of which 2,182 acres were for scenic purposes, situated in the Alton, Longwood, Titiroa, and Waikawa Survey Districts. The balance of 202 acres was reserved for miscellaneous public purposes.

RANGERS' INSPECTIONS.

Ranger Campbell reports having made 531 inspections of holdings on the various tenures, and found that the tenants as a whole are prosperous and have made good progress with improvements, consisting of buildings, fencing, clearing, draining, &c., notwithstanding the backward season experienced. The total area of the holdings inspected is 102,461 acres ; value of required improvements, £37,468 1s. 5d. ; value of improvements made, £73,118 8s. 6d. Ranger Campbell also made 302 reports to the Land Board in connection with applications for miscellaneous licenses, titles, transfers, &c.

Ranger Traill, Stewart Island, reports having made forty-six inspections of Crown holdings ; and states that the amount of improvements effected is satisfactory when it is taken into consideration that most of the tenants were employed on the road contracts for the greater part of the year, and the fact that the climatic conditions were most unfavourable for many months for working on the land. There is, however, a general improvement in the condition of the settlements, many of the settlers having bettered their positions. The 23 settlers reported on hold 3,583 acres ; the value of improvements required is £1,307 11s. ; the value of improvements made is £2,744 10s. Ranger Traill further states,—

"The sawmills have worked continuously full-handed, the regulations have been complied with, the output being up to the usual in former years.

"A good deal of my time has been devoted to the protection of the flora and fauna. No destruction of bush of any consequence has taken place, and no killing of game out of season has come under my notice. The prevention notices are in order.

"On the summits of Mount Anglem and Mount Rakeahua, the highest peaks on the island, are to be found numbers of *celmesias* and other rare flowering-plants known in no other part of the world. So far no destruction of the plants has taken place, but it is possible the imported game may discover and destroy them all. The trout placed in Rakeahua Creek seem to be thriving. Sea-fish have been plentiful, but native game birds have been very scarce. The tourist traffic steadily increases, and additional accommodation is being arranged. A Government hut at the head of Paterson Inlet would be of very great benefit to persons making the journey across the island to Mason's Bay, the distance being too great to get over in one day from the settlements."

POSITION AND PROGRESS OF SETTLEMENT.

In a previous paragraph I have dealt with the general results of the transactions of the last financial year ; the settlements under the Land for Settlements Acts, and the improved-farm settlements are dealt with in separate reports, and also the village and village-homestead settlements ; and I would now refer to the general position of all Crown tenants in this district holding leases or licenses on ordinary settlement tenures. For convenience of reference I have divided the district into two portions—eastern and western, the Oreti or New River being taken as the dividing boundary.

In the eastern portion of the land district, there are 432 lessees, holding 98,794 acres; and of this area 49,734 acres are brought into profitable use, the improvements thereon being valued at £56,969. The Waikawa District holds the greatest number of Crown tenants—viz., 82, holding 23,968 acres, and having 8,605 acres in use, with improvements valued at £16,138. A large proportion of the area held is bush land, a good deal of it having been recently selected. There are four sawmills around Waikawa Harbour, which give employment to a number of men—settlers and others. There is no dairy factory in operation in this survey district. In Winton Hundred there are 51 tenants, holding 5,075 acres, having 1,109 acres in profitable use, and improvements valued at £2,462. A considerable area of this land is bush and of recent selection, but the soil is good, and there is a good future before the settlers in this locality. Oteramika Hundred is of a totally different character to the two preceding districts, the land in it being chiefly open, low-lying, and very wet and swampy; and a general drainage system is much required in it for the advantage of the numerous lessees who have taken up holdings there. There are 42 Crown tenants at Oteramika, holding 13,059 acres, 2,785 acres of which are in profitable use, and the improvements are valued at £3,897. The settlers here are continually crying out for road access. In the Hokonui Survey District there are 33 lessees, holding 10,291 acres, of which 8,459 acres are in use, and have upon them improvements to the value of £6,941. The land is mostly open, and is used for grazing and cultivation. The four survey districts named are a fair sample of the general characteristics of the eastern portion of the land district, so far as Crown tenants are concerned. On the whole, the lessees in the southern part of the portion under review are doing as well as can be expected from the character of their holdings, those occupying the smaller bush sections and small holdings generally being employed in sawmills and road and railway works; and those having open and larger holdings being occupied in grazing and dairying. In the northern part of the eastern portion the land is mostly open, and the lessees are mostly occupied in cultivation, grazing, and mining. I may mention that in the eastern portion of this district, so far as I can ascertain, there are 17 dairy factories, 11 of which make cheese only, 3 make butter and cheese, and 3 butter only; there are also 8 skimming-factories or creameries. The flax-milling industry has also assumed large proportions in this portion of the district, there being no less than thirty-six mills scattered throughout it. These industries, while not established by Crown tenants, no doubt in many cases directly benefit them.

In the western portion of this land district there are 240 Crown lessees, holding 74,937 acres, of which 53,387 acres have been brought into profitable use, and the improvements thereon are valued at £57,891.

The Longwood Survey District has, in this portion, the largest number of tenants, there being 65, holding 13,444 acres, of which but 3,975 acres are returned as in profitable use, while the value of improvements thereon is £14,640. The land held is mostly bush, but the improvements made on the areas cleared are good and substantial. The settlers in the Longwood Survey District are mostly engaged in mining, sawmilling, and grazing, and some are employed on the road and railway works. The Waiau Survey District has 52 Crown tenants, holding 15,150 acres, of which 10,878 acres are in profitable use, and the value of improvements thereon is £9,566. A considerable proportion of the land held is open, the balance being bush land. In the Lillburn Survey District 19 tenants hold 15,038 acres, of which 12,247 acres are in use, and upon which are improvements valued at £10,330; land principally open. The greater portion of the land held by Crown tenants in the other survey districts in this western portion is open land, and used chiefly for grazing and stock-raising. The settlers in this portion of the land district are generally in more prosperous circumstances than those in the eastern, the land being of a better character, and employment more plentiful. There are 5 cheese-factories and 3 skimming-factories in this part of the land district, and 11 flax-mills.

Stewart Island.—In this county there are 26 Crown lessees, holding 3,923 acres, of which but 240 acres have been brought into profitable use; the value of improvements made thereon is £2,905. The backward state of settlement here is due greatly to the isolated condition of the settlers in the past, the want of sufficient employment, the fact that all the land opened for settlement was covered with dense bush (which, owing to the humidity of the climate, is continually wet), and the difficulty of obtaining a good burn over felled-bush land. Sawmilling and fishing are the principal means of subsistence of the lessees. There are four sawmills on the island. With greater facilities of communication in the near future, and the increase of the tourist traffic, I have no doubt but that the condition of the settlers there will be bettered, and they will be in a position to make substantial improvements and better homes for themselves.

LANDS PROPOSED TO BE OPENED.

During the ensuing financial year it is proposed to place in the market for the first time and offer for selection the following blocks: viz., 2,095 acres, containing 9 sections, in Blocks I, III, and X, Alton District, on lease in perpetuity; 800 acres, embracing 7 sections, in Block X, Invercargill Hundred, on the optional system; 2,000 acres, embracing 20 sections, and 1,100 acres, containing 16 sections, in Blocks XXIII and XXIV, Invercargill Hundred respectively, on the optional system; and also 9 acres in Block X, Lindhurst Hundred, Edendale Settlement, on the lease-in-perpetuity system, containing 11 sections, a subdivision of part of the Village Reserve of Brydone, adjacent to the new railway-station of that name.

It is also intended to push on, with my limited staff, the survey of some 6,000 acres in Blocks I, II, V, VII, X, and XI, Longwood District, and about 3,000 acres in Blocks XVII and XVIII, Jacob's River Hundred; and should any of these blocks be completed in time they will also be placed in the market on lease in perpetuity only, as the land is all within a mining district.

OFFICE-WORK.

The work of the office is steadily increasing year by year, and I am again pleased to acknowledge the willing co-operation and assistance rendered by the various officers, and would beg in particular to place on record my thanks and appreciation of the invaluable services rendered to the Department, and this office in particular, by Mr. Fannin, Chief Clerk, who by his assiduous attention to the minutest details, and intimate knowledge of all questions pertaining to land-administration, has been invaluable to me in carrying out the many duties and conduct of the office throughout the year.

JOHN HAY,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

CHEVIOT ESTATE.

(Canterbury District.)

LAND TRANSACTIONS.

The transactions during the year have been very small, comprising only the sale of six quarter-acre sections in Mackenzie Township, the purchase of which, although effected in the previous year, was only completed in the period under review; and the disposal of four temporary-occupation licenses. A surrender was accepted of one lease in perpetuity of a section of 11 acres and 7 perches held by the Cheviot Co-operative Dairy Company which has ceased operations, and several temporary-occupation licenses of small areas have been surrendered. With these trifling exceptions, the areas occupied remain practically unchanged.

LANDS TO BE OPENED.

Arrangements are now in hand with a view to offering for cash sale at auction a few township sections at Domett, which will shortly become the temporary terminus of the Waipara-Cheviot Railway.

The present lease of the Woolshed Block of 162 acres, close to Mackenzie Township, will expire on the 1st September next, and the question of dealing with the land, and the extensive but rather old and dilapidated buildings thereon, is being taken into consideration.

CONDITION OF SETTLEMENT.

The Ranger's report shows that the estate continues to prosper, and signs of progress are found in the increased comforts and improved appearance of the settlers' homes. Only at Mackenzie, however, is there an actual increase of householders, but the number of actual farm settlers and their children on the land has slightly decreased, owing to transfer operations.

Shearing and lambing returns have been good; but crops were damaged by hail and rain storms, which have considerably diminished the average yields. Less than one-fourth of the ploughable area of the estate is now used for cropping, and out of a total area of 7,084 acres in crop this season, only 2,783 acres were in grain-crops. The total number of live-stock now carried on the estate (including freehold lands) amounts to about 2,500 head of cattle and horses, 700 pigs, and about 100,000 sheep, the latter mostly breeding-ewes, from which an average lambing of 90 per cent. was obtained this year. Dairying, however, is being neglected at present, and the public dairy factory with its expensive machinery is now lying idle.

The Ranger mentions that there has been much scour of drains and watercourses throughout the estate during the year; and the matter is becoming serious, as fully 100 acres of the best land has been swept away during the past few years, and but little is being done by settlers to check the loss.

There is only one case in which the required residence conditions have not been fully complied with, although the lessee is residing on the estate. There are also two or three cases in which the value of improvements effected is not up to full legal requirements. The persons resident upon the leaseholds number 760 souls, exclusive of the population in the township on freehold lands. The improvements required by the terms of the leases amount to £47,618, and the value actually effected is £97,570 10s.

THOS. HUMPHRIES,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

APPENDIX II.—LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS (REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS OF CROWN LANDS ON).

AUCKLAND.

A VERY careful examination of all the estates and workmen's hamlets has been made during the year. The progress in almost every estate has been marked; the workmen's hamlets are not all progressing so satisfactorily. In one estate, the Okauia, prospects are not very encouraging; but the inferior position which this settlement occupies only serves to heighten the success which has attended other settlements. One new estate known as "Selwyn" was offered for selection during the year. It was made available for application in two parts, the first only, comprising an area of 50,987 acres, coming into this year's operations. The detail report will show that there is every indication of a successful future for the settlers.

Opouriao Settlement.—This is one of the most successful settlements in the district. The settlers are as a rule practical farmers, most of them married men with families. Their homesteads are well established, and the settlement has a substantial appearance. The principal industry is dairying, there being a large co-operative cheese-factory and also a butter-factory. There is no doubt this settlement will be even a greater dairying centre in the future than it is now. The settlers recently celebrated in a successful manner the completion of ten years' residence, and there is no doubt that the steady progress made has been of a lasting character, and there is no need to fear for the future prosperity of the selectors. Details of the progress show that there is an area of 1,034 acres in crop, 1,728 sheep, 2,567 cattle, and 419 horses. There are 56 houses, and a total population of 279 persons, exclusive of those in Taneatua Village. The total value of improvements effected amounts to £30,423.

Okauia Settlement.—The prospects of this settlement continue to be far from encouraging. The greater part of the land is rather poor, and the settlers are engaged in stock-raising, only one being occupied in dairy-farming, the nearest creamery being four miles distant. There are 7 houses in the settlement, and the total population is 10. The live-stock consists of 560 sheep, 21 horses, and 288 cattle. At the time of inspection an area of 48 acres was in green crops. The total value of improvements is £3,069 3s.

Rangiatea Settlement.—This settlement is now nearly eight years in occupation, and is situated on the main Auckland-Thames Railway. There are two trains daily from Auckland. The settlers are hardworking industrious men, nearly all engaged in supplying milk to the creameries. There is a creamery and two butter-factories contiguous to the settlement, and the roads are in good order. This season there was a very satisfactory oat-crop harvested. At Waihou, about a mile from the settlement, will be found a store, bakery, butchery, telephone-office, hotel, and saleyards. Stock-sales are held monthly. The total population residing in the settlement is 105. Eighteen houses have been erected, and 275 acres are under crop. There are 230 sheep, 159 horses, and 754 head of cattle, and the improvements effected are valued at £9,260. Taking the settlement as a whole, everything is in good order and condition, the outlook is satisfactory, and settlers appear to be very contented.

Karapiro Settlement.—The land in this settlement is good in quality, situated as it is in the prosperous agricultural and pastoral district near Cambridge. Cattle-raising and dairying are the principal industries, and most of the settlers supply the creamery. It is an industrious community, and has effected improvements to the total value of £4,963. There are 55 persons, resident in 10 houses, and their stock consists of 70 sheep, 460 cattle, and 84 horses, and there is an area of 86 acres in crop. The settlement generally presents a satisfactory appearance.

Fencourt Settlement.—In this settlement will be found a population of 136 persons. There are 31 houses erected, and 603 acres in crop. Of horses, sheep, and cattle there are respectively 210, 170, and 1,264; and the total improvements made are worth £11,188. The settlement is situated near Cambridge, and is practically connected with Auckland by rail. There are two butter-factories adjoining the settlement and one creamery within. The district is prosperous, and embraces good agricultural and pastoral land. With few exceptions all the settlers supply the creamery or factories. The progress of drainage promises to further enhance the value of the land. Good progress has been made on this settlement notwithstanding the drawbacks regarding drainage, which fortunately now, by the formation of a Board, will soon be remedied.

Whitehall Settlement.—The land comprised in this settlement is of good quality, undulating in character. All the settlers are engaged in stock-raising. There is, however, a creamery in the vicinity. There is a good metalled road connecting with Cambridge, the settlers have comfortable homes, and there is a general appearance of prosperity. There are no sheep on the settlement, but there are 63 horses and 702 head of cattle. There is an area of 302 acres in crop, and there are 10 houses erected, occupied by 33 souls. The improvements effected represent a sum of £5,145.

Bickerstaffe Settlement.—There are now 17 houses in this settlement, accommodating a population of 81. The settlers own 49 horses, 1,248 sheep, and 940 cattle. Dairying and stock-raising occupy the attention of the people. The grass in the settlement is abundant, and the settlers appear satisfied with their selections. The roads are good and are being improved, nine men being engaged on the work. Part of the road which crosses the Wairau River is reported as impassable during winter. The settlement compares very favourably with others in the district, and inquiries are being made for the unselected sections. The total value of improvements effected by selectors on the sections now held amounts to £3,111.

Matamata Settlement.—More interest has been evinced in this settlement probably than in any other of the land-for-settlements estates in Auckland, and it is satisfactory to be able to record continued progress in the development of the farms. There are four creameries erected in the settlement, and nearly all the settlers are suppliers, the daily amount of milk averaging 2,830 gallons during the season. The early turnip-crop was a great success, but the later crop was a partial failure, being put in too late. The oat-crops have been very satisfactory. The settlement promises to be before long a thriving and populous centre. Stock-sales are now held there monthly, and in the township there are stores, blacksmith's shop, boardinghouses, and other signs of advancing settlement. The figures show that 296 persons reside, having erected 105 houses, many being very presentable residences. The area in crop is 1,716 acres. Cattle number 4,333, horses 403, and sheep 5,861. The total value of improvements amounts to £22,894.

Selwyn Settlement.—This settlement has been divided into two portions, the southern portion only having so far been offered for selection. The area offered totals 50,987 acres, of which 12,050 acres have been selected. The sections were only available for selection on the 18th December, 1905; but there are already 18 sections occupied, the selectors being engaged in completing their houses and fences. At present the class of houses cannot be fairly judged, as in most cases tenants are erecting the rear portion only, the balance to be added later. The settlers appear to be a hardworking class. Efforts are being made to establish creameries. The roads are well advanced, and all the selectors seem well satisfied. As so little time has elapsed since the ballot, it may be fairly said that the lessees are showing every indication of being successful in their efforts.

Methuen Hamlet.—There are now 13 substantial houses erected in this settlement, ranging in value up to £250, all properly fenced, and with gardens and orchards in course of making. Roads are formed throughout the hamlet, and the land already worked is giving good results.

Cradock Hamlet.—The settlers in this hamlet appear to be in comfortable circumstances. The sections occupied are well kept, the buildings and fences being in good order, and the gardens and orchards in a thriving state.

Hetana Hamlet.—The land in this hamlet is, in places, of poor quality. There are, however, 14 selectors residing and effecting improvements. There is the appearance of some progress now being made in the settlement as a whole. This is not a successful hamlet, but it may improve.

Kitchener Hamlet.—Seven selectors have erected comfortable cottages in this locality, and they have good gardens attached. One selector is making a success of his holding as a nursery-garden. The land is of good quality, very productive, and giving every satisfaction.

Waari Hamlet.—There are only 5 selectors in this hamlet, but they have made good improvements. Roads are constructed throughout the settlement; a new bridge has been built, which facilitates the access; the soil when cultivated gives good returns, and the hamlet is worthy of better attention by those in search of small areas for homes.

Plumer Hamlet.—The selectors in this settlement are all in a comfortable position, and satisfied with their holdings. They have erected good houses and made substantial improvements, and the progress of the hamlet is very encouraging. There are still some sections remaining open for selection.

JAMES MACKENZIE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Tomoana Settlement.—This settlement, which was part of the Frimley Estate and lies near Hastings, was placed in the market on the 2nd March, 1898. The area purchased was 111 acres 3 roods 38 perches. Number of occupied sections, 13; total population, 65; number of sheep 40, horses 16, cattle 65, pigs 9; area in grass, 74 acres 2 roods 3 perches, out of which 26 acres have been ploughed, cropped, and again laid down in permanent pasture by the settlers; area in white and green crops, 17 acres; and orchards and gardens, 18 acres 2 roods. The area held is 110 acres and 3 perches, and is occupied by 13 selectors, who pay an annual rental of £135 2s. There are 12 dwellinghouses in the settlement, of a total value of £1,915. Eleven selectors are residing on their holdings. The improvements required by the Act amount to £310 8s., and the value of improvements effected to £2,940 5s. Dairying and the fruit industry are still the principal sources of revenue in this settlement, and the area laid out in orchards is increasing each year.

Mahora Settlement.—This settlement, which was originally part of the Frimley Estate, is situated near Hastings, and was opened for selection on the 22nd March, 1899. The area purchased was 1,133 acres 3 roods. The number of selectors is 32; total population, 122; number of sheep 1,013, horses 89, cattle 415, pigs 209. The stock is less than shown last year, as a number of the settlers have sold stock, and are shutting up for grass-seed and hay this season. The area in grass is 890 acres; area in white and green crops, 210 acres 3 roods; and in orchards, 15 acres 2 roods. An area of 17 acres 2 roods 18 perches is still unselected, and is occupied under a temporary lease. Selectors hold an area of 1,116 acres 1 rood 35 perches, and pay an annual rental of £1,620 8s. 10d. There are 28 dwellinghouses, valued at £3,770. The improvements effected by selectors are valued at £7,669 10s., as against £3,439 19s. 3d. required by the Act. The dairying industry is still the main source of revenue in this settlement. Several apiaries are to be seen in the settlement, and in one instance one settler's output from 100 hives realised in honey and wax about £80 for the season.

Raureka Settlement.—This settlement, which was part of the Frimley Estate, was placed in the market in May, 1896. The area purchased was 427 acres 2 roods. The number of selectors is 18; total population, 85; number of sheep 712, horses 63, cattle 77, pigs 80; area in orchards, 10 acres; area in

white and green crops, 67 acres; area ploughed, cropped, and sown down in permanent pasture, 307 acres. The total area held is 416 acres and 38 perches, and annual rental received £543 2s. There are 17 dwellinghouses, of a total value of £1,580. Value of improvements effected by the selectors amount to £3,443, as against £1,209 3s. required by law. Dairying and fruit-growing represents the principal source of revenue, although this year settlers have shut up portions of their holdings for hay and grass-seed. I regret to state that in most instances the potato-crops on an area of 36 acres have been a failure owing to blight, and will be a serious loss to the settlers.

Elsthorpe Settlement.—The Elsthorpe Settlement is situated in the Oero Survey District, and was opened for settlement on the 24th June, 1896. The area purchased was 9,740 acres. The number of selectors is 42; total population, 109; number of sheep 24,040, horses 134, cattle 823, pigs 16; area in grass 8,700 acres, area in white and green crops 120 acres 3 roods, balance bush and scrub. There are 28 dwellinghouses in the settlement, of a total value of £4,145. The improvements effected by the settlers and exclusive of those originally on the land are valued at £13,109 5s., as against £8,313 18s. required by law. The settlers at Elsthorpe are mostly engaged in pastoral pursuits. The high prices ruling for sheep and wool have been all in their favour during the past two years, and the settlement is in a flourishing condition.

Pouparae Settlement.—This settlement, containing 336 acres 1 rood 12 perches, situated on the Main Ormond Road, was opened for selection in April, 1897, in 9 holdings, the whole of which have been selected. Nine dwellinghouses have been erected, and 9 selectors are residing. There are 47 persons residing in the settlement. Sixty acres are under crop, principally in maize and vegetables, the balance being in permanent grass. The settlement is at present carrying the following stock: 380 sheep, 146 cattle, 69 horses, and 82 pigs. Improvements effected are valued at £3,241 1s., as against £858 19s. 6d. required by the Act. This settlement has had another successful year. Dairying is the principal industry, and the high prices for produce have been well sustained.

Willows Settlement.—This settlement is situated about four miles from Gisborne, and contains 775 acres 1 rood 36 perches, and was offered for selection in March, 1899. There are 21 selectors, paying an annual rental of £758 10s. 2d. The area under crop is 115 acres, principally in rye-grass, maize, and pumpkins. There are 18 dwellinghouses in the settlement. All the settlers are either residing on their sections or on the adjoining land. The settlement is at present carrying the following stock: 1,226 sheep, 361 cattle, 41 horses, 67 pigs. The improvements effected are valued at £5,529 15s., as against £1,915 16s. 2d. required by the Act. The principal industry of this settlement is dairying, and the settlers generally have had a most prosperous year.

Waimarie Settlement.—This settlement contains 425 acres 3 roods 14 perches, and is situated about ten miles from Gisborne on the Main Ormond Road. This settlement was divided into 18 allotments, all of which have been selected, at a total annual rental of £463 11s. Sixteen of the selectors reside on their holdings and 2 on adjoining sections. There are at present 64 persons living in the settlement, and there are 16 dwellinghouses besides other buildings. The improvements effected are valued at £3,187 12s. 6d., as against £1,042 17s. required by the Act. Only a few of the sections are large enough for the selectors to make a living on, the majority being utilised as homes, the selectors finding work in the locality.

Wigan Settlement.—This settlement is situated about eight miles from the Town of Buckley (Tolago Bay), and about forty-three miles from Gisborne. It contains 10,072 acres 1 rood 37 perches, and was divided into 17 allotments. It was offered for selection in December, 1903, all the allotments being let at a total annual rental of £2,799 12s. 10d. This settlement is purely pastoral country. Twelve of the selectors are residing on the estate, 3 spinsters are living with their parents in the district, 1 selector has had the misfortune to have her house burned down, and 1 selector is non-resident. There are 29 persons living in the settlement. The stock consists of 17,360 sheep, 1,290 cattle, 45 horses, 24 pigs. The selectors have effected improvements to the value of £4,402 which, with the original improvements, makes a total value of £6,529 1s. 11d., as against £3,419 11s. 10d. required by the Act. This is a most successful settlement, and all the tenants have had a good year. A very large amount has been expended on buildings and other permanent improvements.

Lindsay Settlement.—This settlement is situated in the Waipawa County, was formerly known as Mount Vernon Estate, and was acquired by the Government under the Land for Settlements Act. It is distant forty miles from Napier, and adjoins the Townships of Waipawa, Waipukurau, and Ongaonga, and was opened for settlement on the 11th April, 1905. The area purchased was 13,574 acres. Number of occupied sections, 65; total population, 189; number of sheep 16,617, horses 168, cattle 1,344, pigs 88; area in grass 12,000 acres, area in white and green crops 1,153 acres 2 roods, balance scrub. There are 51 dwellinghouses in the settlement, valued at £5,608. The improvements required by law amount to £2,634 15s. 3d., and the improvements effected by the selectors to £12,492 12s., which should be a very satisfactory record for the first year of the settlement's existence. Since the settlement was opened a creamery and accommodation-house have been erected at the Waipawa Mate, the supplies from the creamery being sent to the Ongaonga Butter-factory. There are 43 selectors now residing on their holdings, and several dwellinghouses are in course of erection. About nine miles of dray-roads have been formed during the year in the settlement or giving access thereto.

Argyll Settlement.—This settlement, which was opened for selection on the 26th June, 1903, is situated in the Waipawa County, and is distant six miles from Waipawa Township, three miles from Kaikora North, and nine miles and a half from Pukehou Railway-station. The area purchased was 33,705 acres 1 rood 30 perches. Number of occupied sections, 62; total population, 235; number of sheep 44,492, horses 290, cattle 2,415, pigs 110; area in grass, 2,800 acres, out of which 785 acres have been ploughed, cropped, and again sown down in permanent pasture; area in white and green crops, 3,514 acres 3 roods; balance, scrub. All the sections are now occupied. One holding, comprising two sections, was surrendered during the year, and reselected in two holdings. The population

and stock are still increasing. There are 59 dwellinghouses in the settlement, valued at £10,290. The improvements required by law amount to £8,979 17s. 3d., and the improvements effected by the selectors to £35,892 4s. 7d., including £4,071 2s. estimated value of original improvements on the ground. The sawmill plant erected in the settlement by Messrs. Manson and Tuck, near Hampden Township, is now in full swing, and turning out about 10,000 superficial feet per diem of mixed timber from the Guavas Bush, four miles distant. Poultry-farming at the old "Brow" homestead is still thriving, Mr. Beyers, the lessee, having forty fowlhouses on different parts of his section. Each house is supplied with a tank, and house and tank together are turned out at the cost of about £7 10s., representing an outlay of £300 up to the present time for buildings alone.

Forest Gate Settlement.—This settlement is situated in the western portion of the Hawke's Bay Land District, distant about fifty miles from Napier by rail and road, and ten miles from the Township of Waipawa. The area purchased was 8,822 acres and 13 perches. Number of occupied sections is 28, and the number of selectors 27; total population is 107; number of sheep 13,575, horses 110, cattle 594, pigs 56; area in grass 7,100 acres, area in white and green crops 1,559 acres, balance light bush and scrub. The settlement was thrown open on the 19th May, 1902. Compared with last year's report there shows an increase of 10 in the population, 334 acres more under crops, 2,677 more stock, and improvements to a value of £1,809 5s. effected during the year, making the total value of improvements effected £11,426 11s. 7d., as against £2,400 1s. 2d. required by law. The 27 sections are paying an annual rental of £2,489 15s. There are 26 dwellinghouses erected, and 20 selectors residing on their holdings. The oat and wheat crops have averaged about 40 bushels and 50 bushels to the acre respectively.

Kumeroa Settlement.—This settlement was acquired from Mr. Thomas Crosse under the Land for Settlements Act, and was opened for application on the 12th May, 1902. The area purchased was 3,774 acres 2 roods 38 perches. The number of occupied sections is 15; total population, 78; number of sheep 7,525, horses 50, cattle 497, pigs 184; the area in grass is 3,589 acres, area in white and green crops 47½ acres, the balance bush and scrub. The area offered for selection was 3,745 acres, and is now all occupied by 15 selectors. The settlement is distant about six miles from Woodville by good metalled dray-road. There are 14 dwellinghouses, of a total value of £2,335. Fourteen selectors are residing on their holdings and one on land adjoining his section. The improvements effected are valued at £5,227 7s., as against £1,523 14s. 10d. required by the Act. The two creameries—the Crown and Farmers' Union—are still in full swing; and a district school, much needed, has now been erected and opened under the name of Crosse's Settlement, with a nominal roll of 25 children, and an average attendance of 23. Compared with last year's report the settlement shows an increase in population, in number of stock, and in the value of the improvements effected by the settlers.

Manga-a-toro Settlement.—This settlement is situated in the southern portion of the Hawke's Bay Land District, about eleven miles from Dannevirke Township and Railway-station, and was acquired from the Assets Realisation Board by the Government under the Land for Settlements Act. The area purchased was 19,581 acres 3 roods 12 perches. The number of occupied sections is 26; total population is 127; number of sheep 32,321, horses 157, cattle 1,475, pigs 18; the area in grass is 14,700 acres, of which 1,700 acres have been ploughed, cropped, and again laid down in permanent pastures; area in white and green crops, 492 acres; balance, scrub and bush. All the sections are now occupied, 19,422 acres being held by 26 selectors. There are 25 dwellinghouses in the settlement, valued at £5,255, and 24 selectors are residing on the land. The total value of improvements effected is £18,840 1s. 9d., as against £6,023 17s. 10d. required by the Act; and a sum of £4,064 10s. represents the increase in improvements effected by settlers during the past twelve months. The dray-road formation of the Ongaha Road, completed during the year, gives an outlet to Dannevirke, which, in addition to being the shorter route by about three miles, avoids the Mangatoro Stream-crossings in the old road, which were dangerous in flood-times. The Mangatoro Stream is well stocked with trout, and is becoming a fashionable fishing-ground for Hawke's Bay anglers.

Hatuma Settlement.—This settlement is situated fifty-nine miles from Napier, on the Main Trunk Railway between Wellington and Napier, and lies near Waipukurau and between Oruawharo and Arlington Estates. It was placed on the market on the 25th April, 1901. The area purchased was 26,522 acres 3 roods 20 perches. The number of occupied sections is 59; total population, 250; number of sheep 47,587, horses 291, cattle 1,880, pigs 49; area in grass, 22,670 acres, out of which 2,000 acres have been ploughed, cropped, and laid down again in permanent English grasses; white and green crops, 1,887 acres 3 roods; balance, scrub. There are 58 dwellinghouses in the settlement, valued at £10,648. The improvements effected are valued at £33,679 3s., as against £8,690 14s. 2d. required by the Act. Hatuma Settlement has its own railway-station and siding, with a district school already established, and another school building now being erected at the far end of the settlement for the convenience of settlers' children living at a considerable distance from the Main School.

ERIC C. GOLD SMITH,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

TARANAKI.

Tokaora Settlement.—Situate four miles from Hawera, comprising 1,505 acres 2 roods 8 perches, divided into 16 sections occupied by 13 persons, and almost wholly devoted to dairying. There are 71 people resident, and live-stock consists of 1,015 cattle, 37 sheep, and 64 horses. The improvements effected by tenants comprise 13 residences, valued at £2,018; outbuildings, fencing, &c., £2,001; total, £4,019. The area in grass is 1,388 acres, in white crops 68 acres, in green crops 49 acres. The position of the homestead section is not satisfactory, but all the other settlers are making very fair progress.

Spotswood Settlement.—Situate about two miles and a quarter from New Plymouth, comprising 310 acres 3 roods 23 perches, divided into 61 sections for workmen's homes, and 8 small farms. There are 8 persons occupying under the former and 3 under the latter, the number of sections occupied being 13, and the population 50. The live-stock consists of 70 cattle and 11 horses. Two holdings have been abandoned. There are 11 residences, valued at £1,620; outbuildings, fencing, yards, &c., £637 10s: total, £2,257 10s. The settlement is very little used for dairying, the areas being too small to be profitable. Some of the settlers complain that the rents and rates are much too high for the producing-value of the land, and that they cannot continue in occupation under existing conditions. The homestead is at present let on a monthly tenancy, and portions of the unlet land used for grazing at a low rental. In view of the large proportion of this settlement still remaining unoccupied, I beg to submit for consideration the necessity of revaluation of the block, so as to induce occupation with a fair prospect of success, which at present appears almost hopeless.

Clandon Settlement.—Situate about two miles from Toko Railway-station, comprising 881 acres and 13 perches, subdivided into 6 dairy-farms occupied by 5 persons, there being 19 people on the land. One section of 40 acres 3 roods 29 perches is occupied by a sawmiller under lease prior to purchase of the land by the Crown. The live stock consists of 412 cattle and 14 horses, the settlers being engaged in dairy-farming. The improvements effected are two residences, £160; milk-shed, fencing, &c., £349: total, £509. The area in grass is 788 acres; in white crops, nil; and in green crops, 22 acres. With one exception the settlers appear to be doing fairly well.

FRANS. SIMPSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

WELLINGTON.

WEST COAST.

Paparangi Settlement.—The area purchased was 322 acres 3 roods 32 perches. Thirty-seven sections are now under occupation, and the total population is 160 souls. The majority of the settlers use their holdings for residential purposes, and go in for market-gardening, pigs, and poultry-keeping, while a few on the large sections are dairying. 300 acres are in grass, 10 acres in white and 12 acres in root crops. The settlement has made good progress during the year, and the settlers are contented with good prospects for the future.

Ohakea Settlement.—An area of 1,745 acres 1 rood 30 perches was acquired, and 15 sections are now occupied, the total population being 64 souls. The stock on the land comprises 2,165 sheep, 457 cattle, 74 horses, and 169 pigs. 315 acres were laid down in white crops, 51 acres in root-crops, and 1,276 acres in grass. The total value of improvements is £6,548. This settlement is a decided success, and the settlers have excellent prospects before them.

Te Matua Settlement.—Comprises an area of 702 acres and 19 perches. There are 13 sections now occupied, the total population being 54 souls. The stock on the land comprises 352 sheep, 315 cattle, 37 horses, and 134 pigs. There were 5 acres in white and 12 acres in root crops, while 630 acres were laid down in grass. The total value of improvements on the land is £3,530. The settlers have made very good progress during the year, and, with excellent prospects for the future, the success of the settlement is assured.

Aorangi Settlement.—The area acquired by the Crown was 1,785 acres. Thirty-seven sections are now occupied, and the number of souls living on the land is 176. The stock numbers 1,646 sheep, 795 cattle, 100 horses, and 269 pigs. The area in grain-crops is 15 acres, in root-crops 168 acres, and 1,399 acres are laid down in grass. Owing to the wet weather and the prevalence of blight this season, the grain and root crops were far from satisfactory. On the whole, however, the settlers have done exceedingly well, and this is perhaps the most successful and prosperous settlement on the West Coast.

Epuni Hamlet.—The total area acquired was 100 acres 3 roods 14 perches. Forty-two sections are occupied, and the population of the settlement is 169 souls. For the most part the settlers use their holdings for residential purposes, while some of the larger sections are used for market-gardening, fruit-growing, and poultry-farming, but blight in the root and tomato crops considerably affected the yield. The settlers have made good progress, their only complaint being of the high local rates they are called on to pay on account of the greatly increased land-values in the locality. In order to meet this difficulty and afford relief, a special Act entitled "The Epuni Leases Surrender Act, 1905," was passed, providing, *inter alia*, for surrender by these lessees of so much of their holdings as would enable them to profitably reside upon and occupy the portion to be retained round the homestead.

Mangawhata Settlement.—The area purchased was 1,240 acres 2 roods 36 perches. There are 7 sections all occupied, and the number of souls on the land is 44. The stock comprises 750 sheep, 469 head of cattle, 38 horses, and 128 pigs. 1,109 acres are in grass; and 33 acres were in root-crops, but part of it was damaged by floods caused by the flood-bank along the Oroua River being out of repair. The settlers are prosperous, with good prospects before them.

Maungaraki Settlement.—This settlement comprises 472 acres 1 rood 20 perches. Twenty sections are now occupied, and the total population on the land is 63 souls. There are 3 acres in green crop, and 114 acres are laid down in grass. The holdings for the most part are used for residential purposes, the selectors growing vegetables and keeping cows, poultry, and pigs for their own use. The settlers have made good progress, appear contented, and have good prospects before them.

Linton Settlement.—The area purchased was 551 acres 1 rood 36 perches. The number of sections now in occupation is 5, and the number of residents on the land is 25. The stock on the land is 254 head of cattle, 15 horses, and 72 pigs. Fifty-five acres were in white crops and 41 acres in root-crops, 408 acres being laid down in grass. The settlers have done well during the year, and the settlement is fairly prosperous.

Normandale Settlement.—The area acquired was 1,623 acres and 9 perches. The number of sections now under occupation is 30, and the total population on the land is 88 souls. The majority of the selectors use their holdings for residential purposes simply, but a few on the larger areas at the back engage in poultry and dairy farming. There are 3 acres in root-crops, and 216 acres are laid down in grass. The progress made during the year is satisfactory, and the settlers have fair prospects before them.

EAST COAST.

Langdale Settlement.—The area purchased was 9,405 acres, the number of sections under occupation being 26, and the total population being 76 souls. The stock numbers 13,639 sheep, 988 cattle, and 109 horses. Seventy-seven acres are in white crops, 238 acres in root-crops, and 8,649 acres are laid down in grass. The progress made during the year is most satisfactory, and all the selectors seem well satisfied with their prospects.

Longbush Settlement.—The area purchased by the Crown was 3,021 acres 3 roods 26 perches. Six sections are occupied, the population on the land being 14 souls. The stock comprises 3,460 sheep, 307 cattle, and 27 horses. 1,500 acres are laid down in grass, and 8 acres in root-crops. Very good progress has been made during the year, and the settlers are well satisfied with their position and future prospects.

Tablelands Settlement.—A total area of 549 acres 3 roods 30 perches was purchased by the Crown. Nine sections have now been taken up, and the total number of souls on the land is 16. The stock carried numbers 5,850 sheep, 381 cattle, and 36 horses. The land is used mostly for grazing purposes, the area laid down in grass being 2,980 acres, and in root-crops 4 acres. Steady progress has been made during the year, and the present position and future outlook of the selectors is very bright.

Tawaha Settlement.—This settlement was only disposed of on the 30th March, 1906.

JOHN STRAUCHON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

MARLBOROUGH.

Blind River Settlement.—Area 5,507 acres. Opened for selection in 1895. During the past year 2 allotments have been grouped. There are now 14 lessees, who have all complied with the improvement conditions and, with one exception, the residential conditions also. The total value of the permanent work done by the tenants is estimated to be worth £6,204. One settler lost his home through fire, but has rebuilt another and better one. The present population numbers 55 souls. The area of land in cultivation for crops was 712 acres—less than the previous year. Barley was successfully grown on 170 acres—the crop averaging 37 bushels per acre—and oats on 342 acres, mostly grown for converting into chaff. The remainder cultivated was in roots and sheep-feed. There are no complaints, which indicates prosperity. Arrears of rent amount to £93 6s. 3d. The live-stock kept now remains much the same as previous years. The lambing was fair—about 90 per cent. average.

Omaka Settlement.—Area, 3,898 acres. Opened for settlement in 1896. Thirteen tenants, of which 1 is a defaulter through not residing. All improvements required have been done, the value of which now amounts to £5,374 10s. The white crops grown during the year were 265 acres of barley and 247 acres of oats. The barley did not do well, the wet winter being responsible. The oats gave fair returns. The absence of wheat-growing on the estates in Marlborough this year is very noticeable—only 12 acres was put in wheat-crop on this estate. It is encouraging to be able to report that the grass-grub (*Odontria zealandica*) has almost disappeared. This pest during past years was very bad in this ground—the selectors could not keep their pastures. This year the grass looks all right. The number of sheep kept has increased by four hundred from last year. Eighty-five per cent. of lambs was obtained, which may be considered fair when the wet season is taken into consideration. The arrears of rent amount to £44 2s. 2d.

Puhi Puhi Settlement.—Area, 320 acres. Opened for settlement, 1897. The two tenants who occupy the two sections, which are incorporated in large holdings of ordinary Crown lands, have complied with the requirements of the Act, and effected improvements to the value of £243 on this area.

Starborough Settlement.—Area, 35,906 acres. Opened for selection in 1899. This estate continues to be prosperous, the population to increase, the value of land to rise, and the Town of Seddon to extend. On the whole estate, including the town, there are now 352 souls, occupying 89 dwellings, of which 38 are in the town aforesaid. The estimated value of all the improvements effected to the end of the year is £43,732, showing an increase during the year of £7,182. Forty thousand sheep are kept on the estate, 320 horses, and 240 head of cattle. The land in cultivation during the season 1905–6 was 4,250 acres, of which 1,350 was in barley with varying returns—on some farms the crop turned out 40 bushels to the acre, and on others only 20. The latter was mostly low-lying land, and the wet winter affected the crop in its early stages, and caused so severe a check that it only partially recovered. The price obtained, however, somewhat made up for the shortage, the average being 4s. 10d. per bushel. 1,120

acres of oats returned good crops. What was threshed averaged 50 bushels, but the bulk was grown for chaffing. Only 66 acres of wheat was grown. The farmers, after last year's experience, have decided to grow very little of this cereal. The rest of the cultivated portions was in roots and sheep-feed. It is estimated that about twenty thousand lambs were disposed of during the year at prices ranging from 8s. to 13s., according to weight and condition. The lesser amount received for lambs this year was compensated for in the higher values which wool reached. An estimate made of results for the year gave, approximately, £1 3s. as the gross returns per acre over the whole estate. The town is assuming the appearance of a place of importance. A new public hall has been erected, which is quite a credit to the promoters. The trades which have one or more representatives are blacksmiths, carpenters, boot-makers, builders, wheelwrights, butchers, and bakers. Three general stores are supplying the wants of the district, and auction sales of stock are held about twice a month. There are a few defaulters who have not yet complied with all the improvement conditions, and I have to report on over-cropping on one or two fields, but the whole estate is well farmed on economical as well as profitable lines. The arrears of rent amount to only £40 11s. 6d.

Richmond Brook Settlement.—Area, 5,854 acres. Opened for settlement in the year 1899. This settlement, like the neighbouring one, Starborough, may be classed among the prosperous. All the tenants (11) have done fairly well during the past year. The improvements the tenants have put on the estate are valued at £6,874. The population has increased by 10, and now counts 50 souls. The stock carried shows a slightly increased number of sheep on last year's returns. There were at the time of inspection 5,800 sheep, 32 head of cattle, and 60 horses. The lambing season produced about 90 per cent. of lambs. 766 acres were cropped—254 in barley, 169 in oats, 106 in wheat, the remainder in roots and sheep-feed. Barley averaged 22 bushels per acre, wheat about 30 bushels; oats made 2 tons of sheaves to the acre. There are no defaulters, and no arrears of rent.

Waipapa Settlement.—Area of acquired lands, 3,755 acres 2 roods; of Crown lands, 49,410 acres. Opened for selection in the year 1901. The 53,165 acres is divided into 5 small grazing-runs. Mostly high country. The settlers, however, appear to be doing well, and there are now approximately 6,103 pounds' worth of improvements done by them, and the work of improvement is still going on. There are 5 houses, containing 21 souls. A few small crops of oats and roots are grown, with fair results. The whole country is devoted to grazing between eight and nine thousand good sheep. There are no defaulters, and no arrears of rent.

North Bank Settlement.—Area, 12,895 acres. Opened for selection in 1903. 10,126 acres were cut up into holdings varying from 604 acres to 3,385 acres; the two larger areas being held under small grazing-run tenure. There are 7 houses, occupied by 34 souls. About 200 acres of oats and peas were grown, with moderate results. The stock on the estate consists of 2,400 sheep, 30 to 40 head of cattle, and 26 horses. There are no defaulters, and the improvements are estimated to be worth £850.

Rainford Settlement.—Area, 246 acres. Opened for settlement in 1903. It was allotted to 11 selectors, who had effected improvements at the date of inspection (October, 1905) to the value of £1,077 16s. 6d. There are now 9 dwellings, occupied by 34 souls. Three of the selectors do not reside, having been allowed exemption by the Land Board for a time. The land is devoted chiefly to dairy-farming, about 130 head of cattle being kept, also 25 horses. Very little cropping is done. Some of the settlers have had trouble with the overflow of the Waimanarara, the uncertainty of its channel in times of flood makes it difficult to provide against encroachment. There is considerable demand in the Kaikoura District for small holdings of this quality of land.

Flaxbourne Settlement.—Area, 44,928 acres. Opened for selection in 1905. Now occupied by 106 rural selectors, and 8 selectors of allotments in Ward Township. The holdings range from 5 acres to 2,943 acres. Although this estate has been occupied by Crown tenants for only nine months, they have effected improvements to the estimated value of £14,301, consisting of buildings and fencing. Sixty-three houses and huts have been built, and 143½ miles of substantial fencing erected. Nearly all (the exceptions being selectors of 5 and 10 acres) have done sufficient work of a permanent character to comply with the demands of law for the first year's occupation. Residence, which is required from the date of lease, is being fulfilled by 90 selectors out of 106, excluding the Township of Ward (wherein 8 allotments have been selected, but up to date none have been built on). There was considerable difficulty experienced by the tenants in getting material for building and fencing during the first months immediately after their acquiring their leases, through the bad state of the roads; and just after possession the sheep-market sprang up to the highest point it had reached for thirty years. Those determined to stock had to pay from £1 5s. to £1 8s. per head for ewes. However, the market steadied itself by spring, and there are now grazing on the estate 36,760 sheep, 663 head of cattle, and 225 horses, chiefly draught. The first encouragement the settlers had was the comfortable price received for their first crop of wool. The season has been splendid for grass, and in some cases the feed has gone to waste. 815 acres have been turned up by the plough; 190 acres were put into oats for horse-feed (moderate crop), and 300 acres into roots and rape for fattening. The freezing companies purchased about six thousand fat sheep and lambs from the settlers, notwithstanding the difficulties of stocking up. The tenants who were interviewed expressed themselves as satisfied with their sections, and, given a year or two with the prices for stock and wool approximate to present market values, and fair seasons, there is reason to expect that the Flaxbourne Estate will be classed as prosperous. The men who have acquired holdings on the estate are just the sort wanted for the country, nearly all being experienced and with sufficient means to start. They had bad roads, bad weather, and difficulty in stocking to contend with at the outset, but these men have faith in the land and in themselves, and mean to make a success of it if possible.

HENRY TRENT,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

WESTLAND.

Poerua Settlement.—This settlement is wholly occupied, and is in a flourishing condition. The past season has been excessively wet, and hence the tenants have not cut down much bush, nor increased their grass-area very much, but the holdings exhibit a marked improvement, for much stumping has been done previous to winter ploughing; much logging and cleaning-up of the timber left after the first burn has been accomplished; fences have been overhauled and replaced by more durable material. Two new and commodious houses are in course of erection, and additional shedding provided. The creamery has been in full work all the season, and has been well supported by the settlers. The increase of the train service from two to four days per week enables the cream to be railed at short intervals to the factory at Totara Flat. Many of the farmers have purchased better breeds of cows, and a marked improvement in the milking-stock is apparent. The potato-crop has been a failure owing to blight, but the other root-crops—viz., mangolds, carrots, turnips, &c.—are really splendid. Much good oaten and meadow hay has been safely stored. The adjoining flax-mill provides a local outlet for produce, but the bulk finds a ready market in Greymouth. Compliance with the requirements of the Act is most satisfactory. The settlers are doing well, and are looking forward very contentedly. The following statement shows the present position: Area, 3,230 acres; number of occupied sections, 19; total population, 63; number of stock—sheep 1,550, horses 55, cattle 714, pigs 95; area in grass 1,550 acres, area in white and green crops 23 acres; requirements of Act £1,471, how far complied with £6,541; arrears of rental, nil. Eight and a half acres of a reserve were leased temporarily as a flax-drying ground during the year.

Kokatahi Settlement.—This settlement is in a flourishing condition: it is wholly occupied and thoroughly well farmed. The dwellinghouses are all most comfortable, and the milking-sheds (with concrete floors), barns, and outbuildings are very creditable. A fine supply of pure water enables the settlers to keep their milk-stands thoroughly clean. One tenant devotes his attention to grazing cattle and sheep, but all the others are engaged in dairying, and supply milk to the adjoining factory. The breed of milking-cows is steadily improving in quality and numbers. As elsewhere, the potatoes were blighted, but the turnips and other root-crops have done well. A fortunate break of fine weather enabled the safe storage of large quantities of hay, so that abundance of winter feed is assured. The young orchards are looking well, and have been carefully stocked. This young settlement has a vigorous and substantial appearance, and the tenants anticipate a prosperous future. The following figures summarise its condition: Area, 1,895 acres; number of occupied sections, 7; total population, 37; numbers of stock—sheep 790, horses 23, cattle 390, pigs 52; area in grass 1,653 acres, area in white and green crops 48 acres; improvements—requirements of Act £268, how far complied with £3,588; arrears of rental, nil.

G. J. ROBERTS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

CANTERBURY.

LANDS OPENED DURING THE YEAR.

The purchase of three new estates was concluded during the year, and the properties were surveyed and opened for selection. These were as follows:—

The Morice Settlement, comprising an area of 2,253 acres, situated on Banks Peninsula, near Little River, was purchased from Henry White, Esq. Nearly the whole of the estate consists of hilly cleared bush land in cocksfoot grass, splendidly adapted either for growing cocksfoot-seed, or for grazing and dairying. An area of 2,124 acres, divided into 29 sections, was opened for selection on the 16th December, 1905, under the lease-in-perpetuity system. The areas of the sections varied from 8 acres 1 rood to 217 acres, and the rentals from 11s. 7½d. to £1 7s. per acre per annum. Two blocks of good native bush, comprising in all 124 acres, were reserved to secure the preservation of the bush.

Sixty-six applications were received, and the whole of the sections were disposed of at or immediately after the first ballot. One section of 177 acres was surrendered by the lessee for domestic reasons, but was reselected just after the close of the year.

The Kinloch Settlement, comprising 13,033 acres, situated on Banks Peninsula, eastward of Lake Forsyth, and between Little River and the sea-coast, was purchased from Messrs. H. D. and J. F. Buchanan. It consists of hilly pastoral land of very good quality, carrying tussock, cocksfoot, and other grasses. An area of 11,816½ acres was opened for application under the lease-in-perpetuity system on the 19th February, 1906, subdivided into 29 dairy and ordinary farms, the areas varying from 52 acres; roads to 634 acres, and the rentals from 6s. 6d. to 18s. per acre per annum. The homestead block of 956 acres, with the extensive and valuable buildings thereon, was not offered to public application, but was selected by Mr. H. D. Buchanan as vendor. Three blocks of native bush, totalling 84 acres 1 rood were set aside for the preservation of the bush.

Eighty-eight applications were received, and 17 sections, comprising 6,545½ acres, were disposed of at the first ballot; 3 others, including 1,186 acres, being also disposed of before the close of the year.

The Mills Settlement, comprising 863 acres, situated near Hook, a railway-station on the Main Trunk railway between Makikihi and Studholme Junction, in South Canterbury, was purchased from Messrs. McGoverin and Hardie. It consists of partly flat and undulating agricultural land, with loamy soil of good quality, and partly of heavy reclaimed swamp land; the whole being well adapted for either agricultural or dairying purposes. Twenty-one allotments, classified as dairy-farms, were opened for application on the 26th February, 1906, under the lease-in-perpetuity system; the total area offered was 882 acres, a small portion of Crown land having been added to the area purchased. The allotments varied in size from 10 acres to 124 acres, and the rentals from 14s. to £1 10s. per acre per annum.

Thirty-three applications were received at the opening of the settlement, and 13 sections, totalling 644 acres 3 roods 20 perches were disposed of at the first ballot, while since the end of the year 6 more sections, comprising 144 acres and 4 perches have been disposed of.

The other lands offered during the year comprised—One section of 478 acres in the Annan Settlement, a surrender of which was accepted at the lessee's own request, and for which there were 22 applications when reoffered; one surrendered section of 3 acres in the Puhuka Hamlet; one surrendered section of $\frac{1}{4}$ acre in Morven Township; one surrendered section of 1 acre 1 rood 39 perches in Cave Village; temporary leases of seven blocks, comprising 13 acres 3 roods 10 perches, of reserves and unselected sections in the Morven Township, all of which were disposed of; one surrendered section of 177 acres in the Morice Settlement, which was selected immediately after the close of the year.

The unselected lands at the close of the year comprised one small grazing-run of 3,684 acres in the Lyndon No. 2 Settlement; 10 sections, comprising 5,044 acres, in the Kinloch Settlement, of which 5, comprising 2,489 acres, have since been let; 8 sections, comprising 237 acres and 26 perches in the Mills Settlement, of which 6, comprising 144 acres and 4 perches have since been selected; one section of 177 acres in the Morice Settlement, since disposed of; and a few small allotments in the Kapuatohe Hamlet, Highbank Village, Cave Village (Rosewill Settlement), and Morven Township (Waikakahi Settlement).

LANDS FOR FUTURE DISPOSAL.

These consist at present of the unselected sections just noted, there being no other properties at present in hand for settlement, although negotiations are proceeding for the acquisition of the Lagmhore Estate, of about 17,350 acres, near Ashburton.

LAND TRANSACTIONS.

The total number of new selections under the lease-in-perpetuity system has been 71, comprising an area of 10,987 acres 2 roods 19 perches, at an annual rental of £7,304 10s. 2d. Five small lots, comprising an area of 6 acres 3 roods 13 perches, have been sold for cash for the purposes permitted by the Land for Settlements Act. The total number of lessees on the 31st March, 1906, was 1,207, occupying an area of 250,798 acres and 37 perches, and paying an annual rental of £73,979 14s.

PAYMENT OF RENTS.

The total amount of revenue collected during the year on land-for-settlements estates under all tenures was £66,607 16s. 3d., bringing the total receipts for the district since the inauguration of the system up to £358,559 2s.

The arrears of rent due on the 31st March, 1906, exclusive of current payments, amounted to £728 1s. 2d., owing by 45 tenants on an area of 3,356 acres and 5 perches; this represents, as regards the number of holders, $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. of the total number of tenants under the system, and, as regards the amount owing, barely 1 per cent. of the annual rent-roll.

TRANSFERS, FORFEITURES, AND SURRENDERS.

During the year transfers have been effected of 68 leases in perpetuity, comprising 5,145 acres and 13 perches; 1 small grazing-run, of 1,955 acres 2 roods; and one farm-homestead lease of 215 acres; making a total of 70 leases, with a total area of 7,315 acres 2 roods 13 perches.

Surrenders were accepted, at the lessees' own request, of 3 leases in perpetuity, including 181 acres 1 rood, and of 1 temporary license of 56 acres; and 1 temporary license of 269 acres 3 roods 29 perches was forfeited for non-compliance with the conditions of occupation.

CONDITIONS OF ESTABLISHED SETTLEMENTS.

A general review of the reports received from the Rangers on the settlements throughout the district emphasizes what has been said in previous years as to the remarkable progress and prosperity of nearly all the settlements. The number of defaulters in respect of residence is exceedingly small, and in the cases where improvements are not yet up to the values required the lessees are nearly all arranging to erect additional buildings or fencing which will more than make up any deficiency now existing. The number of excellent homesteads established on the settlements, the generally satisfactory manner in which the holdings are worked and farmed, and the prosperity and contentment of the settlers are all evidence of the success of the system in assisting men with moderate capital to make good homes for themselves and their families.

A late and wet spring retarded farming operations at the beginning of the season, and returns have in consequence been somewhat reduced, but, generally speaking, the yields have been fair to good, and the high prices ruling for wool and stock have contributed materially to the prosperity of the settlers.

In North Canterbury the rural settlements form three groups, the first comprising the Annan, Lyndon, and Lyndon No. 2 Settlements, near Waiau, all of which are used generally exclusively for grazing, the small area of crops grown being usually for home consumption; the second group includes the Patoa, Peaks, and Horsley Down Settlements, south of the Hurunui River, the first two comprising light land adapted only for grazing, but on Horsley Down, where the land is good and the rentals light, mixed farming is successfully carried on. The Ashley Gorge Settlement, near Oxford, is largely used for dairying.

The workmen's homes and other small settlements in the vicinity of Christchurch occupy an improved position, the Kaimahi Settlement, near Papanui, and the Kapuatohe Hamlet, at Belfast, being still the most backward. On many of the holdings exceedingly comfortable little homes have been established, and on some of the larger areas fruit-growing, poultry-farming, or market-gardening are carried on with considerable success.

In Middle Canterbury, the Mead Settlement, including light land on the north bank of the Rakaia River, is in a fairly satisfactory condition, the damp season having well suited it. The Highbank, Marawiti, and Hekeao Settlements, in the Ashburton County, are all in a prosperous condition, and are well farmed and improved, though the occupiers of small lots of from 10 to 50 acres find their holdings too small, and the conditions are therefore in some cases not very well fulfilled.

The twenty-five settlements in South Canterbury, which comprise generally agricultural land of very good quality, and in a few cases excellent pastoral country also, are all making very satisfactory progress. Wherever there are creameries within reasonable distance, dairying is carried on to a considerable extent, and the area of crop is generally more moderate, while there is a noticeable and satisfactory tendency on the part of tenants to clean their lands well, and cultivate in accordance with the terms of their leases. The improvements are generally of very good character and value, and the homesteads are neat and well kept, though in some cases more attention might with advantage be paid to the planting of trees and orchards.

The following is a summary of the results achieved: Number of settlements, 48; homestead-sites, &c., 10: total, 58. Area leased in settlements, 250,798 acres; adjoining Crown land leased with purchased land, 17,792 acres: total, 268,590 acres. Area in grass, 205,300 acres; Area in crop, 48,887 acres. Number of settlers, 1,207; number of souls, 4,248. Number of sheep, 292,854; number of cattle, 7,501; number of horses, 3,952. Total value of improvements required, £187,557; total value of improvements effected, £353,002.

The holdings, including the 43 small grazing-runs, average 222 acres each; the population is equal to one soul to every 63 acres; and the actual average carrying-capacity of the whole area occupied, less the portion under crop last season, was equivalent to about one and a half sheep per acre.

Appended are detailed notes respecting each settlement.

Pareora No. 1 Settlement (near St. Andrews).—Established January, 1894. Area purchased, 620 acres 2 roods 13 perches. Number of sections occupied, 28; number of souls 101, living in 24 houses; the stock comprise 180 cattle and 39 horses; the area in crop last season was 239 acres, and in grass 367 acres; the value of improvements required is £1,130 7s. 7d., and value effected £2,677 0s. 6d. All the tenants are residing and complying satisfactorily, and the improvements on the whole are well maintained. As the holdings are of moderate size, the settlers obtain employment at the adjacent freezing-works or on larger farms in the vicinity, and they appear to be in comfortable positions. Crops have been light, but feed is plentiful, and some of the settlers go in for dairying.

Studholme Junction Settlement (near Studholme Junction).—Established January 1894. Area purchased, 109 acres and 7 perches. Number of sections occupied, 4; number of souls, 16, living in 3 houses; the stock comprise 30 cattle and 20 horses; the area in crop last season was 25 acres, and in grass 79 acres; the value of improvements required is £214 7s. 10d., and value effected £444 8s. Not many new improvements are now effected, but the tenants have good homesteads, and appear to be doing well, as the land is of good quality for either crops or grass.

Kapua Settlement (near Waimate).—Established March, 1894. Area purchased, 574 acres 1 rood 22 perches. Number of sections occupied, 12; number of souls, 39, living in 12 houses; the stock comprise 30 sheep, 159 cattle, and 32 horses; the area in crop last season was 193 acres, and in grass 381 acres; the value of improvements required is £977 8s. 9d., and value effected £1,893 5s. With one exception, all holdings in this settlement are satisfactorily occupied, and the conditions well fulfilled. The tenants on the lower sections, who formerly were much troubled by floods, are now keeping the swampy parts in grass, and, if this is maintained, the flooding will not injure them. A good deal of dairying is done, with satisfactory results, and the tenants appear to be doing well and to be in comfortable circumstances. Crops have been fairly good and feed very plentiful.

Rosebrook Settlement (near Timaru).—Established June, 1895. Area purchased, 600 acres 1 rood 8 perches. Number of sections occupied, 14; number of souls, 69, living in 13 houses; the stock comprise 60 sheep, 129 cattle, and 55 horses; the area in crop last season was 169 acres, and in grass 416 acres; the value of improvements required is £1,061 16s. 4d., and value effected £2,302 13s. 6d. The Ranger states that this settlement is still progressing, and some of the lessees are adding to the value of their improvements; the settlement as a whole looks well, and the tenants appear contented and comfortable. Crops have been fairly good, grass very plentiful, and stock are looking in good condition.

Otaio Settlement (near St. Andrew's).—Established June, 1895. Area purchased, 373 acres 3 roods 14 perches. Number of sections occupied, 9; number of souls, 42, living in 8 houses; the stock comprise 150 sheep, 57 cattle, and 25 horses, the area in crop last season was 168 acres, and in grass 195 acres; the value of improvements required is £692 6s. 1d., and value effected £1,879 5s. 6d. This settlement is still making progress, and the planting and other improvements show up well. The allotments are of a convenient size and situation for small holders, and the tenants appear to be doing very well indeed. All conditions are satisfactorily fulfilled. Crops have been very good and feed plentiful.

The Peaks Settlement (between the Hurunui and Waitohi Rivers, North Canterbury).—Established August, 1895. Area, 2,811 acres and 9 perches. Number of sections occupied, 11; number of souls, 2, living in one house; the stock comprise 1,170 sheep and 5 horses; the area in crop last season was 535 acres, and in grass 2,199 acres; the value of improvements required is £2,357 17s. 8d., and value effected £1,800. With one exception, the holders of these sections reside on original village-homestead selections in the vicinity. The land in this settlement is of light quality, and is adapted chiefly for grazing, but the sections provide useful additions to the small original selections on which the holders reside.

Patoa Settlement (between the Hurunui and Waitohi Rivers, North Canterbury).—Established November, 1895. Area purchased, 4,535 acre 3 roods 14 perches. Number of sections occupied, 4; number of souls, 9, living in one house; the stock comprise 1,990 sheep 14 cattle and 4 horses; the area in crop last season was 168 acres, and in grass 4,366 acres; the value of improvements required is

£622 8s. 2d., and value effected £1,205. The land in this settlement is of light quality, but recent seasons have suited it and the holders have done fairly well. Only one of the holders resides on the settlement; the three others reside upon previous selections in the vicinity.

Roimata Settlement (a suburban block, close to Christchurch).—Established August, 1895. Area purchased, 48 acres 3 roods 27 perches. Number of sections occupied, 26; number of souls, 115, living in 26 houses; the value of improvements required is £877 12s. 8d., and value effected £5,845. Comfortable homes have been established in this settlement, and the conditions of the leases are well fulfilled. The surface-water drainage of the settlement is a periodical source of trouble and complaint, but should be remedied by united action on the part of the tenants and the local authority.

Braco Settlement (a suburban block, close to Christchurch).—Established November, 1895. Area purchased, 27 acres 2 roods 4 perches. Number of sections occupied, 14; number of souls, 46, living in 14 houses; the value of improvements required is £461 18s. 8d., and value effected £2,325. The holders are residing and complying, and the block is now a satisfactory small settlement providing useful little homes.

Epworth Settlement (near Temuka).—Established November, 1895. Area purchased, 21 acres and 3 perches. Number of sections occupied, 2; number of souls, 7, living in one house; the value of improvements required is £41 7s. 2d., and value effected £158 16s. The two sections form one good small holding, convenient to the Township of Temuka; the holding is in good order, and the conditions satisfactorily fulfilled.

Ashley Gorge Settlement (near East Oxford).—Established December, 1895. Area purchased, 1,165 acres 3 roods 6 perches, with which is conjoined 2,812 acres of adjoining pastoral Crown land, the latter being held under two small-grazing-run leases with homestead-sites provided out of the acquired land. Including these, the number of sections occupied is 12, and the number of souls 56, living in 12 houses. The stock comprise 2,330 sheep, 169 cattle, and 36 horses; the area in crop last season was 153 acres, and in grass 3,920 acres; the value of improvements required is £1,892 7s. 8d., and value effected £3,888. This settlement has prospered very satisfactorily. All conditions of the leases have been fulfilled, and the settlers have made comfortable and attractive homes. Some of the holders complain of the small size of their sections, but they have done well by means of dairying and the help of outside employment.

Kereta Settlement (at Seadown, near Timaru).—Established December, 1895. Area purchased, 105 acres 2 roods 29 perches. Number of sections occupied, 4; number of souls, 27, living in 3 houses; the stock comprise 102 cattle and 10 horses; the area in crop last season was 13 acres, and in grass 92 acres; the value of improvements required is £230 0s. 8d., and value effected £909 17s. 6d. This settlement is in a steadily satisfactory condition, although somewhat liable to flooding on account of the low-lying nature of the lands. The tenants are all complying, and use their small holdings for dairying, for which the land is well adapted.

Orakipaoa Settlement (near Temuka).—Established June, 1896. Area purchased, 384 acres and 31 perches. Number of sections occupied, 27; number of souls, 102, living in 20 houses; the stock comprise 154 cattle and 35 horses; the area in crop last season was 164 acres, and in grass 214 acres; the value of improvements required is £1,492 7s. 4d., and value effected £2,157 19s. Five of the holders reside in the adjacent Arowhenua Village Settlement, and are exempted from residence, so that not many improvements are placed on their holdings. The other holders reside and comply satisfactorily, and the majority of them seem to be fairly contented and comfortable. The Ranger states that the grain-crops have been fairly good, but the potato-crop, on which many of the settlers depended, has been badly blighted, and not much will be saved. Some of the tenants supply milk to the Temuka Creamery, but not so many do this as might be expected, for it is good grass land, and grows heavy crops of roots.

Highbank Settlement (near Methven).—Established June, 1896. Area purchased, 9,121 acres 3 roods 8 perches. Number of sections occupied, 75; number of souls, 236, living in 59 houses; the stock comprise 11,373 sheep, 210 cattle, and 268 horses; the area in crop last season was 3,516 acres, and in grass 5,492 acres; the value of improvements required is £13,900 12s., and value effected £19,082 1s. 6d. The Ranger's report shows that with the exception of a few of the small lots of 10 acres and under, there is very satisfactory compliance throughout the settlement, which as a whole is looking remarkably well. Grain-crops have yielded excellent results, and pasture and green crops have also been very good. Buildings and fencing are generally maintained in very good order, and the growth of plantations further improves the appearance of the settlement, which has every indication of prosperity and success.

Waiapi Settlement (near Temuka).—Established March, 1897. Area purchased, 1,124 acres 2 roods 36 perches. Number of sections occupied, 15; number of souls, 72, living in 14 houses; the stock comprise 1,020 sheep, 141 cattle, and 63 horses; the area in crop last season was 497 acres, and in grass 626 acres; the value of improvements required is £1,821 6s. 9d., and value effected £3,795 3s. 1d. The holders of small 10-acre sections complain that their holdings are inadequate, and possibly judicious amalgamation may be found advisable. Otherwise this is a good useful settlement, and the holdings are satisfactorily occupied, all requirements being well fulfilled. A little dairying is done, and the crops and pasture have been good.

Rakitairi Settlement (near Temuka).—Established March, 1897. Area purchased, 3,526 acres 1 rood 26 perches. Number of sections occupied, 22; number of souls, 82, living in 19 houses; the stock comprise 6,188 sheep, 134 cattle, and 122 horses; the area in crop last season was 1,163 acres, and in grass 2,349 acres; the value of improvements required is £4,917 1s. 11d., and value effected £6,534 3s. 6d. The Ranger remarks that "this settlement is making good steady progress, the tenants as a whole being in good positions financially. The stock are principally sheep, as it is too far from Temuka to take milk thither. The area in crop is not heavy; the yields will be fairly good; and grass has been very plentiful. The position of these tenants is assured, as they are quite independent on

such holdings." Two lessees, occupying small areas, and residing close by, are exempted from residence, and one other tenant does not comply very satisfactorily, but in all other cases the conditions are very well fulfilled.

Otarakaro Settlement (Suburban Block, close to Christchurch).—Established March, 1897. Area purchased, 39 acres 3 roods 9 perches. Number of sections occupied, 7; number of souls, 22, living in 7 houses; the value of improvements required is £231 16s. 4d., and value effected £1,645. All the holders are residing and complying satisfactorily; well-kept homes have been established, and the land cleaned and brought into good condition.

Wharenui Hamlet (Suburban Block, close to Christchurch; the first workmen's-homes settlement established in the district).—Established March, 1897. Area purchased, 73 acres 1 rood 10 perches. Number of sections occupied, 26; number of souls, 118, living in 26 houses; the value of improvements required is £810 ls., and value effected £5,350. All the holders are residing and complying; good homes have been established, and in most cases the holdings are well attended to and kept in good order. The drainage of parts of the settlement needs improvement.

Albury Settlement (at Albury, South Canterbury).—Established April, 1897. Area purchased, 19,539 acres 1 rood 24 perches, with which is conjoined about 5,457 acres of adjoining pastoral Crown land, held under the small-grazing-run tenure. Number of sections occupied, 73 on lease in perpetuity, and 4 under small-grazing-run leases; number of souls, 327, living in 60 houses; the stock comprise 24,861 sheep and lambs, 751 cattle, and 420 horses; the area in crop last season was 3,761 acres, and in grass 20,939 acres; the value of improvements required is £18,793, and value effected £24,681 19s. 10d. The Ranger's report shows that this settlement still makes satisfactory progress, and the tenants are residing and fulfilling the requirements of their leases, with the exception of a few cases where the value of improvements is still deficient; fresh improvements are, however, being steadily added. The whole of the tenants appear to be in a contented and prosperous condition, and to have had a successful year, as crops have been generally good, and stock have done well. The creamery at Albury is also well supported by a large portion of the settlement, and the Albury Township, by reason of the large amount of settlement now established round it, has advanced considerably. The Ranger notes that very little has been done on this settlement in the way of planting orchards, &c., but hopes this will receive more attention now that the holders have firmly established themselves.

Marawiti Settlement (between Methven and Rakaia).—Established May, 1897. Area purchased, 2,028 acres 2 roods 33 perches. Number of sections occupied, 13; number of souls, 74, living in 12 houses; the stock comprise 2,034 sheep, 83 cattle, and 69 horses; the area in crop last season was 743 acres, and in grass 1,282 acres; the value of improvements required is £3,089 5s. 7d., and value effected £4,412 18s. 6d. The Ranger's report shows that the tenants have good homesteads, and are complying in a satisfactory manner. Crops of all kinds have done well, and the lessees appear to be prospering.

Horsley Down Settlement (near Waikari, North Canterbury).—Established May, 1897. Area purchased, 3,982 acres 3 roods 35 perches. Number of sections occupied, 26; number of souls, 96, living in 24 houses; the stock comprise 4,720 sheep, 115 cattle, and 97 horses; the area in crop last season was 974 acres, and in grass 2,970 acres; the value of improvements required is £5,153 12s. 9d., and the value effected £12,806 5s. All the holders are complying satisfactorily, and the settlement is making good progress. The holdings are kept in good order, and the tenants appear to be doing well.

Hekeao Settlement (near Mount Somers).—Established March, 1898. Area purchased, 2,254 acres 2 roods 11 perches. Number of sections occupied, 15; number of souls, 33, living in 13 houses; the stock comprise 2,670 sheep, 35 cattle, and 58 horses; the area in crop last season was 842 acres, and in grass 1,342 acres; the value of improvements required is £3,107 18s. 7d., and value effected £5,241 13s. 6d. With the exception of one case, in which the value of improvements effected is not up to the required standard, all the lessees are residing and complying satisfactorily. The holdings are well kept, homesteads in good order, and young plantations thriving. Crops generally have yielded well, and the tenants appear to be prosperous and contented.

Pawaho Hamlet (Workmen's Homes, at Heathcote Valley, between Christchurch and Lyttelton).—Established April, 1898. Area purchased, 52 acres and 18 perches. Number of sections occupied, 25; number of souls, 89, living in 25 houses; the value of improvements required is £797 6s. 9d., and value effected £3,764. The Ranger states that all the holders are now residing and complying. The formerly neglected hillside sections are in special demand, for their healthiness and for the view obtainable from them. The drainage of the block is better attended to than formerly, and the settlement generally is now in a satisfactory state.

Waikakahi Settlement (between the Waihao and Waitaki Rivers, near Waimate, South Canterbury).—Established March, 1899. Area purchased, 48,262 acres 2 roods 34 perches. Number of sections occupied, 176; number of souls, 727, living in 158 houses; the stock comprise 66,586 sheep, 2,147 cattle, and 959 horses; the area in crop last season was 12,289 acres, and in grass 34,246 acres; the value of improvements required is £59,338 10s. 9d., and value effected £77,605 9s. 6d. The Rangers report states that this settlement is still making excellent progress; improvements are increasing, the homesteads begin to have a well-established appearance, and the tenants are in a prosperous condition. In a few cases the value of improvements effected is still short of the amount required for the sixth year of occupation, but this will be remedied before long. Crops generally have been good, and the four creameries located in or adjacent to the settlement are well supported. The small holdings in the vicinity of Morven are, with one exception, satisfactorily occupied, and the small allotments granted as extensions to the Waitaki Village settlers, who continue to reside on their original selections, have improved the position of the tenants to whom they were allotted. Morven Township has become an active business centre, and possesses a public hall, accommodation-house, two tea-rooms, two bakers, a butcher, a blacksmith's shop, and two large stores keeping good general stocks of merchandise.

Tamai Hamlet (Workmen's Homes, at Woolston, a Suburb of Christchurch).—Established June, 1899. Area purchased, 41 acres and 28 perches. Number of sections occupied, 40; number of souls, 158, living in 40 houses; the value of improvements required is £1,200, and the value effected £5,185. All the tenants are now complying satisfactorily as to residence and improvements. Improved culture of many of the sections is still needed, although the results of cultivation are not always satisfactory on account of the somewhat low-lying character of the land.

Takitu Settlement (near the Waitaki River, between Glenavy and Hakataramea).—Established March, 1900. Area purchased, 9,713 acres and 37 perches. Number of sections occupied, 5; number of souls, 20, living in 5 houses; the stock comprise 7,600 sheep, 43 cattle, and 30 horses; the area in crop last season was 322 acres, and in grass 9,352 acres; the value of improvements required is £4,288 4s. 4d., and the value effected £6,351 0s. 3d. This settlement, the whole of which is held under the small-grazing-run system, is making good progress; the lessees are all residing and complying satisfactorily, and have improvements of a very substantial character. The whole of the block is excellent pastoral country, and carries grass well; stock of all kinds thrive on it, and the tenants are in a prosperous condition.

Pareora No. 2 Settlement (near St. Andrew's).—Established March, 1900. Area purchased, 8,132 acres and 31 perches. Number of sections occupied, 33; number of souls, 190, living in 32 houses; the stock comprise 13,740 sheep, 350 cattle, and 225 horses; the area in crop last season was 2,745 acres, and in grass, 5,054 acres; the value of improvements required is £13,328 18s. 9d., and value effected £15,896 14s. 3d. All the settlers are residing and complying very satisfactorily, with the exception of four minor cases in which the improvements are not quite up to the value required for the sixth year of occupation. These tenants are, however, about to effect additional improvements. The settlement is still making good progress, plantations and orchards are showing well, and there is a general appearance of prosperity. Crops have been fairly good, and the tenants appear to be doing fairly well.

Punaroa Settlement (near Fairlie).—Established April, 1900. Area purchased, 7,029 acres 3 roods 5 perches. Number of sections occupied, 17; number of souls, 63, living in 17 houses; the stock comprise 12,341 sheep and lambs, 234 cattle, and 90 horses; the area in crop last season was 641 acres, and in grass 6,376 acres; the value of improvements required is £6,342 13s. 9d., and value effected £8,033 19s. 10d. The Ranger's report states that this settlement is "making good progress, the tenants are doing well, and are contented. The improvements on all the holdings are good and substantial, and a credit to the tenants and the settlement. So far not much planting has been done, but I hope to see them now take this work in hand. Most of the small holders supply milk to the creamery at Fairlie, and this is a great help to them, as cropping on the small areas will not pay, and it is a fine grass country for dairying. The crops are good, grass very plentiful, and stock of all kinds doing well."

Rautawiri Settlement (between Winchester and Temuka).—Established April, 1900. Area purchased, 113 acres and 7 perches. Number of sections occupied, 6; number of souls, 29, living in six houses; the stock comprise 38 cattle and 16 horses; the area in crop last season was 36 acres, and in grass 77 acres; the value of improvements required is £312 7s. 6d., and value effected £1,136 17s. 6d. The Ranger's report shows that, considering the small size of the holdings, this settlement is making fair progress, and all the lessees are complying satisfactorily, and cleaning the land, which is capable of raising heavy root-crops. A small amount of dairying is done, and the tenants are making comfortable little homes.

Papaka Settlement (between Timaru and Pleasant Point).—Established April, 1900. Area purchased, 1,561 acres 2 roods 25 perches. Number of sections occupied, 9; number of souls, 40, living in 9 houses; the stock comprise 2,620 sheep, 80 cattle, and 49 horses; the area in crop last season was 680 acres, and in grass 881 acres; the value of improvements required is £2,904 18s. 5d., and the value effected £3,396 18s. The Ranger states that this settlement is making fair progress, and the tenants as a whole are doing well on their holdings. With the exception of three cases of deficiency in value of improvements, all are residing and complying satisfactorily. Crops have been fairly good, feed very plentiful, and stock have done well.

Lyndon No. 1 Settlement (near Waiau, North Canterbury).—Established March, 1901. Area purchased, 4,243 acres 3 roods 28 perches. Number of sections occupied, 8; number of souls, 47, living in 8 houses; the stock comprise 4,020 sheep, 22 cattle, and 43 horses; the area in crop last season was 536 acres, and in grass 3,661 acres; the value of improvements required is £842 17s. 8d., and value effected £7,149. All the holders in this settlement are residing and complying satisfactorily, and very good progress is being made; the land, which was originally in rough condition, is being brought into an improved and more productive state.

Kohika Settlement (near Otaio, South Canterbury).—Established May, 1901. Area purchased, 3,864 acres 1 rood 10 perches. Number of sections occupied, 15; number of souls, 65, living in 15 houses; the stock comprise 7,766 sheep and lambs, 183 cattle, and 116 horses; the area in crop last season was 1,064 acres, and in grass 2,520 acres; the value of improvements required is £1,446 18s. 6d., and value effected £5,238 13s. With one exception, the tenants are residing and complying satisfactorily. The Ranger reports: "This settlement is making good progress; the tenants are adding to their improvements, and making good comfortable homesteads. Some of them supply milk to the Hunter's creamery, and are doing very well by it. There is not much cropping, but the crops are fairly good on the whole, and it has been a good season for the strike of grass. They are keeping a good number of stock of different kinds, and, as far as I can judge, are all progressing financially, and are living very comfortably."

Raincliff Settlement (near Fairlie).—Established June, 1901. Area purchased, 745 acres 2 roods. Number of sections occupied, 1; number of souls, 4; the stock comprise 600 sheep and lambs, 16 cattle, and 8 horses; the area in crop last season was 30 acres, and in grass 508 acres; the value of improve-

ments required is £85 3s. 10d., and value effected £521 1s. 1d. The holding is kept in good order, and is used principally for grazing; the tenant is doing well, and complying satisfactorily. The balance of the area purchased was in plantation, and is now set aside as a State forest.

Tarawahi Hamlet (Workmen's Homes, at Sydenham, a Suburb of Christchurch).—Established June, 1901. Area purchased, 31 acres 3 roods. Number of sections occupied, 24; number of souls, 101, living in 24 houses; the value of improvements required is £720, and value effected £4,925. The Ranger states that all the holders are resident, and the settlement is improving satisfactorily. Part of the block, however, suffers from want of better drainage. Some of the holdings are used for fruit-culture.

Puhuka Hamlet (Workmen's Homes, at Washdyke, close to Timaru).—Established July, 1901. Area purchased, 39 acres 2 roods 7 perches. Number of sections occupied, 9; number of souls, 29, living in 9 houses; the value of improvements required is £240, and value effected £1,481 15s. 11d. The Ranger states that this hamlet is now making rapid progress, and, with one exception, all the sections have good dwellings, giving the settlement a very creditable appearance.

Kaimahi Settlement (at Papanui, a suburb of Christchurch).—Established October, 1901. Area purchased, 100 acres 2 roods 1 perch. Number of sections occupied, 12; number of souls, 34, living in 11 houses; the value of improvements required is £221 15s. 8d., and value effected £2,590. One section, formerly badly infested with Californian thistle, is being treated by the Agricultural Department for the eradication of the weed, and for experimental purposes. One section is held by the Road Board as a gravel-pit. On the other sections satisfactory residence and compliance is being effected, and the settlers are putting much labour into the work of cleaning the land, and bringing it into productive condition, but although their efforts will undoubtedly produce good effect in the future, they have as yet reaped but little result from their labour.

Kapuatohe Hamlet (Workmen's Homes, at Belfast, near Christchurch).—Established October, 1901. Area purchased, 49 acres 3 roods 37 perches. Number of sections occupied, 11; number of souls, 19, living in 9 houses; the value of improvements required is £276, and value effected £1,015. One section is held by the Road Board for a gravel-pit. One lessee has built, but does not reside, and one section has only recently been selected; in the other cases, the holders are residing and complying. The land is of light quality, and the situation not very good for obtaining outside employment, so that there is but little demand for the four unselected half-acre sections in this settlement.

Rapuwai Settlement (about eight miles from Pleasant Point).—Established December, 1901. Area purchased, 2,247 acres 2 roods 11 perches. Number of sections occupied, 5; number of souls, 13, living in 5 houses; the stock comprise 4,000 sheep, 90 cattle, and 38 horses; the area in crop last season was 437 acres, and in grass 1,808 acres; the value of improvements required is £472 5s., and value effected £2,164 11s. 7d. All the tenants are residing and complying satisfactorily, and their prospects are good. The area of crop, although not large, and grown principally for home consumption, has yielded well, but, owing partly to the need for a bridge over the Opihi River, to connect with Pleasant Point and give better facilities for carting produce, the sections are used principally for grazing purposes, for which the land is very suitable, being splendid grass country, on which stock thrive exceedingly well.

Lyndon No. 2 Settlement (near Waiiau, North Canterbury).—Established April, 1902. Area purchased, 15,887 acres. Number of sections occupied, 8; number of souls, 26, living in 8 houses; the stock comprise 7,680 sheep, 23 cattle, and 45 horses; the area in crop last season was 602 acres, and in grass 11,549 acres; the value of improvements required is £3,667 4s. 6d., and value effected £7,605. Good progress is now being made in this settlement; the conditions of the leases are being satisfactorily fulfilled in all cases, and most of the holders have good prospects of success. One small grazing-run of 3,684 acres, which was surrendered and reopened for application in February, 1905, still remains unselected.

Maytown Settlement (close to Waimate).—Established April, 1902. Area purchased, 391 acres 3 roods 32 perches. Number of sections occupied, 11; number of souls, 63, living in 11 houses; the stock comprise 104 cattle, and 26 horses; the area in crop last season was 143 acres, and in grass 240 acres; the value of improvements required is £282 11s., and value effected £1,575 13s. 11d. This settlement has made very good progress during the year, both in respect to improvements and the working of the land, which is being cleaned and brought into good condition. All the tenants are complying as to residence and improvements, and appear to be doing very well.

Eccleston Settlement (near Otaio, South Canterbury).—Established May, 1902. Area purchased, 1,246 acres 1 rood 5 perches. Number of sections occupied, 4; number of souls, 23, living in 4 houses; the stock comprise 2,327 sheep and lambs, 33 cattle, and 23 horses; the area in crop last season was 386 acres, and in grass 856 acres; the value of improvements required is £447 14s. 8d., and value effected £2,807 7s. 8d. All the tenants are complying satisfactorily; good improvements of a substantial character are being made, and the land is being well worked. Not much cropping is done, but the crops are good, and there is an excellent strike of new grass. The holders appear to be comfortable and financially prosperous.

Mead Settlement (near Rakaia).—Established January, 1903. Area purchased, 5,914 acres 3 roods 17 perches. Number of sections occupied, 21; number of souls, 54, living in 19 houses; the stock comprise 4,687 sheep, 52 cattle, and 74 horses; the area in crop last season was 1,397 acres, and in grass 4,401 acres; the value of improvements required is £933 15s. 8d., and value effected £5,344 18s. Two lessees reside on the other Crown leaseholds in the vicinity, and in two other cases the residence-conditions are not fulfilled, but in other cases the lessees are complying satisfactorily, and appear generally to be doing well. The season has been favourable for grass and root crops on the light lands composing the settlement.

Chamberlain Settlement (near Albury).—Established March, 1903. Area purchased, 10,500 acres 1 rood 9 perches, with which was conjoined a block of 9,523 acres of adjoining pastoral Crown land. Including this, the number of sections occupied is 22, and the number of souls, 98, living in 21 houses. The stock comprise 19,974 sheep and lambs; 219 cattle, and 134 horses; the area in crop last season was 1,879 acres, and in grass 18,194 acres; the value of improvements required is £3,064 4s. 2d., and value effected £9,885 5s. 10d. The Ranger reports that this settlement is making excellent progress, and the tenants are of a good stamp, working their holdings well, and establishing themselves prosperously. Good work is being done in planting, draining, making crossings over creeks, and tracks about the holdings, all of which enhances the value and usefulness of the sections. Crops generally have been good, and the winter green crops are coming on well. The requirements of the leases are being well fulfilled, and the only lessee who is deficient in the value of his improvements is now taking steps to remedy this.

Annan Settlement (near Waiau, North Canterbury).—Established June, 1903. Area purchased, 32,858 acres 2 roods 33 perches. Number of sections occupied, 38; number of souls, 145, living in 37 houses; the stock comprise 26,038 sheep, 309 cattle, and 145 horses; the area in crop last season was 1,291 acres, and in grass 31,131 acres. The value of improvements required is £8,216 1s. 4d., and value effected £21,054 16s. 1d. With the exception of one case of total non-compliance on a small township section and four cases in which the requirements are not completely fulfilled, all the holders are residing and complying very satisfactorily. River-encroachment has done some damage to holdings fronting the Mason and Waiau Rivers, especially the former, and united action will need to be taken by those interested (including residents in the Township of Waiau) to protect themselves and their properties. The fences and other improvements throughout the settlement are of first-class quality; the conditions, with the small exceptions already noted, have been well fulfilled; the returns from the working of the holdings have been good, and the settlers are well satisfied with their prospects, which are very encouraging.

Rosewill Settlement (between Timaru and Albury).—Established March, 1904. Area purchased, 38,683 acres 2 roods 15 perches. Number of sections occupied, 153; number of souls, 511, living in 143 houses; the stock comprise 54,279 sheep, 1,095 cattle, and 573 horses; the area in crop last season was 11,086 acres, and in grass 27,217 acres; the value of improvements required is £13,881 18s. 2d., and value effected £45,437 8s. 11d. The Ranger states that this settlement has made rapid progress during the year, and the tenants are all doing well. With two exceptions all the rural lessees (exclusive of seven specially exempted by reason of occupation of adjacent lands) are residing and complying satisfactorily, and although in a few cases better dwellinghouses should be erected, this will no doubt be done before long. Many of the tenants are paying attention to the planting of fruit and shelter-trees. A good many of the settlers near Albury and Levels supply milk to the creameries at Albury and Timaru, and appear to be satisfied with their returns. The crops on the whole have been fairly good, but in some cases not so heavy as the preceding season. The tenants find that a large portion of the land needs cleaning and fallowing before being laid down in grass, and they are generally anxious to get in as much young grass as possible while the price of sheep is so good. Stock have done well, and the number kept will increase as the lessees get their holdings cleaned and put into young grass. The value of improvements has increased very considerably, and must continue to do so, as additional outbuildings are needed on many of the holdings. Some of the settlers contend that further expenditure is needed on some of the roads, but this work has been delayed for a time by the scarcity of labour.

Morice Settlement (on Banks Peninsula, near Little River).—The Ranger reports that the tenants on this settlement, which was only established in December, 1905, have made a very satisfactory start, and most of them are now busily engaged in fencing and building operations, while twenty-one out of their number are already living on their sections, and some have begun to supply milk to the creamery at Little River. Notwithstanding some damage done to the cocksfoot-grass-seed harvest by unfavourable weather, a good yield was obtained, and some holders netted a very satisfactory profit. The prospects of the whole settlement appear very encouraging. The work of opening up the new road serving the upper sections is now being undertaken by the local body.

Small Areas required for Low-lying Lands, or Homestead-sites for High Pastoral Crown Lands.—There are ten of these blocks, comprising a total area of 1,224 acres and 21 perches, all but one situated in South Canterbury. Four of them are residentially occupied by nine souls, and the improvements effected amount to a total of £1,801 11s., against £368 8s. 3d. required.

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OTAGO.

The land-for-settlement transactions during the year have been limited almost entirely to the selections in the Greenfield Settlement which was opened for selection on the 11th April, 1905, a few particulars of which were appended to last year's report. There were two forfeitures in the Duncan Settlement, the sections having been again taken up, and one forfeiture on Pomahaka, a temporary license having been granted over the forfeited area. There was also a surrender on the Elderslie Settlement for the purpose of subdivision, two leases instead of one having been issued over the area surrendered. The receipts for the year exceeded the estimated amount by £407 9s. 3d., a substantial proof that the settlements as a whole are in a healthy and prosperous condition. A new settlement named Steward Settlement, formerly known as the Waitaki Plains Estate, containing a selection area of 21,730 acres was purchased during the year, and, as was the case with Greenfield, could not be opened

in time for inclusion in the year's transactions, but has since—namely, on the 9th April—been disposed of. Reference will be made to this at the end of this report. It is also anticipated that during the present year two, if not three, additional estates will be brought into the market—viz., Totara and Corriedale, the former with upwards of 3,000 and the latter over 6,000 acres. There may possibly also be a small estate for workers' homes opened, under the Workers' Dwellings Act, at Dunedin, now named Windle Settlement.

Pomahaka Downs Settlement.—Established February, 1894. Area, 7,478 acres 2 roods 2 perches. Occupied holdings, 24, with an area of 6,144 acres and 15 perches, at an annual rental of £916 1s. 2d., inclusive of 4 temporary licenses over 929 acres 1 rood 4 perches at £31 4s. per annum. There is an unlet area of 1,121 acres 1 rood 28 perches, of a yearly value of £171 7s. 8d., in addition to the area at present under temporary license. Receipts, £532 16s. 3d., making the total to date £9,039 19s. 6d.; rebates, £27 14s. 9d., to 9 selectors; arrears, £426 12s. 7d., owing by 11 selectors, holding 3,105 acres; total population, 42; houses, 15; sheep, 3,726; horses, 117; cattle, 170; area in grass 5,845 acres, in white crop 853 acres, in green crop (including roots) 546 acres; value of improvements, £6,427. Ranger O'Neill reports that, while the settlers have pretty well held their own, they do not appear to have made much progress during the year. The past season was unfavourable for cropping; the latter part of the winter was dry and mild, but September brought rain and cold broken weather, which has practically continued ever since. The absence, therefore, of warm summer weather caused a shortage of growth in the oat-crops. Fair crops of grass were obtained, but the root-crops can only be described as medium. The prices for sheep and wool, however, have been favourable for the Pomahaka settlers, and while these remain as at present, the prospects of the settlers will continue hopeful.

Teaneraki Settlement.—Established February, 1894. Area, 351 acres and 39 perches. There are 23 holdings over an aggregate area of 344 acres 1 rood 30 perches, at an annual rental of £281 9s. 6d. Receipts, £266 10s. 7d., making total to date £3,093 14s. 9d.; rebates, £22 9s. 8d., to 17 lessees; arrears, £20 7s. 3d., by 3 selectors, holding 45 acres; total population, 67; houses, 18; sheep, nil; horses, 28; cattle, 198; area in grass 238 acres, in white crop 63 acres, in green crop (including roots) 43 acres; value of improvements effected, £2,031. Ranger O'Neill, reporting on behalf of Ranger Atkinson, states that fair progress has been made on this settlement during the year, although the settlers have a good deal of Canadian thistle to contend with. The land is of excellent quality, and dairying is the chief industry, and as long as this industry maintains its present position the settlers' prospects are favourable.

Tahawai Settlement.—Established August, 1895.—Area, 70½ acres 1 rood 35 perches; there being 8 holdings over an area of 68 acres 2 roods 14 perches, at £35 14s. 4d. yearly. Year's receipts, £31 12s. 9d., making total to date £362 16s. 10d.; rebates, £1 10s. 8d., to 7 tenants; arrears, nil; population, 37; houses, 8; sheep, nil; horses, 13; cattle, 82; area in grass 52 acres, in white crop 8 acres, in green crop (including roots) 9 acres; value of improvements effected, £1,333. The Ranger reports that little can be added to the report of last year in regard to this small settlement, which continues to make steady and satisfactory progress, dairying being the only industry carried on by the settlers.

Maerewhenua Settlement.—Established September, 1895. Area, 11,163 acres 3 roods 31 perches. There are 73 holdings over an aggregate area of 10,933 acres 1 rood 24 perches, at an annual rental of £3,553 6s. 8d., including 22 acres 3 roods 36 perches under 3 miscellaneous licenses at £3 2s. 6d. per annum. There is also an unlet area of 3 acres of the annual value of 15s. Receipts for the year, £3,180 0s. 7d., making the total to date £35,974 6s. 9d.; rebates, £342 4s., to 66 tenants; arrears, nil; total population, 244; houses, 56; sheep, 9,200; horses, 248; cattle, 750; area in grass 7,828 acres, in white crop 1,035 acres, in green crop (including roots) 897 acres; value of improvements now on the ground, £21,099. Ranger O'Neill reports as follows: "This estate still continues to make solid progress, many of the tenants, who probably started with small means, being now in a sound financial condition. The land is of such good quality that it is suitable for almost anything in the farming line. Excellent crops of any kind may be grown in abundance. From a dairying point of view also it is very good, and for sheep it is second to none in the district. It has the advantage of being situated near the railway, with a creamery in close proximity. Both dairymen and graziers have done well during the last few years, and their prospects for the future are bright and encouraging."

Puketapu Settlement.—Established March, 1896. Area, 509 acres and 6 perches; there being 11 holdings over an area of 496 acres and 36 perches, at an annual rental of £189 0s. 10d. Receipts, £170 3s. 2d., making the total to date £1,785 6s. 9d.; rebates, £18 17s. 8d., to 11 lessees; arrears, nil; total population, 33; houses, 9; sheep, 170; horses, 14; cattle, 192; area in grass 386 acres, in white crop 55 acres, in green crop (including roots) 55 acres; value of improvements now on the ground, £1,494. The Ranger reports that, although the cold wet season has been somewhat against the settlers on this settlement, they have done fairly well, their principal occupation being that of dairying, which continues favourable for the settlers on these small estates. The tenants are pretty well all engaged on their holdings, and their improvements are steadily increasing in value.

Ardgowan Settlement.—Established May, 1896. Area, 4,267 acres 3 roods 28 perches; there being 66 holdings, having an aggregate area of 4,170 acres 1 rood 33 perches, at an annual rental of £1,897 5s. 4d., including two miscellaneous licenses over 11 acres and 29 perches at £5 11s. 6d. yearly. Receipts, £1,886 16s. 2d., making the total to date £18,514 7s. 9d.; rebates, £76 9s. 10d., to 51 lessees; arrears, £30 1s. 1d., owing by 3 selectors, holding 146 acres; total population, 232; houses, 53; sheep, 1,020; horses, 175; cattle, 1,450; area in grass 3,035 acres, in white crop 746 acres, in green crop (including roots) 379 acres; value of improvements now on the ground, £13,833. The Ranger's report on this settlement shows it to be one of the most satisfactory and prosperous in Otago, situated as it is so near to Oamaru, with a ready and convenient market for all its produce. The greater number of the tenants

are engaged in dairying, for which the small allotments are so well suited. Notwithstanding that the wet season has made the conditions less favourable than in former years, the settlers have done well, and made solid progress, and lease requirements have been satisfactorily complied with.

Makareao and Makareao Extension Settlements.—Established, the former in June, 1896, the latter in April, 1897. The total area acquired, 497 acres 2 roods 16 perches, there being in all 34 holdings over an aggregate area of 4,862 acres 1 rood 9 perches, at an annual rental of £809 3s., including 4 miscellaneous leases and licenses over 208 acres and 21 perches, at £159 5s. 6d. yearly. The lease of the limekilns and works which is included is also subject to royalties. Receipts for the year £603 4s., and from inception £8,610 2s. 10d.; rebates, £65 19s. 2d., to 30 selectors; arrears, nil; total population, 85; houses, 21; sheep, 4,095; horses, 145; cattle, 600; area in grass 4,092 acres, in white crop 491 acres, in green crop (including roots) 133 acres; value of improvements now on the ground, £5,823. Ranger O'Neill reports as follows: "Generally speaking, these two settlements have made good progress during the year. The holders of the smaller farms are engaged in dairying, there being a creamery in the immediate vicinity. The larger holders produce sheep, and, where it is necessary for the renewal of the pastures, grain, in limited quantities. The past season, which was so injuriously wet in some parts, seems to have specially suited Makareao, as it has produced some splendid crops. Lease-conditions have been well complied with, and the settlers' prospects are fairly bright."

Momona Settlement.—Established May, 1897. Area, 224 acres 1 rood 16 perches. Holdings, 14, with an area of 219 acres 1 rood 16 perches, at £210 6s. 2d. per annum. Receipts, £184 6s., making total to date £1,805 0s. 11d.; rebates, £7 2s. 6d., to 11 selectors; arrears, £11 4s. 2d., owing by one lessee holding 24 acres; total population, 52; houses, 13; sheep, nil; horses, 25; cattle, 178; area in grass 156 acres, in white crop 38 acres, in green crop (including roots) 27 acres; value of improvements now on the ground, £2,305. It is to be regretted that in connection with this settlement no small amount of trouble has arisen in the matter of drainage, and that at the present time protracted and vexatious litigation between some of the settlers and the Otakia Drainage Board, on account of compensation claims for damage and loss sustained is proceeding. The following is Ranger O'Neill's report: "This settlement, hitherto so very successful, has undergone a decided setback this year. The severe cold and wet season, accompanied by a succession of floods in September and November, has been the occasion of considerable loss to the tenants. Momona, being so flat and situated as it is on the Taieri Plain, suffers severely when an extra heavy rainfall occurs. During the past year, at the time when farm-work must be pushed on, a number of floods occurred, with the result that in many cases crops already sown were absolutely destroyed, while land being prepared for crops was so waterlogged as to be unapproachable for weeks at a time. Only during such seasons as that just passed does Momona suffer, but given normal climatic conditions, it is decidedly successful. It is purely a dairying settlement, and the very best results have been obtained in the past. It is to be hoped that such seasons as the one just experienced may not be recurring; and if that is the case and more satisfactory arrangements are made for the drainage of the Taieri Plain, the prospects of the Momona tenants will be of the brightest."

Tokarahi Settlement.—Established May, 1897. Area acquired, 11,259 acres 2 roods 36 perches, there being 79 holdings with an aggregate area of 10,978 acres and 35 perches, at an annual rental of £4,118 13s. 10d., inclusive of 27 miscellaneous licenses over an area of 193 acres 3 roods 31 perches at £16 14s. 10d. yearly. Receipts for the year, £3,717 5s. 6d., making the total to date £35,246 15s. 4d.; rebates, £321 15s. 4d., to 40 selectors; arrears, £254 8s., owing by 9 lessees with an area of 943 acres; total population, 194; houses, 44; sheep, 7,120; horses, 291; cattle, 1,250; area in grass 7,610 acres, in white crop 2,434 acres, in green crop (including roots) 741 acres; value of improvements now on the ground, £19,701. The Ranger's report shows that this settlement is now making sound and solid progress. For the first two or three years of its existence the very dry seasons and the low prices of produce proved rather trying to new settlers, many of whom went back financially. A succession of moister seasons, however, has proved favourable, especially with enhanced prices, and as a consequence the position of the settlers has greatly improved. The land is capable of producing first-class grain and root crops, and also furnishes excellent grazing. Several fine homesteads have been built on the estate, and the general appearance of the locality is one of success and comfort. The tenants are chiefly engaged in mixed farming, cropping only where it is necessary to keep the pastures renewed. The prospects of the settlement are certainly bright and promising.

Janefield Settlement.—Established September, 1899. Area, 147 acres and 2 perches; there being 20 settlement holdings and one occupied by the Stock Department, over a total area of 143 acres 2 roods 37 perches, at an annual rental of £258 6s. 2d. Receipts, £261 19s. 4d., making the total to date £1,466 10s.; rebates, £17 4s. 6d., to 16 tenants; arrears, £8 5s., owing by one selector holding 10 acres; total population, 94; houses, 19; sheep, nil; horses, 16; cattle, 58; area in grass 110 acres, in white crop 14½ acres, in green crop (including roots) 19½ acres; value of improvements on the ground, £3,488. Ranger O'Neill reports as follows: "When Janefield was taken over, the various paddocks were in rather a bad state with weeds, the result no doubt of previous bad farming. Ever since selection, each tenant has had more or less of an uphill fight to rid his land of these weeds, and by perseverance and hard work most of them have been fairly successful. Persistent effort, however, is still necessary, as there is yet much undesirable vegetation in evidence. Many of the holdings are in the hands of men working either at the Mosgiel Woollen-factory or at other works in the neighbourhood, while other holdings are used for market-gardening, the produce of which usually finds a ready market in Dunedin. Very steady progress has been made during the past year and each section shows a decided improvement on its former state. The prospects of the Janefield tenants are good, and they have not any immediate requirements."

Edenhill Settlement.—Established March, 1900. Area, 11,618 acres 2 roods 4 perches. There being 34 holdings over an area of 11,506 acres 3 roods 18 perches at an annual rental of £4,126 19s. 4d.,

including 8 miscellaneous licenses over 245 acres 2 roods 35 perches at £18 8s. 10d. yearly. Receipts for the year, £3,851 1s. 5d., making a total to date of £23,310 0s. 6d.; rebates, £413 10s. 4d., to 26 selectors; arrears, nil; total population, 79; houses, 24; sheep, 9,540; horses, 210; cattle, 374; area in grass 8,181 acres, in white crop 2,391 acres, in green crop (including roots) 689 acres; value of improvements on the ground, £12,475. Ranger O'Neill reports that the settlers on Elderslie have made good progress during the year, although the season was not the most favourable for them. Fair crops have been obtained, and the percentages of lambing have been satisfactory. The holdings being large on this settlement, the settlers are chiefly engaged in sheep-farming, growing grain and root crops when necessary for the renewal of grass. They are gradually getting into a sound position, and while the prevailing prices for sheep and wool continue, their prospects are decidedly encouraging.

Barnego Settlement.—Established May, 1900. Area, 7,078 acres 2 roods 1 perch: there being 22 holdings over an area of 7,034 acres 3 roods 5 perches at an annual rental of £1,407 17s. An unlet area of 19 acres 1 rood 5 perches is valued at £4 16s. 6d. per annum. Receipts for the year, £1,038 8s. 3d., making total to date £7,070 3s. 4d.; rebates, £88 3s. 10d., to 18 tenants; arrears, £203 6s. 4d., owing by three lessees holding 804 acres; total population, 73; houses, 19; sheep, 3,510; horses, 109; cattle, 475; area in grass 5,720 acres, in white crop 638 acres, in green crop (including roots) 696 acres; value of improvements to date, £7,669. Ranger O'Neill reports as follows: "Barnego has made steady progress during the past year. On the higher portion of the settlement some good grass-seed returns have been obtained, and the good prices ruling for sheep and wool have been a great help to the lessees. On the lower parts of the estate, where the land is better and the holdings smaller, dairy-farming is carried on, and the tenants on these farms have had a very fair year. The grain and root crops are not quite up to the usual standard, but that is altogether owing to the wet, cold spring and summer recently experienced over all the southern part of Otago. As long as the present prices for farm-produce are maintained the outlook of the Barnego settlers is satisfactory."

Earnsclough Settlement.—Established December, 1901. Area, 1,269 acres 3 roods 5 perches: there being 13 holdings over 1,239 acres and 4 perches at an annual rental of £173 10s. 8d., including 3 miscellaneous licenses over 17 acres 1 rood 4 perches at £3 7s. 2d. yearly. Receipts, £175 12s. 3d., making the total to date £797 3s. 8d.; rebates, £4 16s. 8d., to 7 tenants; arrears, nil; total population, 49; houses, 8; sheep, nil; horses, 18; cattle, 60; area in grass 1,210 acres, in white crop 12 acres, in green crop nil; value of improvements now on ground, £1,627. The Ranger's report on this settlement is as follows: "Earnsclough is making steady progress. The various orchards are now reaching that stage at which some return may be obtained. Fruit-growing necessarily takes some years before any profits are reaped, and in the meantime the grower, if not in a good financial position at starting, must find means of living. In the case of Earnsclough, the tenants are mostly working-men employed at mining in the locality. Their spare time is devoted to their orchards, and, as before stated, these are making very substantial progress. Particular attention is being given to stone-fruits, for which there is a steady and reliable market in Dunedin. The Otago Central Railway is now rapidly approaching completion as far as Clyde, so that cheap and easy transit will be found for the produce of this settlement at an early date. The prospects are therefore bright and hopeful."

Windsor Park Settlement.—Established May, 1902. Area, 3,821 acres 2 roods 16 perches: there being 37 holdings with a total area of 3,803 acres 3 roods 25 perches at an annual rental of £1,647 16s. 10d. Receipts, £1,967 19s. 11d., making the total to date £6,439 13s. 8d.; rebates, £122 11s., to 33 tenants; arrears, nil; total population, 75; houses, 25; sheep, 2,050; horses, 102; cattle, 550; area in grass 2,548 acres, in white crop 1,049 acres, in green crop (including roots) 218 acres; value of improvements on the ground, £4,885. (See remarks under Windsor Park No. 2.)

Windsor Park No. 2 Settlement.—Established October, 1902. Area, 2,179 acres 2 roods 17 perches: there being ten holdings with an area of 2,177 acres 2 roods 11 perches at an annual rental of £875 16s. 8d. Receipts, £641 5s. 3d., making the total to date £2,709 19s. 2d.; rebates, £63 13s. 6d., to 7 selectors; arrears, £59 0s. 6d., owing by 2 selectors holding 205 acres; total population, 29; houses, 7; sheep, 920; horses, 22; cattle, 110; area in grass 1,689 acres, in white crop 354 acres, in green crop (including roots) 135 acres; value of improvements now on the ground, £2,142. The Ranger reports that, notwithstanding the somewhat adverse season, the settlers on these estates have made steady progress, with fair results. The smaller holders are engaged chiefly in dairying, there being several creameries adjacent. With existing prices and the present state of the dairying industry, the prospects are satisfactory and encouraging.

Duncan Settlement.—Established December, 1902. Area, 663 acres 2 roods 3 perches: there being 7 holdings over an area of 631 acres 3 roods 30 perches at an annual rental of £238 1s. 2d., including one miscellaneous lease (coal) over 1 acre 1 rood 16 perches at £10 per annum and royalty on coal raised. Receipts, £183 19s. 2d., making the total to date £502 11s. 3d.; rebates, £10 6s. 10d., to 5 selectors; arrears, nil; total population, 14; houses, 4; sheep, nil; horses, 10; cattle, 96; area in grass 549 acres, in white crop 49 acres, in green crop (including roots) 33 acres; value of improvements, £1,028. It cannot be said that the position and prospects of this settlement are as satisfactory as most of the others. The Ranger states that the tenants are thrifty and hardworking, but, in addition to the unfavourable season, they have had a hard fight with weeds and the results of previous bad farming. Good work, however, has been done, and when the sections have been satisfactorily cleared and grassed better results may be expected. There is a dairy factory on the property which is within easy reach of the holdings. The crops this year were poor. Given more favourable seasons, and when the farms have been got into clean working-order, the prospects of this settlement, which is so near to the city market, should be much brighter in the near future.

St. Helen's Settlement.—Established June, 1903. Area, 547 acres 3 roods 20 perches: there being 3 holdings over the whole area at £224 11s. per annum. Receipts, £263 6s. 7d., making the total to date £651 4s.; rebates, £22 9s., to 3 selectors; arrears, nil; population, 7; houses, 3; sheep, 200;

horses, 11; cattle, 40; area in grass 114 acres, in white crop 147 acres, in green crop (including roots) 31 acres; value of improvements, £697. The Ranger states that this settlement is making steady, if somewhat slow, progress. It was originally very bad with weeds, such as Canadian thistle, wild oats, &c., but the tenants are industriously applying themselves to the destruction of these. Mixed farming is carried on, and the prospects of the settlement are fairly bright.

Greenfield Settlement.—Established April, 1905. Acquired area, 22,071 acres 1 rood 30 perches: there being in occupation 39 farm allotments and one small grazing-run, over an aggregate area of 21,782 acres 1 rood 3 perches, at an annual rental of £4,243 11s. 8d., the whole of the available selection area having been taken up. Receipts for the year, £4,314 1s. 5d.; rebates, £199 12s., to 38 selectors; arrears, nil; total population, 113; houses, 32; sheep, 11,930; horses, 141; cattle, 34; area in grass 18,704 acres, in white crop 1,922 acres, in green crop (including roots) 1,153 acres; value of improvements, £6,095. On this settlement Ranger O'Neill reports as follows: "So far as can be seen, a splendid class of tenants have succeeded in obtaining allotments on this estate. A large proportion are young men with abundance of energy and experience, and who, judging from the available evidence, will become successful settlers. Their first year has not been very favourable, however, owing to the wet and cold spring and summer, but it cannot be assumed that such seasons will be of frequent occurrence. The tenants may be described as carrying on mixed farming, though stock raising and fattening will absorb most of their efforts. Very fair lambing percentages have already been obtained, and prices for wool have been favourable. Some of the crops have not been good, while others again have been excellent, and some very good yields may be expected. Without exception, the tenants are improving their places with buildings and good substantial fencing, and with very few exceptions each lessee proceeded to fulfil the residence conditions during the first twelve months of his tenancy. From all appearances, so far, the prospects of the settlement are very satisfactory."

In reviewing the general condition and prospects of the several settlements in this district, there is much ground for congratulation at the steady and substantial progress made, as well as for the encouraging outlook for the future—that is, of course, looking at them as a whole. The following summary of the details given in the foregoing report may be of interest: Number of settlements, 19; total area acquired, 89,666 acres; total number of holdings, 519; area occupied, 87,085 acres; annual rental of occupied area, £25,217 11s. 4d.; unlet area, 1,444 acres; annual value of unlet area, £176 19s. 2d.; receipts for the year, £23,270 8s. 7d.; total receipts from inception, £161,693 18s. 5d.; rebates granted during year to 395 tenants, £1,826 11s. 3d.; arrears owing by 33 tenants, holding 5,282 acres, £1,013 4s. 11d.; total population, 1,519; number of houses, 375; number of sheep, 53,481; number of horses, 1,695; number of cattle, 6,667; area in grass, 70,367 acres; area in white crops, 12,281 acres; area in green crops (including roots) 5,804 acres; total value of improvements now on the ground, £114,156.

I have now to add a few particulars regarding the disposal of Steward Settlement, before referred to, as follows: The net area purchased was 21,422 acres 1 rood 25 perches, which, with certain adjacent areas of Crown lands added in pursuance of section 68 of "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900," gave a total selection area of 21,729 acres 2 roods 28 perches, in addition to a certain number of reserves for sundry purposes. The settlement was opened for selection on the 9th April, and the total number of applications received on that day, and subsequently for allotments not then applied for, was no less than 400, the highest for any one subdivision being 88. A total sum of £29,046 7s. 2d. was received by way of deposits on the applications lodged, involving a large amount of work not only in receiving but also in refunding to unsuccessful applicants. The whole of the area offered has been disposed of, together with two sections containing 385 acres 2 roods 30 perches that have been allotted to previous tenants on the estate under section 57 of the Act before mentioned. There are thus 43 selectors under lease in perpetuity, over 15,858 acres 1 rood 22 perches at an annual rental of £4,038 12s. 1d., and 5 under small-grazing-run lease over 5,871 acres 1 rood 6 perches at an annual rental of £983 2s. 4d., making in all 48 selectors with an aggregate area of 21,729 acres 2 roods 28 perches at £5,021 14s. 6d. yearly. The successful applicants are, so far as can be seen, a very satisfactory class of tenants.

D. BARRON,

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SOUTHLAND.

The net result of the year's transactions on the 6 settlements in this district is an increase of 15 selectors on lease in perpetuity, an increase of 2,965 acres on the total area held, and of £23 13s. 3d. in revenue, an increase of 85 in population, and a total increase of 8,656 stock upon the land.

The following is a summary of the position of the several settlements:—

Merrivale Settlement.—The whole of this settlement is occupied. There are 49 tenants, holding 9,818 acres; the number of houses is 41, inhabited by 168 persons; the area in crops is 1,231 acres, area in grass 6,258 acres; the stock upon this settlement is 214 horses, 1,114 cattle, 4,539 sheep, and 168 pigs—total 6,035, an increase of 2,004 over last year; the total value of improvements effected is £10,590 9s. There are two dairy factories and a school upon the settlement, and a Presbyterian church is about to be erected. The selectors as a whole are prosperous, the chief industries being dairying and stock-raising. The progress and prospects of the settlement are very good.

Otahu Settlement.—There are 6 selectors upon this settlement, holding 5,954 acres; there are 4 houses, occupied by 9 persons; the area unlet is 70 acres; the area in white and green crops is 200 acres, area in grass 5,558 acres; the stock consists of 14 horses, 215 cattle, 2,000 sheep, and 1 pig—

total 2,230, an increase of 1,502; the total value of improvements is £849 10s. Ranger Campbell reports that the improvements made during the year are not extensive, owing to the bad season. The crops on the various sections are poor. The prospects of the settlers, so far, are not bright. Almost the whole of the settlers have to go outside to find employment to make ends meet. If this plain could be irrigated it would improve the position of the settlers very much, as some of them are very industrious.

Beaumont Settlement.—There is no alteration in the area held, which is 3,921 acres by 11 holders, occupying 5 houses inhabited by 28 individuals. The area in crop is 340 acres, and that in grass 1,859 acres; the stock comprises 28 horses, 30 cattle, 1,380 sheep, and 17 pigs—total 1,455, showing an increase of 829; the value of improvements made is £1,314 10s. Ranger Campbell reports on this settlement in terms similar to those on Otahu Settlement. The area unlet is 547 acres.

Ringway Settlement.—Seven lessees hold 2,231 acres, which comprises the whole settlement. The number of houses is 6, and they are occupied by 13 persons; the area in white and green crops is 425 acres, area in grass 1,433 acres; the stock consists of 26 horses, 237 cattle, 1,200 sheep, and 5 pigs—total 1,468, increase 1,316; the value of improvements is £864. The Ranger reports that on account of the wet season the crops are very light, and the Californian thistle has almost taken possession of the land. The progress of the settlement is not very good, and few improvements have been made since his last report. He remarks, "Here, as in other cases, the selectors have to go outside their holdings to enable them to make a living. I am seriously afraid that unless some remedy is found to eradicate the Californian thistle, the settlement will not be a success."

Glenham Settlement.—There are now 29 selectors on this settlement, holding 8,808 acres; there are 25 houses, occupied by 145 persons, being an increase of 3 houses and 17 persons during the year; the area in crops is 1,347 acres, area in grass 5,258 acres; the stock comprises 113 horses, 998 cattle, 1,313 sheep, and 11 pigs—total 2,435, increase 508; the value of improvements made is £5,317. The area unlet is 2,517 acres, which is looked after by Mr. A. Cameron, the caretaker, who has collected £220 7s. 3d. during the year for grazing on this unselected area, also £13 5s. 9d. for grazing on the three unselected sections on Edendale Settlement. The Ranger reports that the settlers have made good progress in the matter of improvements, such as building, fencing, and cultivation, but that owing to the inferior quality of the land and the bad season the crops are light. "The Government have given the settlers the dairy factory on very reasonable terms. It is now opened, and the majority of the tenants are milk-suppliers. The condition of the settlers, I am pleased to say, is much better this year than it was on my last visit, and no doubt time will improve their position."

Edendale Settlement.—The number of lessees is 125; the area held, 18,743 acres; there are 97 houses, occupied by 427 persons; the area not yet selected is 798 acres; the area in white and green crops is 3,571 acres, and that in grass is 14,984 acres; the stock on this settlement is 392 horses, 2,622 cattle, 3,090 sheep, and 530 pigs—total 6,634, being an increase of 2,497; the value of improvements effected is £23,344, being an increase of £6,881. Ranger Campbell reports that good improvements have been made in building, fencing, draining, and cultivation, that crops of all kinds are very good, and that the settlers are pleased with their holdings. "There are three dairy factories on the settlement, each of which is getting a good supply of milk. A railway-station and a school have been opened at Brydone, on the north end of the settlement. There are about forty children attending the school. The settlers are very industrious, and their prospects are very good, and I have every reason to believe that this settlement will be a great success."

To sum up, I may state that on the six settlements in this district established under the Land for Settlements Acts, there are 227 selectors, holding 49,476 acres. The inhabitants upon them number 790; the stock number 20,257; and the total value of improvements is £42,279 9s.

JOHN HAY,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

APPENDIX III.—VILLAGE SETTLEMENTS (REPORT BY SUPERINTENDENT OF VILLAGE SETTLEMENTS ON).

DURING the past year the number of sections taken up under village-homestead regulations was 72, with an area of 657 acres. Thirty-four sections, with an area of 1,607 acres, were taken up under other tenure, making the total number taken up under the village-settlement system 106, and the total area 2,264 acres.

During the same period 7 sections, with an area of 173 acres, were forfeited or surrendered under village-homestead regulations, and 19 sections, with an area of 106 acres, under other tenure.

The number of settlers under village-homestead regulations on the 31st March last was 1,487, holding an area of 31,672 acres, an average of $21\frac{1}{4}$ acres each. The number under other tenure was 576, holding an area of 12,980 acres, an average of $22\frac{1}{2}$ acres to each settler.

The total number of village settlers under all systems on the 31st March last was 2,063, holding an area of 44,652 acres, an average of $21\frac{1}{2}$ acres to each settler.

The annual rent and interest on advances under village-homestead regulations is £5,120, equivalent to a rental of 3s. 2d. per acre. The annual rent of sections under other tenure is £2,266, equivalent to a rental of 3s. 6d. per acre. The total annual rent and interest is therefore £7,386. The amount actually paid during the year is £6,559. These figures show a difference of £827, but it must be remembered that the whole of the year's rent was not due on sections recently taken up. The actual arrears amount to only £390, about 2d. per acre on the area held, or 3s. 9d. to each settler.

The value of improvements on sections held under the village-homestead system is £181,620, equivalent to an average of £5 14s. per acre, or £122 to each settler. The improvements on sections held under other tenure are valued at £39,675, equivalent to £3 ls. per acre, or £68 17s. to each settler.

The number of souls on the land under all systems is 5,378. Of these, 2,544 are in the North Island and 2,834 in the Middle Island.

The position of village settlements on the 31st March last is classified as under :—

Number of Settlers.

			Resident.	Non-resident.	Total.
Under village-homestead regulations	...	...	1,002	485	1,487
Under other tenure	...	...	352	224	576
Totals	...	...	1,354	709	2,063
In the North Island	...	...	665	288	953
In the Middle Island	...	...	689	421	1,110
Totals	...	...	1,354	709	2,063

Area held on the 31st March, 1906.

				A.	R.	P.
Under village-homestead regulations	...	...	...	31,672	2	4
Under other tenure	...	...	...	12,980	3	4
Total	...	...	...	44,653	1	8
In the North Island	...	...	...	21,310	2	9
In the Middle Island	...	...	...	23,342	2	39
Total	...	...	...	44,653	1	8

Annual Rent and Interest.

				£	s.	d.
Under village-homestead regulations	...	...	...	5,120	3	8
Under other tenure	...	...	...	2,266	1	0
Total	...	...	...	£7,386	4	8
In the North Island	...	...	...	2,730	6	11
In the Middle Island	...	...	...	3,655	17	9
Total	...	...	...	£7,386	4	8

Sections taken up during the Year.

					Number.	Area.			Rent.		
						A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Under village-homestead regulations	...	...	...	...	72	657	0	8	86	19	0
Under other tenure	...	...	...	...	34	1,607	1	4	926	3	8
Totals	...	...	...	...	106	2,264	1	12	1,013	2	8
In the North Island	...	...	...	...	78	1,836	0	35	971	9	0
In the Middle Island	...	...	...	...	28	428	0	17	41	13	8
Totals	...	...	...	...	106	2,264	1	12	£1,013	2	8

Forfeitures and Surrenders during the Year.

					Number.	Area.			Rent and Interest.		
						A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Under village-homestead regulations	...	...	...	...	7	173	0	29	15	15	4
Under other tenure	...	...	...	...	19	106	0	37	15	7	6
Totals	...	...	...	...	26	279	1	26	£31	2	10
In the North Island	...	...	...	...	18	124	2	14	12	17	10
In the Middle Island	...	...	...	...	8	154	3	12	18	5	0
Totals	...	...	...	...	26	279	1	26	£31	2	10

Amount advanced for Cottages, Bushfelling, &c.

					Cottages.			Bushfelling.			Total.		
					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Under village-homestead regulations	...	...	...	...	9,165	2	6	6,030	10	4	15,195	12	10
Under other tenure	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	...	...	...	...	£9,165	2	6	£6,030	10	4	£15,195	12	10
In the North Island	...	...	...	...	4,562	17	6	5,221	13	2	9,784	10	8
In the Middle Island	...	...	...	...	4,602	5	0	808	17	2	5,411	2	2
Totals	...	...	...	...	£9,165	2	6	£6,030	10	4	£15,195	12	10

Repayments of above Advances.

						£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
In the North Island	...	...	...	...	...	3,989	17	1			
In the Middle Island	...	...	...	...	...	1,371	13	9			
Remaining unpaid	...	...	...	...	...				5,361	10	10
Total	...	...	...	...	...				9,834	2	0
									£15,195	12	10

Amount received for Rent and Interest during the Year.

						Rent.			Interest.			Total.		
						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Under village-homestead regulations	...	...	...	...	...	4,161	15	11	454	2	4	4,615	18	3
Under other tenure	...	...	...	...	...	1,943	11	5	...	...	...	1,943	11	5
Totals	...	...	...	...	...	£6,105	7	4	£454	2	4	£6,559	9	8
In the North Island	...	...	...	...	...	2,934	0	0	270	0	0	3,204	0	0
In the Middle Island	...	...	...	...	...	3,171	7	4	184	2	4	3,355	9	8
Totals	...	...	...	...	...	£6,105	7	4	£454	2	4	£6,559	9	8

The total amount received as rent and interest in connection with village-homestead settlements from the commencement of the system in 1885 to the 31st March, 1906, a period of twenty-one years, is as under:—

						Rent.			Interest.			Total.		
						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
In the North Island	...	...	...	...	...	21,206	18	1	7,667	2	5	28,874	0	6
In the Middle Island	...	...	...	...	...	34,293	1	4	3,898	3	5	38,191	4	9
Totals	...	...	...	...	...	£55,499	19	5	£11,565	5	10	£67,065	5	3

Arrears of Rent and Interest on the 31st March, 1906.

	Number.	Area.			Rent.			Interest.			Total.		
		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Under village-homestead regulations ...	87	1,650	3	7	219	2	5	88	15	4	307	17	9
Under other tenure ...	31	778	3	28	82	6	4	...	...	...	82	6	4
Totals ...	118	2,429	2	35	£301	8	9	£88	15	4	£390	4	1
In the North Island ...	74	1,564	1	37	206	19	3	78	13	6	285	12	9
In the Middle Island ...	44	865	0	38	94	9	6	10	1	10	104	11	4
Totals ...	118	2,429	2	35	£301	8	9	£88	15	4	£390	4	1

Value of Improvements on the Land.

	£	s.	d.
Under village-homestead regulations ...	181,620	0	0
Under other tenure ...	39,675	0	0
Total ...	£221,295	0	0
In the North Island ...	127,099	0	0
In the Middle Island ...	94,196	0	0
Total ...	£221,295	0	0

Number of Souls on the Land.

Under village-homestead regulations ...	4,280
Under other tenure ...	1,098
Total ...	5,378
In the North Island ...	2,544
In the Middle Island ...	2,834
Total ...	5,378

Some little progress has been made during the past year under this system of settlement, 106 new sections having been taken up, 48 of these being in the Wellington District which now heads the list and has altogether 634 village settlers. Southland comes next with 424, and Canterbury follows with 386.

There is not much probability, however, of a similar number of sections being taken up this year, as no suitable lands are available, unless portions of the land which may be purchased under the Land for Settlements Act are set apart for the purpose, or unless suitable land is purchased with the special object of extending the system; and this latter course I would respectfully recommend most strongly, as it is so well known how helpful and important this system is to a large number of men who are anxious to obtain a small holding.

The present village-homestead-settlement scheme has now been in operation for twenty-one years, and the returns for that period forwarded herewith prove conclusively how successful the scheme has been financially. Over £67,000 has been paid into the Treasury, over one-third of the sums advanced have been repaid, the improvements now on the land are valued at £181,620, and the arrears are only £307 which will be paid shortly.

This system of land-settlement might well be extended.

J. E. MARCH,
Superintendent of Village Settlements.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS OF CROWN LANDS ON VILLAGE SETTLEMENTS.

AUCKLAND.

In reporting on the village settlements as they at present exist, a comparison can hardly be made between the conditions now and those of some years ago in the earlier days of these settlements. This is due to the fact that the majority of the holders, holding originally under the village-homestead-settlement conditions, have converted their tenure to lease in perpetuity, and have henceforth been included in the ordinary lease-in-perpetuity inspections. There are, however, some of the holders still under the old conditions, and in addition there are the village-settlement lease-in-perpetuity holdings.

Omaha Village Settlement.—On this settlement there are nine resident selectors, who have effected improvements to the value of £1,429 10s.

Waipareira Village Settlement.—There is only one of the original lessees in this settlement. The area is 48 acres, and the value of improvements is estimated at £118.

Karaka Village Settlement.—This is also a settlement with one selector only remaining under the original tenure. Improvements valued at £170 have been effected.

Motukaraka Settlement (Village).—This is a progressive settlement, dairying and stock-raising being the chief industries. It is well situated, and the remaining settlers are contented and prosperous. The total value of improvements exceeds £2,500.

Waimamaku Village Settlement.—There is only one section in this settlement held under the original conditions, but the converted sections have been included in a report which shows that progress of a marked character is being made. The settlers very pluckily support a co-operative dairy company notwithstanding that they have to pack their milk over bad roads. Very few are able to use wheels. The improvements on the one original section are valued at £388.

Herekino Village Settlement.—In this settlement the remaining sections have improvements thereon to the value of £945. The whole district is going ahead. The settlers are engaged chiefly in stock-raising and the timber industry. A few who have gone in for viticulture are well satisfied with the results.

Whananaki Village Settlement.—Improvements to the value of £538 10s. have been effected on the three remaining sections in this settlement. Beyond this there is nothing of importance to remark, there being no special signs of progress.

Motatau Village Settlement.—Similar remarks apply to this as to the foregoing. Improvements effected are valued at £390. The settlers are largely employed in outside work and have not put in much time lately on their own holdings.

Hukerenui Village Settlement.—This also is a settlement in which the settlers that remain, four in number, prefer to seek outside employment. Their improvements are, however, valued at £610.

Whangarei Village Settlement.—There is only one section on the books under the original tenure, and the selector has effected 200 pounds' worth of improvements. It hardly now comes under the heading of a village settlement, being isolated as to tenure. There is no sign that this one representative of the original settlement is making any special progress, although there is reason to believe he is quite content with his surroundings.

Te Aroha Village Settlement.—The selectors in this settlement have made good homes for themselves. The land is all flat and looks well, but on being cultivated does not give good returns. There are a number of the sections of a swampy nature, quite beyond the means of the settlers to drain. Most of the selectors depend for a living on outside employment.

Kinohaku Village Settlement.—This is a settlement held under the village-homestead lease-in-perpetuity system. The settlers are making very satisfactory progress, a total of twenty-three of the twenty-seven selectors having their permanent homes on the land. They have an area of 348 acres cultivated, and their improvements are valued at £870.

Te Kuiti Village Settlement.—This is also a settlement on lease in perpetuity. The sections are close to the Township of Te Kuiti, and are of very small areas, chiefly held for residence-sites. The improvements effected have been well done, and are valued at £815, but a number of sections have been forfeited, and will shortly be offered for cash.

Rangaroa Village Settlement.—This settlement, held under village-homestead lease-in-perpetuity tenure, has only recently been selected, and no inspection has been made. The land is situated on the heights near Taumarunui, and should be a successful settlement. The sections are all of small area.

JAS. MACKENZIE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Village-settlement lands have been further augmented during the year by the addition of 22 holdings, 17 of which comprise part of the Tamaki Village Allotments, containing an area of 1,422 acres, and for which an annual rental of £907 is payable.

The total area held by 107 tenants is 2,224 acres, with a capital value of £24,821, for which an annual rental of £1,059 is payable. The rent received during the year amounted to £729, and £2,711 has been received from the commencement. Value of improvements required was £2,910, and those actually effected £8,537, whilst 220 souls resided on the sections. Stock carried totals 4,243, being—horses, 61; sheep, 3,510; cattle, 608; and pigs, 64.

The conditions under which these sections are held are generally favourable, and the settlers have enjoyed the prosperity obtaining to the full. It is safe to predict, from present appearances, another successful year.

ERIC C. GOLD SMITH,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

TARANAKI.

There are only three small settlements of this class. These are not a success owing to want of employment in the neighbourhood, and, of course, the inability of the selectors to make a living from the limited areas held under these conditions.

FRANS. SIMPSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

MARLBOROUGH.

There are only two small settlements of this description in Marlborough, both of which have been settled nearly twenty years, and are now well established. That in the Wakamarina is occupied chiefly by men who are employed either at the neighbouring sawmills or in mining. The other settlement, at Kaikoura, consists of larger holdings, and is utilised more for dairying and general farm purposes.

HENRY TRENT,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

CANTERBURY.

The village-homestead-settlement lands, which, in point of number, furnish the largest proportion of the settlement holdings in North Canterbury, are well distributed over this part of the district, the principal being situated at Medbury and the Peaks, near the Hurunui River; View Hill, near Oxford; Greenpark, Rabbit Island, Hart's Creek, and Irwell, on the shores of Lake Ellesmere; while in the Ashburton County there are settlements near Rakaia, Chertsey, Dromore, Ashburton, and Hinds on the Main Trunk line of railway, and at Alford Forest, Ruapuna, Mayfield, and Westerfield. The areas occupied range generally from 10 to 100 acres. For the most part these settlements have been an unqualified success, and have provided many labouring-men with comfortable homes in the vicinity of their employment, and ultimately enabled them to acquire larger areas, and become independent farmers. With very few exceptions good homes have been established, the improvements are of sufficient value and in good order, and the land well cultivated. There has been practically no change in the area occupied under this system during the year. One small holding of about 2 acres was surrendered and reselected, and a few holdings were exchanged from the perpetual-lease to the lease-in-perpetuity tenure, but the total remains unaltered.

In South Canterbury the only alteration has been the exchange of a few holdings from the perpetual-lease to the lease-in-perpetuity tenure. The principal groups of settlements are situated at Arundel, Orari, Arowhenua, Studholme Junction, Waimate, and Glenavy. The remarks already made with respect to the village settlements in North Canterbury will apply also to these, which, despite the fact that many of them are situated on lands of light or medium quality, have provided good homes for labouring-men, and assisted many towards independence and the acquisition of larger and better holdings.

THOS. HUMPHRIES,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

WESTLAND.

Runanga Village.—This is virtually an extension of the adjoining Township of Runanga, the railway-line only intervening, and all the streets being coterminous. This township extension was laid out for the sole occupation of the State Coal-mine employees, and thrown open for selection six months ago. All the lessees are busily clearing and building on their holdings; a large house has been erected for the resident doctor, and thirty-three sections have been reserved for the erection of workmen's cottages. The outlook is very promising.

Kokatahi Village Settlement.—This small settlement has had a very prosperous season; the whole of the area is well laid down in grass; the occupants have comfortable houses and convenient sheds; possess well-stocked orchards, and, from their proximity to town and factory, have good markets for their produce. Dairying is the principal occupation, and the returns have been very encouraging. The condition of the settlement may be gauged from the following items: Total area, 197 acres; sections occupied, 4; total population, 14; area in grass 186 acres, area in white and green crops 8 acres; horses, 28; cattle, 132; pigs, 8; improvements required by the Act £20, improvements made £1,131; arrears of rental, nil.

G. J. ROBERTS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

OTAGO.

In reporting on village settlements in this district, it seems necessary at the outset to explain that it cannot very well be said that there are in the Otago Land District any village settlements as such. What are designated by that name are chiefly groups of small sections scattered here and there throughout the district, that have been disposed of under village-settlement regulations and conditions. In some such groups alternate sections are held under different tenures; for instance, one section may be held on village-special-settlement conditions on perpetual lease, while an adjoining one may be held as a village-homestead allotment on lease in perpetuity, or ordinary village settlement on perpetual lease, and so on.

For convenience the sections held under the several village-settlement schemes or sets of regulations, are classed together in the tables and returns as village settlements under the following headings: Deferred-payment village settlement, perpetual-lease village settlement, village allotments on occupation with right of purchase, village-homestead special settlement on perpetual lease, village-homestead allotments on lease in perpetuity, and village-homestead under land for settlements. It will therefore be seen on reference to the Village Settlement Tables, Nos. 12 and 13, that there are 2 deferred-payment holdings over 100 acres at £3 6s. per annum; 15 perpetual-lease village settlements over 312 acres at £29 17s. 8d. per annum; 5 occupation-with-right-of-purchase allotments over 4 acres at 18s. per annum; 118 village-homestead allotments on lease in perpetuity over 1,699 acres at £149 7s. 4d. per annum; 76 village-homestead special-settlement allotments on perpetual lease over 1,174 acres at £146 19s. 2d. per annum; and 31 village-homestead allotments on lease in perpetuity, under the Land for Settlements Act, over 413 acres at £317 3s. 10d. per annum: making in all 247 holdings over an aggregate area of 3,702 acres at an annual rental of £647 12s. The capital value of the whole of this area is £12,747; and the payments made in respect thereof during the year amounted to £610 16s. 2d. The value of the improvements on the land is given at £16,171. The number of settlers resident is 159, and total number of souls 573. The area laid down in grass or cultivated is 2,145 acres. In respect of the village-special-settlement holdings on perpetual lease, advances for bushfelling and houses were made to the extent of £1,541 5s., of which sum £185 2s. 6d. has been repaid.

It cannot be said that much progress is being made on these so-called village settlements, which have remained in much the same condition for several years. A great many of the allotments are remotely situated and somewhat isolated, so that there is very little chance of the selectors obtaining outside work, and the sections are too small to enable them to make a living thereon for themselves and their families. If the reverse were the case, the prospects of these settlers would be very much more hopeful.

The following is Ranger O'Neill's report hereon: "Little or no progress has been made in village settlements on ordinary Crown lands during the past year. Most of the village settlements in Otago are on poor bush land, some distance from prosperous close settlement. The various sections were too small and inferior in quality for selectors to live on, and the situation of the settlements such that the settlers were unable to get profitable and convenient employment. Many of the original selectors left the settlements, while, in the case of those remaining, the husband has to go out of the locality to seek work, leaving his wife and family to milk a few cows and look after the section. Doubtless the system is a good one provided it were practicable to establish the settlements near large centres where plentiful employment could be found among factories, &c.; but unfortunately it was not an easy matter to do this in Otago, as all the Crown land near the principal centres had been previously disposed of. The valuation for improvements effected on the various village settlements amounts to £16,171, but the prospects of the tenants cannot be described as bright. They are chiefly engaged in the dairying industry, and in most cases there are convenient creameries or dairy factories."

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SOUTHLAND.

There are no less than 39 village and village-homestead settlements in this district, comprising lands held on perpetual lease, deferred payment, occupation with right of purchase, and lease in perpetuity, the total number of selectors being 424, area held 6,209 acres, and the total value of improvements £26,008. There were 17 new selections on lease in perpetuity during the year, area 368 acres; but purchases of the freehold, and forfeitures, reduce the net increase for the year to 4 lessees and 120 acres. There are but 8 lessees in arrear, for the amount of £8 2s. 11d.

Comparing the village settlements in the eastern and western portions of the land district, taking the Oreti or New River as the dividing-line, it is found that in the eastern portion there are 22 settlements, containing an area of 4,902 acres held by 323 selectors. The total number of persons residing on these settlements is 635; the area cultivated or in profitable use is 2,709 acres; and the value of improvements thereon, £21,283. The stock owned consists of 505 cattle, 83 horses, and 222 pigs: total 810. A considerable portion of the land in these settlements is bush, which is used by the holders for shelter for stock, for fencing-material, and for firewood for home use or for sale. Most of the settlers require to work outside their holdings to obtain a living, and generally they are in full employment and fairly prosperous.

In the western portion of the land district there are 17 settlements, containing an area of 1,307 acres leased by 101 selectors, and having a population of 110 persons; the area in profitable use is 883 acres; and the value of improvements, £4,725. The stock owned consists of 173 cattle, 28 horses, and 63 pigs: total, 264. A larger proportion of the land in the western settlements is open than in the eastern, but, the holdings being small, most of the settlers work outside to obtain a livelihood. The success of all these settlements is shown by the value of the improvements and the stock owned.

JOHN HAY,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

APPENDIX IV.—IMPROVED-FARM SETTLEMENTS (EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS OF CROWN LANDS ON).

AUCKLAND.

THE improved-farm settlements in this district do not appear to have developed into very successful communities, and only one settlement shows signs of real progress made during the past year. It is difficult to account for this. There is a tendency to aspire to rather larger holdings than the system provides for, although very often the class which it is intended to assist would do better if the holdings were even smaller. At best I feel that they are but stepping-stones to help people along, and if this is accomplished something has been gained.

Katui Settlement.—This settlement is limited to the holdings of three selectors, who have felled and grassed the greater part of the land, and effected other improvements to a value of £875. Stock to the number of seventy-eight are running on the land. There has been no progress, as the settlers are not devoting much time to their own lands, preferring to secure outside employment at high wages.

Mangatu Settlement.—The same remarks with regard to the absence of progress in Katui apply to this community. It also consists of three holdings, on which improvements to the value of £1,059 have been made. The stock consists of 110 head of cattle.

Awatuna Settlement.—Beyond a statement that the improvements made are valued at £122, and that there are ten head of cattle running on this settlement, there is no progress to record. There is only one selector remaining in occupation, and he has felled and grassed 32 acres of his holding, which contains 100 acres.

Rangatira Settlement.—This settlement has diminished to two holdings, of a total area of 200 acres, on which there are twenty-eight cattle. The total value of improvements effected is valued at £340. No progress is noticeable in the settlement, and there are no prospects of a particularly hopeful nature.

Towai Settlement.—In this settlement there is nothing to report, other pressing duties of the Ranger having prevented him from visiting the locality. At the last inspection there were only three selectors remaining in occupation.

Paemako Settlement.—Similar remarks apply to this settlement. The full value of improvements required were effected at last inspection, but they amounted to the minimum that could be allowed, and the settlement was not in a very encouraging state, although, when the Board visited it recently, there was evidence of activity.

Karu Settlement.—There are only two selectors in this settlement who have complied with the terms of occupation. A third was carrying out his conditions, but has applied to forfeit owing to difficulties he has had to contend with. Other selectors have been granted time to enter into occupation, but inquiries have so far failed to indicate that they are *bona fide* in their intentions. It is proposed to offer this land shortly on ordinary conditions.

Kakepuku Settlement.—Five selectors have fulfilled their conditions to date, and others have been given time to do so, but from inquiries made it appears they are not likely to comply, and proposals will be considered for the redisposal of the land on ordinary conditions.

Te Rau-a-Moa Settlement.—This is the only settlement of its class which is showing signs of any progress. A dairy factory is in full swing, and is supplied by the settlers in this settlement and the surrounding districts. The roads are good in summer. Unfortunately, noxious weeds are very prevalent, and great difficulty is being experienced in eradicating the ragwort. There are 380 head of cattle on the settlement, and improvements to the value of £2,450; and but for the appearance of ragwort (though steps are being taken to eradicate it) this would have been a really successful settlement.

JAS. MACKENZIE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

HAWKE'S BAY.

The position with regard to the Akitio and Waikopiro Improved-farm Settlements remains practically the same, Waikopiro showing an increase in area felled and grassed and value of improvements.

ERIC C. GOLD SMITH,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

TARANAKI.

The position of those settlements allotted between 1894 and 1897, and occupied under the ordinary conditions of "The Land Act, 1892," remain very much the same as last year. They are as follows:—

Ngairi, Poti, and Maata Improved-farm Settlements.—Situate close to Eltham, and used principally for dairying on a small scale; there are 14 families occupying 26 sections of about 10 acres each, and they continue to make steady progress.

Tongaporutu, Derwent, Okau, Uruti, and Greenlands Improved-farm Settlements.—Situate near Tongaporutu, the latter being seventeen miles distant. Generally divided into 100-acre sections, comprising small flats and rough land at the back. There are 16 families occupying 21 sections, most of them engaged in dairying, and fairly prosperous, having had a better year than the last one. The

state of the roads is a general complaint one hears in this part of the district. A suspension bridge across the Tongaporutu is erected for the convenience of some of the settlers and to enable children to get to school.

Mangapoua Improved-farm Settlement.—Situate about four miles from Urenui, and the two remaining settlers are continuing to do well with dairying and grazing.

Mangaere Improved-farm Settlement.—Situate on Ohura Road, about ten miles from Douglas Road Railway-station. It is still in a prosperous condition, being used for dairying operations. There are 9 families, occupying 11 sections.

Whangamomona Improved-farm Settlement.—Situate about twenty-nine miles from Douglas Road Railway-station, and extending along Ohura Road for about eleven miles, comprising hilly country with flats on frontages, mostly used for dairying. There are 40 families, occupying 79 sections of generally about 100 acres each. The settlers have not prospered much during the last few years, owing to wet seasons, unmetalled roads, high prices for stores, and low prices for cattle. The areas are much too small to be profitable for that class of country.

Huiroa Improved-farm Settlement.—Situate on Douglas and Makuri Roads, and close to the proposed railway-line from Douglas Road Station. There are 6 families in occupation of 8 sections. The settlers are prospering with dairy-farming.

Taumatahiki Improved-farm Settlement.—Situate on Waitotara Valley Road, about thirty miles from Waitotara Railway-station. The land is not suitable for this class of settlement; the four sections have passed practically into the hands of one person, and are used in conjunction with a sheep-farm adjoining.

The remaining four settlements are under the Improved-farm Regulations, having only been allotted within the last three years.

Nihoniho, Paorae, and Mangapapa Improved-farm Settlements.—Situate in the Ohura and Aria Survey Districts, between twenty and twenty-two miles from Ongarue Railway-station, and easily accessible by good summer roads. The settlers have experienced a wet season, which added to the difficulty of obtaining building-timber has prevented some from residing. There is a sawmill at Matiere which supplies a good deal of timber. There are 92 sections in these settlements of an average area of about 175 acres each, and 45 of them are occupied and improved. It has been necessary to forfeit the interests of several selectors for non-fulfilment of conditions, and reallocate the lands, as there is a great demand for this class of settlement. There are two schools, two post and telephone offices, and one post-office supplying the requirements of these settlements. A bridge is wanted over the Ohura River at Nihoniho, which I understand will be put in hand shortly. Most of the settlers have stocked their clearings and are doing well, obtaining work on the roads when not improving their holdings. I find there is a certain amount of reluctance by some of the persons who have sections in these settlements to go on the land and occupy it in a *bona fide* manner.

Totoro Improved-farm Settlement.—Situate near the Mokau River, south of Wairere Falls, where there is a ferry-crossing, and distant about twenty-five miles from Te Kuiti Railway-station. The settlement comprises 36 sections, of which 16 have been improved and settled on. The wet season rendered the rivers and roads impassable at times; this, with a consequent lack of building and fencing material, has delayed the progress of the settlers. The state of the roads is very often used as an excuse for not occupying the land. The majority of those residing are taking steps in the direction of obtaining stock; and in view of the continuance of road and other public works, I have reason to believe that they will become successful settlers. It has been necessary to forfeit and reallocate several sections during the year, owing to the reluctance of the lessees to comply with the conditions of their leases.

FRANS. SIMPSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

WELLINGTON.

WEST COAST.

Pemberton Improved-farm Settlement.—There are 12 sections in this settlement, aggregating 1,128 acres, now under occupation, the total number of persons now on the land being 86. The live-stock consists of 1,370 head of all kinds. 1,277 acres have been felled and grassed. Dairying is the main industry and source of income, although some of the settlers on the smaller areas take outside work during the winter months. The improvements on the land are valued at £8,750; this amount includes £2,056 advanced by the Government. This settlement is highly successful, and all the sections are in profitable occupation.

Kawhataua Improved-farm Settlement.—Nine sections, of a total area of 749 acres, are occupied, the population being 60 souls. The land is stocked with 1,400 head of mixed stock, and 900 acres has been felled and grassed. The settlers engage principally in dairying, while two or three go in for sheep-farming. The value of the improvements on the land is £6,000, which sum includes £1,190 advanced by the Government. This settlement has always been most successful, and is now practically fully improved.

Hautapu Improved-farm Settlement.—Twelve sections, of an area of 1,074 acres, are under occupation, and 48 people are living on the settlement. The stock consists of 695 head of mixed sorts; and 817 acres have been felled and grassed. The settlers for the most part go in for dairying, with a fair amount of success. The sections are all highly improved, the total value of improvements being £4,750, in which is included £1,124 advanced by the Government. This is also a successful settlement.

Masterton-Tenui Improved-farm Settlement.—The number of sections now under occupation is 11, aggregating 1,065 acres, and the total population is 62. In all, the stock numbers 1,930 head; and

887 acres have been felled and grassed. The improvements are valued at £4,481, and the settlers have been assisted by the Government to the extent of £847. The selectors use their holdings for dairying and grazing purposes. They are all prosperous, and the success of the settlement is thoroughly established.

Horopito Improved-farm Settlement.—Three sections, of a total area of 300 acres, are occupied, and the total population is 6 souls. One hundred and forty acres have been felled and grassed, and the stock numbers 80 head of all kinds. The value of the improvements on the land is £448, and advances totalling £393 have been made to the settlers by the Government. The settlers engage in grazing and dairying when the roads are fit. The railway-works are now getting near this locality, and the settlers have brighter prospects, as they will find a market for their produce amongst the co-operative workmen.

Otaihape Improved-farm Settlement.—Consists of 10 sections aggregating 204 acres, all occupied, there being 46 souls on the land. The total number of stock is 130 head of all kinds. The value of the improvements is £1,700, and the advances made by the Government amount to £665. The whole area has been felled and grassed. A few of the settlers are dairying, and others use their sections for homes, and take in stock to graze. This settlement has been a very successful one, and, being close to Taihape Township, some of the sections are being subdivided into building-lots.

Ohutu Improved-farm Settlement.—Comprises an area of 2,895 acres, subdivided into 34 sections, all of which are under occupation, the total population being 148 souls. An area of 2,235 acres has been felled and grassed, the total amount of improvements being £13,760, towards which advances amounting to £1,941 have been made by the Government to assist settlers. Most of the settlers go in for dairying, in which industry they have been greatly assisted by having a butter-factory right in their midst. Some on the smaller areas, however, have still to depend a good deal on outside work. This settlement is a very successful one.

Otuarewa Improved-farm Settlement.—Seven sections, of a total area of 1,370 acres, are now under occupation, and the number of persons now on the land is 32. Three hundred and sixty acres have been felled, and 560 acres grassed, inclusive of natural clearing; and the stock consists of 1,368 head of all kinds. The improvements are valued at £2,237, including £458 advanced by the Government to assist the settlers. Two of the settlers go in for dairying, the remainder running sheep, and taking outside work when available. This settlement is now a fairly successful one.

Rongoiti Improved-farm Settlement.—Five sections, aggregating 492 acres, are occupied, the total number of residents being 27. Four hundred and sixty acres have been felled and 492 acres grassed, inclusive of natural clearings, and the number of stock running on the land consists of 49 horses, 189 cattle, 1,172 sheep, and 40 pigs. Improvements to the value of £1,950 have been effected, the Government assisting settlers to the extent of £464. The settlers are engaged principally in dairying and mixed grazing. They are all prosperous, and the settlement is a success.

Oraukura Improved-farm Settlement.—Ten sections, comprising 1,819 acres, are now under occupation, the total population being 52 souls. Six hundred and thirty acres have been felled and 650 acres grassed, while the live-stock consists of 340 head of all sorts. The improvements effected are valued at £4,000, which includes £507 advanced by the Government for the assistance of the settlers. The principal industry is dairying, but some of the settlers receive fair incomes from royalties on their surplus timber, and nearly all do outside work. This settlement is a very successful one.

Sommerville Improved-farm Settlement.—Consists of 8 sections, aggregating 1,600 acres, all of which are occupied, the total population being 37 souls. Five hundred acres have been felled and 640 acres grassed, including some natural clearings, the total value of improvements effected being £1,870, including £283 advanced by the Government to assist settlement. The live-stock consists of 30 horses, 168 cattle, 160 sheep, and 62 pigs. The main industry is dairying, and, as all the sections have now dray-road access, the settlers are prospering.

Taihape Extension Improved-farm Settlement.—Comprises 6 sections, of a total area of 567 acres, all of which are occupied, and the total number of residents is 25. Two hundred and fifty-five acres have been felled and 212 acres grassed, the value of all improvements effected being £845, which includes £103 10s. advanced by the Government. The stock running on the land consists of 150 head of all kinds. Some of the settlers are dairying, and others go in for grazing solely. This is a successful settlement, and all the settlers are prosperous.

Namunui Improved-farm Settlement.—Twenty-three sections have been allotted, aggregating 1,732 acres, the number of persons living on the land being 5. Two hundred and forty-two acres have been felled and grassed, and the total value of the improvements effected is £716, of which £75 has been advanced by the Government to assist the settlers. The settlers are at a disadvantage at present owing to the bad road access. This settlement was laid off to provide extension of areas up to 100 acres for the settlers in the adjoining village settlements, and residence is not required from those who reside on their village-settlement sections.

Tapui Improved-farm Settlement.—Three sections, comprising an area of 600 acres, are occupied, and there are 23 persons living on the land. One hundred and fifty acres have been felled and grassed, the total amount of improvements being £350, inclusive of £60 advanced by the Government. The stock consists of 1 horse, 4 cattle, and 2 pigs.

Raketapauma Improved-farm Settlement.—Nineteen sections, of a total area of 3,307 acres, are under occupation, and the number of souls on the land is 4. Thirty-five acres have been felled and grassed, and the total value of improvements is £136, which includes £35 15s. advanced to settlers by the Government. The stock consists of 3 horses and 4 cattle. When better road access has been provided, this settlement will no doubt be successful.

Kauaekeke Improved-farm Settlement.—Consists of one 200-acre section held by one person. Fifty acres have been felled and grassed, and there are 110 head of stock on the land. The improvements are valued at £150.

Horowhenua Improved-farm Settlement.—Consists of one section or 138 acres, on which 4 persons are living. Twenty acres have been felled and grassed, the total value of improvements being £138, of which £40 was advanced by the Government.

EAST COAST.

Akitio Improved-farm Settlement.—Thirty-six sections, aggregating 3,810½ acres, are occupied, the total population being 94 souls. 3,143 acres are felled and 3,038 acres are grassed. The total value of improvements effected is £8,974 5s. 2d., which includes £3,690 advanced by the Government to assist the settlers. The stock carried on the land consists of 3,201 head of all kinds. The progress made during the year is satisfactory, and the settlers are becoming more prosperous owing to better road access and higher prices ruling for stock and produce.

Mangatiti Improved-farm Settlement.—There are 24 sections occupied, of a total area of 3,164 acres, and having a population of 95 souls. 2,626 acres are felled and 2,559 acres are grassed, the total value of improvements effected being £7,829, including £3,309 advanced by the Government. The live-stock running on the land consists of 53 horses, 857 cattle, 905 sheep, and 109 pigs. Some of the selectors supply local creameries, but the majority spend their time between their sections and Government road-works. The progress made is satisfactory, and owing to better road access and higher prices ruling, the selectors are becoming more prosperous.

JOHN STRAUCHON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SOUTHLAND.

Haldane Settlement.—Situated in Block IX, Waikawa Survey District. The whole of this settlement is occupied, 2,087 acres being held by 19 selectors. There are 16 houses occupied by 64 persons. The stock comprises 26 horses, 360 cattle, and 22 pigs—total, 408. The value of improvements effected during the year is £132 12s., consisting of fencing, clearing, and grassing. The settlers cannot earn a living on their sections. Most of them are working outside on road and railway work and sawmills. The progress of this settlement is slow and its prospects are poor.

Waikawa Settlement.—Situated in Block XVII, Waikawa Survey District. Beyond an increase in the number of stock owned, this settlement is practically in the same position as last year, there being 4 selectors, 4 houses, and 25 persons resident. The stock now consists of 8 horses, 121 cattle, and 31 pigs—total, 160, giving an increase of 103. No improvements have been effected during the year, the selectors working outside the settlement all the year round to obtain a living.

Papatotara Settlement.—Situated in Alton Survey District. There are 14 selectors on this settlement, holding 1,528 acres. There are 12 houses occupied by 33 persons. The stock upon it consists of 17 horses, 212 cattle, and 37 pigs—total, 266, an increase of 146 on last year. The improvements effected, clearing and grassing, are valued at £166 10s. The settlers here mostly make their living by cutting and supplying telegraph-poles and sleepers, and a few are working on the Orepuki Railway extension. The prospects of this settlement are fair.

Moturimu Settlement.—Situated in Block VIII, Campbelltown Hundred. The 10 selectors on this settlement hold 609 acres. There are 8 houses occupied by 57 persons. The stock numbers 25 cattle and 8 pigs. Very little improvements have been made during the year, the clearing and grassing, &c., being valued at £22 10s. The settlers earn their living by bush-work, mostly cutting sleepers and fire-wood, and some are sawmill hands, and others work on the roads. The progress of the settlement has been very poor, as the land is low-lying and some of it very swampy.

JOHN HAY,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

APPENDIX V.—CLARENCE VALLEY LANDS (REPORT BY COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS, BLENHEIM, AND OTHERS ON).

I HAVE to submit the following report as compiled from my own personal notes, and those made by the following gentlemen who accompanied me on my recent tour of inspection through the central Clarence Valley: Mr. H. T. Turner, Chief Inspector, Stock and Agricultural Department, Canterbury; Mr. T. A. Fraser, Chief Inspector, Stock and Agricultural Department, Nelson and Marlborough; Mr. F. W. Sutton, Stock Inspector, Kaikoura Subdistrict; Mr. W. B. Buckhurst, Crown Lands Ranger, Marlborough; and Mr. D. W. Gillies, District Surveyor, Marlborough. I affix copies of these as appendices hereto for the Hon. the Minister's perusal.

DESCRIPTION OF COUNTRY.

The central Clarence Valley may be said to extend from the Ouse Stream on the northward to the Palmer River on the southward, and is about thirty-eight miles in length, by an average width of nine miles (as the crow flies); but of the latter only about one-half can be taken into consideration when dealing with its suitability for grazing purposes, for it must be noted that this valley lies between the Inland Kaikouras (altitude from 7,000 ft. to 9,500 ft.) and the Seaward Kaikouras, or "Lookers-on" (altitude, 5,000 ft. to 8,500 ft.), the lateral spurs of which extend to the river in many places, terminating in high bluffs, while the branch streams running between are rough mountain-torrents with as much fall as 1,000 ft. per mile. From these facts it will be readily understood that the amount of level land is practically nil.

There are a few alluvial flats of small dimensions, notably the Fidget, Dubious, Limestone, Quail, and Palmer (on the eastern side of the river), and at the Dee, Branch, and Bluff Streams (on the western), and, in addition to these, there are several good basins lying between the lower hills, or hummocks, capable of improvement by ploughing and sowing down in grass. At the present time these basins are mostly noticeable by the absence of vegetation, which has been destroyed partly by the injudicious burning of the tussock at the wrong time of the year, and partly by the ravages of the rabbits, which are very numerous; several patches of considerable area were noticed on which not a vestige of vegetation remains, and yet the soil is evidently capable of carrying good pasture. Judging from the appearance of the surface it would require breaking up before being sown, but until the rabbits have been exterminated any attempts in this direction would be futile. There are belts of limestone cropping up on the western side of the valley, extending from the Chalk Range on the north to about Ravine Stream on the south (see map), and again on the eastern side from Dubious Stream on the north to the Limestone Stream on the south. These areas are fairly well defined on the ground by the marked improvement in the pasture. It will be noted that the amount of barren country is very large in proportion to the whole area, and this is due to the extremely rugged character of the surrounding country. The spurs from the Inland Kaikouras extend down to the freeholds on the western side, then spread into terraces with fair slopes here and there, while nearer the river the country is again much broken into isolated hills of about 2,000 ft. altitude—i.e., Division Hill, Gibraltar, Bluff Hill, and others.

The country lying between the Mead Stream and the Sawtooth Range and, again, in the neighbourhood of Whernside and head-waters of the Kekerangu River is of a very broken character and of very indifferent quality. On the eastern side, between the Jam and Dubious Streams, the country is excessively rough, and may be described as a succession of precipitous, rocky ridges and shingle-slides with little or no vegetation; but in the Limestone, Seymour, and Gore basins some very good downs exist which already afford good pasturage, and are capable of considerable improvement.

In speaking generally of the Clarence Valley, the topographical notes on the large lithographic map, herewith, convey a very truthful statement as to its character.

In that portion of the Molesworth Run facing the Clarence River the character of the country changes very considerably and embraces some very good pasture-lands, especially in the Valley of the Elliott, Lake (McRae) Valley, and head-waters of the Tweed River, but the extent is only limited.

SOIL AND CLIMATE.

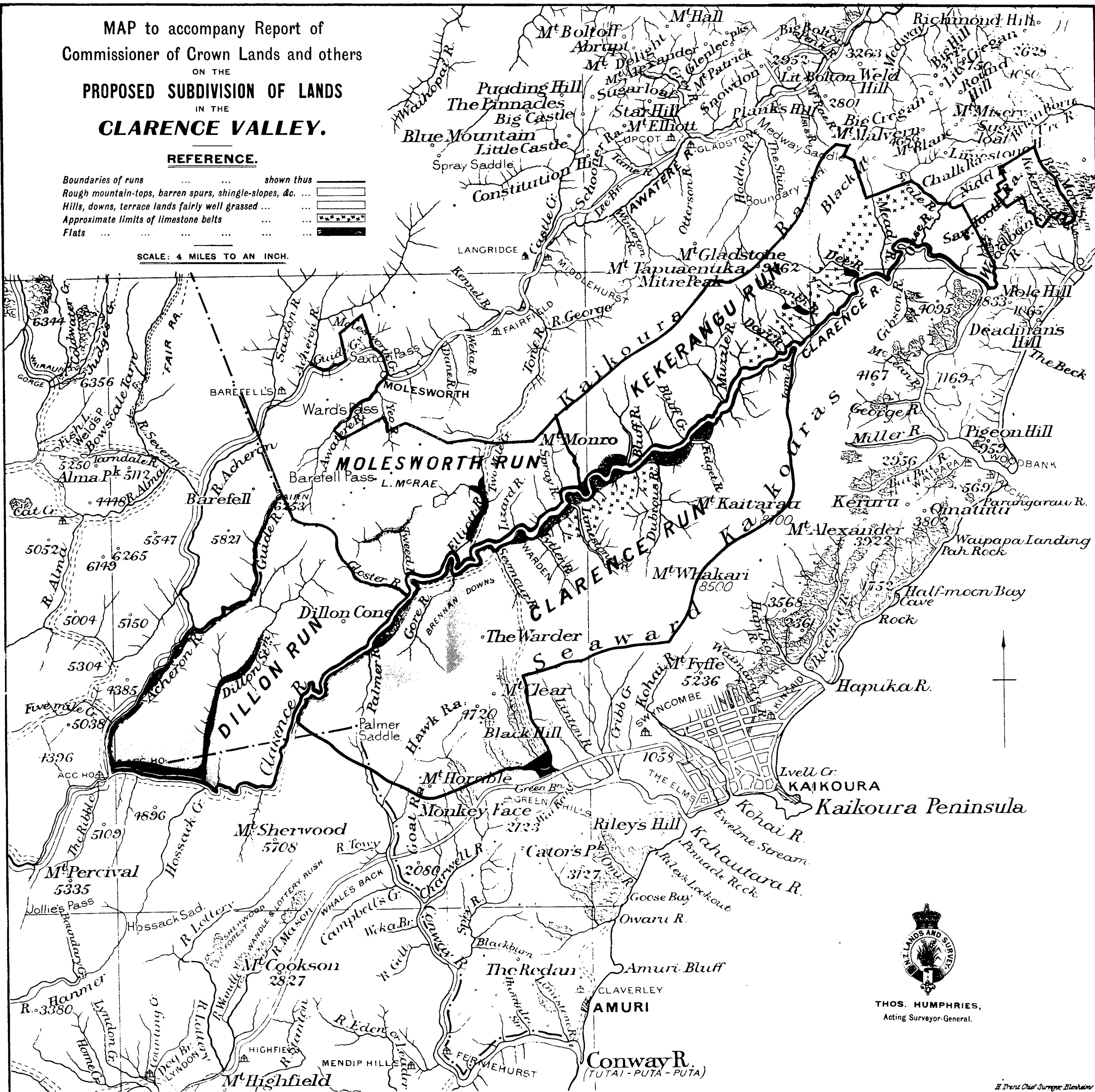
At the northern end of the valley the soil is very shallow, resting on a stiff, clayey formation, much subject to slips, while on the higher slopes and spurs nothing but the bare rock remains. Between the Chalk Range and the Ravine Stream there is a belt of fairly rich soil overlying limestone which is capable of carrying good grass under favourable conditions; and the same applies to a further belt lying between the Dubious and Limestone Streams. Between the Muzzle and Red Hill Streams the country lying between the present horse-track and the foot of the shingle-slides (from the main tops) is very good and the feed plentiful. In the basins of the Fell and Gore respectively, which appear to be of volcanic origin, there are some good, sunny downs carrying fair tussock pasture; but wherever the main spurs and ranges are touched the country is utterly devoid of vegetation, the whole mountain-sides, in many cases, being in this condition. It may here be remarked that (as may be inferred by reference to the map) the best of the country in both the Kekerangu and Clarence Runs is included

MAP to accompany Report of
Commissioner of Crown Lands and others
ON THE
PROPOSED SUBDIVISION OF LANDS
IN THE
CLARENCE VALLEY.

REFERENCE.

Boundaries of runs	...	shown thus	—
Rough mountain-tops, barren spurs, shingle-slopes, &c.	...		—
Hills, downs, terrace lands fairly well grassed	...		—
Approximate limits of limestone belts	...		—
Flats	...		—

SCALE: 4 MILES TO AN INCH.



THOS. HUMPHRIES,
Acting Surveyor-General.

within the freeholds—notably in the former instance, where the system of “gridironing” has been permitted in a most pronounced manner. The climate is very good, as the valley is well protected by the high ranges on either hand, and in the summer is very warm, while during the winter, I understand, the snow does not lie very long on the lower portions of the hills; neither is the rainfall heavy, as a rule.

FLORA AND FAUNA.

At the Kekerangu (or northern) end there are patches of birch bush, and here and there the remains of burnt forest over which fern, tauhinu, and scrub have spread; while further up the valley there are clumps of bush in a few of the gullies, consisting of stunted birch and mountain totara; while on the slopes towards the river a fairly dense growth of manuka, tauhinu, and tematakouri is the rule, with occasional stretches of open tussock land. The only birds noticed were a few paradise ducks, two or three grey ducks, and some sea-gulls (which breed among the mountain-tops). The rabbits were exceedingly numerous from the time we reached the first out-station (Coverham) until arrival at Quail Flat; but it was remarked that the numbers gradually decreased as we proceeded up the valley, while in the Elliott and Lake McRae country (Molesworth) very few were met with. The appearance of sweetbriar in the Elliott Valley was commented upon, and unless taken in hand at once it will soon be beyond control, for the number of healthy bushes noticed in the vicinity of the track are sufficient to seed the whole valley.

PRESENT POSITION AND FUTURE CAPABILITIES.

The country under review is at present comprised in the following pastoral runs—Kekerangu (lessees, E. S. and E. L. Rutherford): Lease expires March, 1908; annual rental, £300; leasehold areas 76,100 acres, freeholds (in Clarence Valley) 12,946 acres, freeholds (on Kekerangu frontage) 15,264 acres; present carrying-capacity, about 22,000 sheep, or an average of about 5 acres to a sheep. Clarence (lessees, Assets Realisation Board): Lease expires March, 1921; annual rental, £650; leasehold area 114,300 acres, freehold area 16,673 acres; present carrying-capacity, about 21,000 sheep, or an average of about 6 acres to a sheep. Molesworth (part of), (lessee, W. Acton Adams): Lease expires March, 1908; leasehold area 40,000 acres, freehold area 726 acres; present carrying-capacity, about 6,000 sheep. With respect to the last-named property I agree with the remarks contained in Mr. Turner's report (Enclosure No. 1)—viz., it would be detrimental to the working of the Molesworth Run, as a whole, were this portion excised, as it is greatly needed as winter country, and on that account should be retained by Mr. Adams.

It will be noticed that reference is made to the Dillon Run in some of the accompanying reports; but as it was not included in the representations made to the Hon. the Minister of Lands, I have not embodied it herein. In explanation I beg to state that, this country being held under a year-to-year lease, it is considered that it might be expedient to divide it into (say) three small grazing-runs, as shown on map illustrating general scheme of subdivision.

The whole question of the future disposal of the central Clarence country depends upon the following very important factors: (1) The extermination of the rabbits, which it is estimated would involve an outlay of about £10,350; (2) the purchase of freeholds, estimated at £56,832; (3) the loss of rent during the period the country was being brought into a proper condition for letting (about three years) with cost of regrassing where needed, £43,500; (4) the present rents received from Crown lands capitalised at 5 per cent. (£28,576), with probable compensation to leaseholders (say £4,000), £32,576; (5) cost of acquiring and forming necessary roads and pack-tracks, £25,000: making a gross expenditure of about £168,458, to which must be added the cost of surveying the country, laying out the roads, and other charges, say £6,000. Against these expenses there would be a probable revenue derivable from, say, fourteen small grazing-runs, £7,875 per annum. This sum is obtained from the estimate given in the Crown Land Ranger's report (Enclosure No. 4), and is based upon the ultimate carrying-capacity of the country, placed at 90,000 sheep, and allowing the sum of 1s. 9d. per head thereon which, after providing for contingencies in the way of occasional losses, is thought to be a fair one.

PROPOSALS AS TO PROVIDING ACCESS.

There are two routes by which access by cart-roads can be obtained—One from Kekerangu, which would start at the Main South Road at the Kekerangu Station; thence passing through Mr. Rutherford's freeholds, along the western side of Kekerangu River, to a point between the Glencoe and Flood-gate Streams; thence up the range and round the face of Ragged Robin and the head of Boundary Stream to Chaytor's Saddle and joining into the present horse-track in the vicinity of the Burnt Saddle; thence down Wharf Stream to its junction with the Ouse—a distance of about ten miles: this would provide access to the out-station at Coverham and enable a depot to be established there from which other parts of the valley could be reached by improved pack-tracks. The other route is from the reserve on the Kahutara River (on the main road Kaikoura to Waiau), following up that river on the eastern side and crossing the Warder Saddle (approximate altitude 4,000 ft.), thence round the head of the Fell Basin down into the Seymour Stream, crossing that stream about a mile above its junction with the Clarence, and over a low saddle to strike the existing road a little above Quail Flat—a distance of about eighteen miles. The road up the gorge of the Kahutara would be along the precipitous side of the river, and would entail about eight miles of heavy rock-cutting, but after passing the saddle the line would be of easier construction and through fairly good country. A bridge would be necessary over the Seymour; there is a suitable site for the purpose. This is undoubtedly the most direct and convenient route into the upper part of the Clarence, but owing to the height of the saddle it would be liable to blockage from snow at certain periods. From Quail Flat a good serviceable pack-track could be constructed to join in with the one previously mentioned as connecting with the Coverham end.

There are four other routes by which the central Clarence can be reached: (1) *Via* the Conway River over the Palmer Saddle; (2) from the Dillon Stream (near its junction with the Clarence) down the Conway itself; (3) up the Dillon Stream (over Carter's Saddle), past Lake McRae, and down the Elliott Valley; (4) up the Guide River (from the Acheron Road), over Half-moon and Carter's Saddles, thence by Lake McRae and Elliott Valley. The one objection to any of these routes is the great distance from any market, and the blockage of the passes by snow during several months of the year; besides the liability to constant slips entailing heavy outlay in the way of maintenance.

FRUIT-GROWING.

The cultivation of fruit for export cannot be seriously entertained, for admitting that the climatic conditions may admit of its culture and that good sound fruit has been produced at Coverham, Bluff, and Quail Flat, it appears that everything depends upon the seasons as to whether the crop is a success or otherwise. The grape-vines, so much commented upon, were inspected at the Bluff Homestead. There are two of them, and they certainly are vigorous vines and were loaded with fruit, but they had not matured, were quite green, and the occupier of the homestead did not expect them to ripen. Considering the very limited area available for such purposes, and the risk and cost of conveying such produce to the nearest market, fruit-culture could not be profitably carried on, and, moreover, as the entire valley is strictly pastoral country the few and scattered flats are barely sufficient for the needs of the pastoralists.

With this report I send a map (scale, one mile to an inch) on which the only feasible subdivision of the country could be carried out should the scheme ever be entertained; but, as will be gathered from the opinions expressed by the gentlemen who were instructed to act with me in this matter, the present condition of the country and its inaccessibility does not appear to warrant the enormous outlay necessary to carry out the proposal; more especially when the additional settlement would probably only amount to perhaps a score of individuals, for I feel assured it would be utterly wrong to expect any married men to take their wives and families into such an isolated region.

HENRY TRENT,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Enclosure No. 1.

Department of Agriculture, Christchurch, 5th April, 1906.

Re Inspecting Clarence Valley Country for Settlement.

UNDER instructions from my Head Office, I accompanied your party to make an inspection of the Clarence Valley, in view of cutting it up for closer settlement.

As regards the Kekerangu Run as a whole, it is not at all suitable, the country being poor, and, on the top of this, being spoilt to a very great extent through injudicious burning (at the wrong time of the year) and rabbits.

The country belonging to the Assets Realisation Board—parts of St. Helen's and Molesworth Runs—would cut up into some nice grazing-runs (large blocks), as there are some nice tracts of grazing-country on these properties. But against this, you have to consider that you would be taking away the principal parts of the winter country, where the sheep are kept for breeding, &c., during the winter months, and would leave these runs practically useless. Then, again, the inaccessibility of the country (this refers also to the whole of the Clarence Valley) has to be taken into consideration. I myself do not think that it would pay to put in roads, on account of the great cost they would entail, and the poor nature of the country, and also the expenses of their upkeep, even if the country was more suitable for settlement, which it is not. Any road made to get into the country would be subject to falls of snow at any time of the year, and this in itself would be a great drawback.

To sum up the whole, I consider that the country in the Clarence Valley is inaccessible and unsuitable for cutting up for closer settlement.

H. Trent, Esq., Commissioner of Crown Lands, Blenheim.

H. T. TURNER,
Inspector in Charge.

Enclosure No. 2.

Department of Agriculture (Branch Office), Nelson, 12th April, 1906.

Re The Clarence Valley.

I BEG to submit to you the following report, bearing on our recent trip through the above country:—

At the outset I may inform you that, although I have had frequently in the past to officially report on large areas of lands in regard to suitability for subdivision into smaller pastoral areas, small grazing-runs, or closer settlement, I have never yet come across such a piece of perplexing and intricate country requiring a solution as the portion of the Clarence Valley under present consideration.

The country I now deal with lies between the Boundary and Elliott Streams on the north side of the Clarence River, and between the Jam and Palmer Streams on the south side. Climate appears to be excellent, and does not appear to suffer from north-westerns as on Flaxbourne and Starborough. The growth of English trees shows this. Rainfall, though less than on the coast, seems to be sufficient. Summer temperature will be much higher than at Kaikoura, and appearances from vegetation, growth of cabbage-trees, &c., implies that the winter temperature is not unduly severe. Snow should never lie for more than a few days at most on the sunny faces—in other words, the severity of winter should not be harmful to stock on the low country. The aspect of the valley lies to the north-east—a fair one.

SOIL ; PASTURES ; GRAZING-CAPABILITIES.

On the Kekerangu and Reserve portions, on the freeholds mainly, there are considerable and numerous scattered patches of arable land—in no instance of any great extent, but sufficient for home-stead cultivation; land that will grow grasses, grain, turnips, and potatoes. Except in a few instances, these arable lands are not level, but lie mostly in basins and slopes. A good deal of the country, especially on the Kekerangu side, will take surface-sowing with English grasses. There is a very fair covering of native grasses, mostly the coarse silver-tussock, with some oat and barley grasses (*Danthonia* species), and also a little of the small blue-tussock; but a good deal of the country has steep slip-faces, which causes waste. In a general way, the low country on each side of the Clarence River is lambing country.

On the Kekerangu side, between the Boundary Stream and the Mead, the land immediately next the Clarence is of poor quality, growing mostly manuka scrub and tauhinu, with clay soil, but further back the land is limestone and of better capabilities.

On the Reserve side, between the Jam and the Fidget, the country, though lying warm, is very steep and bare in its lower portions. The southern portion, towards the Elliott and Palmer Streams, is of course colder in winter than the central and northern portions. The limestone formation, both on Kekerangu and the Reserve, is a special favourable feature, as it enriches the soil and sweetens the pastures.

FRUIT AREAS.

There is undoubtedly a considerable area of land in scattered patches adapted to fruit-growing—land that would be of great value were it in a settled district. My knowledge of the Otago and Nelson fruit-growing lands makes me form this conclusion, and I ate the peaches off the trees growing wild at the Tytler. But the question of fruit-growing in the Clarence need not come into consideration at present, because even if a good road were constructed over the range towards Kaikoura until such time as there is railway connection given, or a harbour constructed at Kaikoura so as to have regular steam communication, it would be impossible to market fruit. The question of fruit-growing in the Clarence might perhaps best wait consideration until such time as the present lease of the Assets Reserve expires.

ROADING-ACCESS.

There is positively none at present, except pack-tracks very much out of repair; and I will here remark that the Crown has been very neglectful in not devoting some of the annual rentals received in a gradual roading of this country, whether by improved pack-tracks or dray-roads. At present the want of accessibility is a complete bar to possible settlement. There should at least be tracks safe enough for the King's writ to be served through the country. At present this is not so. In going through, as you are aware, pioneers had to cut the track ahead. I do not suppose there has been any demand in the past by individuals for road grants, as sometimes interests are best served by keeping pastoral country locked up and inaccessible. Irrespective of how this country may be dealt with, improved track access should be given, especially as such a large area of Crown lands is concerned.

Access from Kekerangu.—Possibilities here are a dray-road formed through Mr. Rutherford's freehold to the Ouse Stream and thence by improved pack-track to the Mead and Dee. This is the low-lying outlet into the valley. The road would go over one side of Ragged Robin. Not having seen the country, I am unaware if there is a possibility of forming a road at a lower level, over by Mole Hill and along Clarence River to the Ouse.

Surveyed Road round the Warder down the Kahutara.—This is the line of road we looked at from Trig. Station, and if funds were forthcoming I presume it may be taken as the real road access to the Clarence; but the fact of it being laid off on the south side of the Warder might mean its being blocked by snow for a time in winter.

Palmer Conway Saddle.—After access from Kekerangu this is the next lowest saddle, and is generally passable on horseback through winter. To form a dray-road this way looked too impracticable.

Via Lake Macrae and Carter's Saddle.—A rough dray-track could be got in this way at least cost, but roading of this kind would not develop settlement.

PRESENT POSSIBILITIES OF EFFECTING SETTLEMENT.

At present Kaikoura district lies remote from centres of population, has no railway or regular steam communication, and I am of the opinion that the time has not yet come to effect the settlement that is sure to take place sooner or later. Some day there will be women and children settled in the Clarence, but it is of no use now to spend thousands in roading and purchasing the freeholds unless there was a guarantee that at least twenty families would be settled in the valley. Most likely if the Reserve and Kekerangu were cut up into, say, fifteen small grazing-runs and taken up, it might be found that the owners would on one pretext or another live out of the valley with their families. When the time comes an effort should be made to send in and settle a special settlement, making the areas from 300 up to 5,000 acres or more—small holders and small-grazing-run people mixed—a settlement that would insure at least two schools in the valley, &c. I feel confident that the valley will support a moderate population, but it is of no use trying to effect settlement with only a few isolated owners living here and there.

Kekerangu Station might be dealt with in this way a year before the lease expires: The country containing the "gridiron" freehold, between the Dee and the Red Hill Streams, might be leased for a further term of years so as to fall in with the Reserve lease when it expires. The country between the Mead and the Dee might be offered as a small grazing-run, between the Mead and the Ouse as another, and the Little Ned and the Pikes as a third.

The Whernside Block could be offered either on small-grazing-run or pastoral tenure, with a new pack-track on future line of proposed dray-road. This latter scheme would not interfere with the general scheme of future settlement of the Clarence, which should take place when the leases of the Reserve and the Molesworth fall in. If any of the Kekerangu country were offered on small-grazing-run tenure as I suggest, the rentals should be moderate, as tenants would have to improve their country and might have to pack their wool out.

I have written this rather hurriedly, but, condensed, my idea is that the time has not yet quite come for selling the Clarence. Fifteen years or so will soon go by, and in the meantime improvement of access might be given effect to gradually.

The freehold belonging to the Assets Company is by no means an absolute key to the remainder of the Reserve country. The Crown lands are workable without the freehold, though, of course, are better worked with it.

Small grazing-runs could be laid off topographically without survey. This has been done in Otago.

T. A. FRASER,
Inspector of Stock (in charge.)

The Commissioner of Crown Lands, Blenheim.

Enclosure No. 3.

Department of Agriculture, Kaikoura, 2nd April, 1906.

I BEG to submit the following report on the suitability of the Clarence Valley for closer settlement:—

With regard to Kekerangu, I will admit there is a small amount of suitable country in the front; but after getting into the Clarence Valley itself, the country is extremely poor, and much denuded by rabbits and fires.

The top portion of the run is very fair country, and would make one or two nice runs if the rabbits were cleared and the country grassed; but so much of it has been ruined by burning at the wrong season of the year that it would take some years before it could be said to be suitable for settlement.

With regard to the country held by the Assets Realisation Board, there is no doubt it could be put into two or three fair runs; but, as in the case of Kekerangu, summer fires and rabbits have done so much harm that no person without a fair amount of capital could ever hope to make much headway.

The whole of the valley is very much broken up by large streams; and though no doubt a road could be got through, it would, in my opinion, be a very expensive matter, and whether, for the small number of persons that could be settled in the valley in its present state, it would warrant the expense of making it is an open question.

FRANK W. SUTTON,
Inspector of Stock.

H. T. Turner, Esq., Inspector in Charge, Christchurch.

Enclosure No. 4.

REPORT on the CLARENCE VALLEY, commencing at and including a Part of the Kekerangu Valley, owned or leased by E. S. and E. L. Rutherford, and terminating at the Junction of the Clarence River with its Tributary the Acheron.

Descriptive.

Blenheim, 11th April, 1906.

Apparently the whole area visited was originally a plain of Tertiary formation (clays and limestones), and has subsequent to the Tertiary period been subject to enormous seismic action, causing the upheaval of the vast piles of metamorphic rocks known as the Inland and Seaward Kaikouras, at the same time throwing the Tertiary rocks into confused hummocks. About the basin of the Seymour we have evidence of volcanic agency in basaltic rocks, some having an altitude of 4,000 ft.; and also the Warden Mountain, which is formed of scoria-ash, several breached cones being observed. Beyond the volcanic belt we again come to metamorphic rocks, with occasional hummocks of Tertiary formation. The two main ranges (the Kaikouras) which encompass the valley are in close proximity, running parallel to each other at an average distance of $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles. From Tapuaenuku (9,465 ft.) on the north side of the valley to Tarahaka (7,500 ft.) on the south, opposite, the distance is $10\frac{1}{2}$ miles; from Mount Major (7,476 ft.) to Kaitarau (8,562 ft.), opposite, the distance is $10\frac{1}{2}$ miles; from Mount St. Bernard (7,398 ft.) and the Tytler Rocks (5,286 ft.), the distance is $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles; and from the Dillon Cone (7,132 ft.) to Mount Horrible (5,141 ft.) the distance is only $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles. From these main ranges run long, steep spurs, which frequently terminate at the river in high bluffs. In many cases these spurs are bare rock with running-shingle sides, and between each spur runs a rapid mountain-torrent with a fall of often 1,000 ft. per mile; in some instances these torrents have burst through the heaped-up limestone and made ravines hundreds of feet in height. This is the character of the valley from the mouth of the river to its junction with the Acheron, aforesaid.

There are small flats at the mouths of the Fidget and Dubious Streams, up the Branch Stream about the Bluff homestead, and various strips on the south-east side of the Clarence from the old Tytler homestead to the Seymour, about 800 acres; on the northern side of the Warden there are about 400 acres of easy ploughable downs, and some small flats near the Palmer, but to no extent; from the mouth of the Dillon Stream to the mouth of the Acheron there is a good flat of about 1,500 acres; near Lake McRae 500 acres of easy slope could be ploughed; and there are small alluvial flats in the Guide and Acheron Valleys; in the two last-named valleys the mountains are more regularly defined, and the country loses its hummocky character.

Soil and Climate

The valley of the Kekerangu has small level patches of land and terraces of alluvium. When rising the Ladies Range and Whernside, the soil becomes hard and clayey on Tertiary formation; it could be made to grow good sheep-pasture. On the broken limestone ranges and hummocks in the Clarence Valley the soil is good where the slope of the land permits its retention, and in the basins a good warm chalk-soil obtains. The clay hummocks in days past no doubt had fair marly soil, but fires and causes hereinafter mentioned have denuded this country of the richest soil and plant-food. Where the erosion from the mountains has found lodgment on gentle slopes and basins it has made good land for pasture under favourable conditions. The volcanic portions of the valley, in my opinion, afford the best soil where the lay of the country permits its retention; and in the upper valleys of the Elliott, Tweed, Dillon, Guide, and Acheron, the soil has not been subjected to such antagonistic agencies as in the lower valleys, and is capable of growing rich pasture and crops, but unfortunately there is a very limited extent of it; the land here receives rest during four or five months in winter by the frequent presence of snow. I think 100,000 acres would be a fair estimate of the soil in the whole valley fit for pasture.

The climate is bracing and healthy, the valley being protected from the cold south-east winds by the Lookers-on. The constant river-flow proclaims a fair rainfall, and, except for the danger of heavy snow in the higher portions of the area, the land is favourable for depasturing, profitably, merino sheep, Scotch highland cattle, deer, and chamois.

Flora and Fauna.

The steep slopes east of the Whernside Mountain are fairly clothed in mixed forest, in which birch predominates; on the west and south of Whernside the country was originally birch forest, but was burnt standing, and the land is now covered with a growth of fern, tauhinu, and scrub. After leaving Coverham, no extent of forest is to be seen; here and there in the gullies a few acres of stunted birch and mountain totara are found; and in the upper portions of the main valley a few lacebark-trees are growing. A lot of the land over which fire has swept, from time to time, is growing manuka, tauhinu, tematakouri, and mikimiki; here and there, as the valley is ascended, are bunches of spear and snow grass—the blue-grass is rarely seen below the Elliott Stream. This latter valuable grass, I have been informed, was once general throughout the whole valley; now only coarse tussock remains—even the native danthonias have been mostly destroyed by fire and rabbits; a little is left on the limestone country; but for forty miles, except round the old homesteads, nothing but tussock is seen in the shape of grass, and even that in many places has been ruthlessly burnt out and bare earth only meets the eye. Indiscriminate firing for years has devastated the country, and what fire left the rabbits have finished off.

The rabbits are very numerous there now. We saw few birds, some paradise ducks, two or three grey ducks, and some sea-gulls (who go into the fastnesses to breed). The sheep we met, although healthy, appeared to work hard for a living; in the Guide Valley we came across a herd of half-bred Highland cattle, looking well; but in these upper valleys of the Acheron, Guide, Tweed, &c., the pasture is good and the rabbits less numerous. This country is liable to snow in winter, and it was here we found the blue-grass, some cocksfoot, and clover.

There was not much briar below the Elliott, but in its valley and the terraces on the main river in its vicinity we found sweetbriar flourishing—splendid plants, with berries enough to seed all New Zealand. I did not see any blackberry. We saw and tasted good apples, plums, and peaches, grown around the old homesteads, and there is no doubt but that these fruits will grow and ripen; but except for use of the inhabitants I cannot see any advantage to grow fruits in the inaccessible Clarence Valley, when there are all the sheltered nooks in the Awatere, Pelorus, and Sounds Districts, where fruits grow and ripen equally well, and are within easy reach of markets. We saw the famous grape-vines at the Bluff and Quail Flat; the vines had plenty of grapes on them, but they were the greenest things we saw in the course of our journey, and from inquiry we learnt that they were not expected to ripen. The apples were free from codlin-moth, but had American blight.

Present Position and Future Potentialities.

The valley is at present absorbed by four large pastoral runs, viz.,—Kekerangu, including the White Hills and Whernside Runs (Messrs. E. S. and E. L. Rutherford): Leasehold 75,400 acres, freehold 28,210 acres—total, 103,610 acres; depasturing approximately 22,000 sheep; lease expires March, 1908. Clarence (Assets Realisation Board): Leasehold 114,300 acres, freehold 16,673 acres—total, 130,973 acres; depasturing approximately 21,000 sheep. Molesworth (Lake McRae portion), (W. Acton Adams): Leasehold 43,000 acres, freehold 726 acres—total, 43,726 acres; depasturing on an average 6,000 sheep. Dillon (New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited)): Leasehold 74,300 acres, freehold 3,046 acres—total, 77,346 acres; depasturing approximately 10,000 sheep. Grand total, 355,655 acres, depasturing 59,000 sheep, or an average of a trifle over 6 acres for the upkeep of one sheep. With the exception of the Warder Mountain the freeholds secure all the best frontage. The lease of the Clarence Run expires 1st March, 1920; the Molesworth 1st March, 1918; the Dillon Run is only let from year to year. The total rents received by the Crown for these runs is £1,428 16s. 8d. Kekerangu and Clarence have been spoilt with fire and rabbits, and it would take heroic measures to bring back the country to anything like its previous condition.

The country is not suitable for close settlement: First, there is only sufficient low country to work the high ranges with—cut off the land suitable for small farmers and the high country becomes valueless; second, the cost of dray-road access is prohibitive; third, subdivision fences would not stand

one winter in the high country; fourth, the land would be unproductive in a small way, unless fenced, regressed, and rested from stock-grazing for three years, besides thorough rabbiting. The access is bad whichever way it is attempted. At the most, I think the whole valley could not be cut up to advantage into more than twenty-three small grazing-runs, averaging 15,500 acres each (the area seems large, but the low working-country is so limited), and an area or areas reserved outside for shearing and homestead sites.

If it is deemed advisable to provide for more runs than at present, firstly, the freeholds would have to be acquired, all the pastoral leases resumed by the Crown, the whole valley thoroughly rabbitied for two years, at all seasons, and every bait and means used for the destruction of the pest, and all stock removed for three years; and, secondly, about 60,000 acres would have to be sown with *Danthonia*, cocksfoot, sheep's fescue, and clover. Provided the valley was rehabilitated in this manner, I think it within practical lines to suggest that stock-driving tracks—say 4 ft. wide—could be made *via* Chaytor's Saddle from Kekerangu, for the lower valley, open at all times of the year; another track could be made across the Seaward range of mountains *via* the Kahutara Saddle, free from snow for eight months—this would suit the central portion of the valley; whilst for the upper valley and Lake McRae country a good track *via* Guide Valley and Carter's Pass could be obtained, and would be available for stock from October till April. These tracks would provide all necessary access; the shearing reserves and homestead-sites being provided at Kekerangu, Kahutara Reserve, and Acheron. The cost of thus rehabilitating the valley would be considerable, and I venture to make an approximate estimate, which may give some guide in a rough way: Present rents received for Crown lands, capitalised at 5 per cent., £28,576; estimated value of freeholds to be purchased, £56,832; compensation to leaseholders, say, £4,000; loss of rent and interest on purchase-money for three years, £13,411; rabbiting, two years, sixty men, and material, £10,390; 60,000 acres to be sown with grass-seed, £30,000; sixty-six miles of 4 ft. tracks (in the solid) at £100 per mile, £6,600: total cost without survey, &c., £149,809. Allowing that by these means the carrying-capacity of the valley would be raised from 59,000 to 90,000 merino sheep, the rents that might be expected should be based on the sum of 1s. 9d. per head per annum. More than 1s. 9d. could not with safety be expected, as losses through snow in some years would be heavy. Such rents would produce £7,875 per annum—just about balance the cost. This is the only suggestion I have to offer for the closer settlement of the valley.

Upon referring to the lithograph of the Clarence Valley it will be seen that the Kekerangu freeholds are very disjointed, and that the central portions of the valley on the northern side have been grid-ironed. Should it be determined that it is not at present desirable to cut the valley up into small grazing-runs I respectfully suggest that the owners of Kekerangu be approached (before fresh pastoral licenses are issued) with a view to the consolidation of the freeholds into one block and the leaseholds into another—lands east of the Dee River being exchanged, value for value, for freehold west of the said river. Another runholder could by this means be introduced into the valley.

In my opinion, this country is only suitable for occupation by men of means, and, as an inducement to pastoral lessees to assist to bring the country back to fertility and clear it of pests, leases of not less than twenty-one years should be offered, and a condition to periodically rest blocks of each run from stock be introduced.

Brown coal in vertical narrow seams 1½ in. thick with a foot of shale, was seen in the vicinity of Quail Flat. These seams might come together at some distance in the earth, but the quality is poor, and the coal of little value.

W. B. BUCKHURST,
Crown Lands Ranger.

Enclosure No. 5.

Survey Department, Blenheim, 17th April, 1906.

I BEG to report herewith on the question of subdividing the Clarence Valley for settlement.

The area of the country known as the Clarence Valley is situated in the Whernside, Tapuaenuku, Upcot, Barefell, Acheron, Tone, Greenburn, and Kaitarau Survey Districts. Starting from a point marked "Burnt Saddle" on the accompanying plan, lying in a north-westerly direction from the mouth of the Kekerangu River and homestead, a distance of about eight miles, it extends thence in a south-westerly direction for fully sixty miles, to the junction of the Acheron and Clarence Rivers. Between these points is embraced the area of land under consideration.

Although I am, according to instructions, submitting a scheme of possible subdivision of the above lands, I wish it to be clearly understood that I consider the country in question utterly unadapted for close settlement for the following reasons: First, it ranges in altitude up to 9,000 ft. above sea-level, and is subject to very heavy falls of snow for half the year; second, a very large percentage of the country consists of bare rock and shingle, and it is practically worthless; third, the extreme difficulty of fencing—which, moreover, would never stand; fourth, the continual cost of coping with the rabbits, which are much in evidence; fifth, the distance from market, and great difficulty of access necessitating an outlay of perhaps £35,000 on roads, which, owing to the nature of the country, would require continuous expenditure for maintenance (this estimate does not include the cost of bridges); sixth, the cost of resuming some 33,586 acres of freehold.

The areas of freehold and leasehold in the valley are as follow: Kekerangu Run, &c., 12,946 acres freehold, 76,100 acres leasehold; Clarence Run, 16,673 acres freehold, 114,300 acres leasehold; Dillon Run, 3,047 acres freehold, 74,300 acres leasehold; portion of Molesworth Run, 726 acres freehold, 40,000 acres leasehold: totals, 33,392 acres freehold, 304,700 acres leasehold.

If the Department should decide on having the land subdivided, I beg to submit the following scheme, illustrated by the accompanying plan, which provides for twelve small grazing-runs and three

pastoral runs. These latter could not easily be avoided owing to the absence of suitable homestead-sites within the area prescribed by the Act, as the limit of a small grazing-run is 20,000 acres. The first step would be for the Crown to resume the 33,392 acres of freehold above mentioned. It would, of course, be absolutely necessary to provide one means of road access to each run. A road from Kekerangu to Quail Flat, with offshoots across the Clarence Run where necessary, would give access to Runs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, and 12, and Pastoral Run C. A road from Quail Flat to Lake McRae homestead would give access to Small Grazing-run No. 7. Runs Nos. 8 and 9 already have access by the existing dray-road up the Acheron River, leading from the Hanmer Plains. Access to Pastoral Run A could be easily gained by a road down the Clarence Valley from the present dray-road at the Acheron Accommodation-house, about seven miles distant. Access to Pastoral Run B could be provided by a road from Quail Flat. The total length of the above proposed roads is about seventy miles, and their construction might cost anything from £500 to £800 per mile, and the maintenance would be a continual source of expense owing to the steep and broken nature of the country and the frequent shingle-slides. A road has also been explored from Quail Flat to the Reserve Station, on the main road on the Kahutara River. There are numerous rough pack-tracks leading from the valley to Reserve Station, Molesworth Station, the Upper Awatere, and the Acheron Accommodation-house.

Description of Proposed Small Grazing-runs and Pastoral Runs.

Small Grazing-run No. 1 contains about 16,700 acres; about ten miles distant from main road at Kekerangu Station; well-watered country; rises to an altitude of 5,000 ft. above sea-level. The country is very broken, and consists of steep limestone tussock spurs, and hillsides fairly well clad with tussock-grass. There is also a small area of mixed forest on the run, lying between the Trig. marked "The Pikes" on plan, and the Clarence River. There is no suitable homestead-site on this run, so it would be necessary to resume freehold Section 5 adjoining, for this purpose, containing 248 acres.

Small Grazing-run No. 2 contains about 18,900 acres; about nineteen miles distant from the main road at Kekerangu Station; well-watered country; rises to an altitude of 9,465 ft. above sea-level. A large proportion of this area in the high altitudes is composed of rough, broken, rocky spurs, with patches of tussocks and alpine vegetation. The lower portion contains a belt of limestone formation, running through it in a south-westerly direction, clad with fair tussock feed.

Small Grazing-run No. 3 contains about 15,600 acres; about thirty miles distant from the main road at Kekerangu Station; well-watered country; rises to an altitude of 9,465 ft. above sea-level. About a third of the area is composed of bare rocks and shingle-slides, subject to falls of snow from four to six months in the year. The balance of the country consists of steep spurs covered with fair tussock feed. There is also a belt of limestone formation running through the area.

Small Grazing-run No. 4 contains about 19,600 acres; about thirty-six miles from the main road at Kekerangu Station; well-watered country; rises to an altitude of 9,400 ft. above sea-level. About 7,000 acres of this run is practically worthless, and is composed of rocks and shingle-slides, subject to falls of snow during four to six months in the year. The balance of the run consists of steep tussock spurs, with fairly good feed on them, and a belt of limestone formation running through it.

Small Grazing-run No. 5 contains about 19,400 acres; about forty-two miles distant from the main road at Kekerangu Station; well-watered country; rises to an altitude of 7,000 ft. above sea-level. About 6,000 acres of this on the northern portion consists of bare rocky faces and steep shingle-slides. The balance of the country is fairly good, with easy slopes of limestone formation lying through it and very good tussock feed on it. There are some small paddocks adjoining the existing homestead, containing some fairly good feed. Improvements have been made on this run, consisting of a substantial cob house, implement-shed, barn, and water-wheel for driving chaff-cutter, &c. This run can be approached at present from Quail Flat homestead, with a rough dray-road.

Small Grazing-run No. 6 contains about 19,900 acres; about fifty-two miles distant from the main road at Kekerangu Station; well-watered country; rises to an altitude of 7,400 ft. above sea-level. A large proportion of this area is composed of rough rocky tops, and shingle-slides, and steep broken spurs. The balance adjoining the Clarence River consists of rough hills, clad with tussocks, flax, fern, &c. Some of the gullies contain some good rough feed, consisting of English grass and tussock. There is an old whare on this run, with a small plantation of willow-trees adjoining. Access to the run can be gained already by a rough pack-track leading from the main road, Upper Awatere, up the Tone River, and down the Two-mile Creek, and also from the Hanmer Plains, *via* Lake McRae, and up the Elliott Stream from Quail Flat.

Small Grazing-run No. 7 contains about 20,000 acres; rises to an altitude of 6,426 ft. above sea-level; about fifty-seven miles distant from main road at Kekerangu Station; well-watered country. A great deal of this land is composed of rocky hillsides and shingle-slides; in the high altitudes, on the lower portions, the hills are fairly well clad with tussock and snow-grass. Some of the valleys, such as the Tweed and Lake Valley, contain excellent rough feed, consisting of snow-grass and English grass.

Small Grazing-run No. 8 contains about 18,400 acres; rises to an altitude of 5,442 ft. above sea-level; well-watered country. Access to this run can be already gained by the existing dray-road running up the Acheron River from the Hanmer Plains, a distance of about twenty-five miles. A large area of this country is very mountainous, and covered with very poor feed on the tops. The portions lying between the head of the Dillon River and the Guide contain some very good land, and the feed is very fair; but the snow lies heavily in this locality in the winter months. There is also very good feed on the small flats adjoining the Dillon and Acheron Rivers.

Small Grazing-run No. 9 contains about 19,200 acres; rises to an altitude of 5,500 ft. above sea-level; country well watered. Access can already be gained to this run by an existing dray-road. About fourteen miles distant from the Hanmer Plains. This road is often blocked with snow-drifts in the winter, especially in the vicinity of Jollie's Pass. On certain occasions Jollie's Pass has been blocked

for traffic for nearly two months in the year. The greater portion of this run is very mountainous, and unsafe to carry sheep during the winter; and the feed on the high altitudes is very light. From the junction of the Acheron and Clarence Rivers towards the Dillon Stream, there is an area of about 1,000 acres of ploughable flat land, covered with good mixed feed. This particular flat is also subject to heavy falls of snow in the winter.

Small Grazing-run No. 10 contains about 19,500 acres; rises to an altitude of about 5,200 ft. above sea-level; country well watered; about fifty miles distant from main road at Kekerangu Station. This country, although rising to a high altitude, contains some fairly well-grassed hills and spurs. On the high portions lying to the south the land is practically worthless, and subject to falls of snow during the year.

Small Grazing-run No. 11 contains about 19,500 acres; rises to an altitude of about 8,500 ft. above sea-level; about thirty-eight miles distant from the main road at Kekerangu Station; well-watered country. The southern portion of this run, in the high altitudes, contains chiefly bare rock and shingle-slides. The lower portions adjoining the Clarence River consist of fairly well-grassed tussock spurs.

Small Grazing-run No. 12 contains about 19,580 acres; rises to an altitude of about 8,500 ft. above sea-level; about thirty-six miles distant from the main road at Kekerangu Station; well-watered country. The southern portion of this run, adjoining the Seaward Kaikouras, consists of bare rocks and shingle-slides, and steep, broken, rocky spurs; the lower portions adjoining the Clarence River contain a few small flats and steep spurs, covered with tussock, snow-grass, and scrub. On this run there is a small hut and plantation of willow-trees, adjoining the Fidget Stream.

Pastoral Run A contains about 43,800 acres; well watered; rises to an altitude of 7,132 ft. above sea-level; about twenty miles distant from the Hanmer Plains *via* Jollie's Pass. Access can already be gained to this run by a rough dray-road leading from the Acheron Accommodation-house to the mouth of the Dillon River. The southern portion of this run contains some fairly good tussock feed, but the bulk of the high country lying between Mount Giles and the Dillon Cone consists of shingle-slides and bare rocky tops, and the snow lies heavily in that vicinity during the winter months. A suitable site for a homestead can be obtained at the junction of the Dillon and Clarence Rivers.

Pastoral Run B contains about 56,600 acres; rises to an altitude of 5,000 ft. above sea-level; well-watered country; about fifty-five miles distant from main road, Kekerangu Station. The northern portion of this run, adjoining the Clarence River, contains some very good limestone hills, clad with tussock and grass; the balance lying towards the south is very rough, and consists of shingle-slides and bare rocks. Access can already be gained to this run by steep rough pack-tracks leading from the Conway Accommodation-house, and up the Conway River, and down the Palmer River; and also from the Reserve Station at the Kahutara River, on the main road, by the present track in use.

Pastoral Run C contains about 26,800 acres; rises to an altitude of 7,000 ft. above sea-level; about forty-six miles distant from the main road at Kekerangu Station; well-watered country. The southern portion of this run consists of very bare, steep, rocky faces and shingle-slides, subject to heavy falls of snow during the winter months; the northern portions fronting the Clarence River consist of good tussock hills (limestone formation) and rough spurs lightly clad with tussock, flax, and scrub; and adjoining the river there are also some small flats, suitable for a homestead-site.

The approximate length of the Clarence River from the mouth to its junction with the Acheron is about ninety-nine miles. The mouth of the Acheron is about 2,400 ft. above the level of the sea. Average fall of Clarence River is about 27 ft. to the mile; this has also already been calculated by the office.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands, Blenheim.

D. W. GILLIES,
District Surveyor.

Table 1.—SUMMARY OF LANDS ABSOLUTELY DISPOSED OF from the Foundation of the Colony, with TOTAL CASH received to the 31st March, 1906.

District.	Total Area sold and held on Freehold.	Total Area granted or reserved under Acts.	Total Area sold or otherwise finally disposed of from the Foundation of the Colony.	Total Cash received to the 31st March, 1906, exclusive of Rents.	Total Area disposed of on Leasehold Tenures of a Permanent Character.	Total Area open for Selection on 31st March, 1906.	Total Area remaining for future Disposal, exclusive of Area in preceding Column, and of Native Lands.
	A. R. P.	A. B. P.	A. B. P.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.
Auckland	2,087,781 2 11	3,449,449 1 12	5,537,230 3 23	858,073 17 4	1,130,004 0 38	826,589 0 0	820,964 0 0
Hawke's Bay	1,430,955 0 36	397,751 1 39	1,828,706 2 35	726,170 9 8	625,420 0 15	25,013 0 0	153,814 0 0
Taranaki	440,415 0 23	692,465 0 5	1,132,880 0 28	860,999 2 6	400,237 2 14	106,799 0 0	185,000 0 0
Wellington	2,203,382 2 13	1,333,113 0 34	3,536,495 3 7	2,456,154 11 0	595,536 0 19	44,670 0 0	296,200 0 0
Nelson	510,176 2 13	846,563 3 18	1,356,740 1 31	461,062 3 5	139,978 2 21	308,171 0 0	2,824,883 0 0
Marlborough	854,083 3 29	216,650 3 5	1,070,734 2 34	342,698 10 8	461,710 0 8	135 1 7	25,000 0 0
Westland	66,615 2 18	149,371 2 30	215,987 1 8	75,891 6 10	70,113 3 34	102,070 2 24	1,536,167 0 0
Canterbury	3,517,940 2 18	1,543,860 1 28	5,061,801 0 6	6,470,109 15 7	548,051 3 8	48,433 0 0	454,639 0 0
Otago	2,046,482 3 1	701,947 3 8	2,748,430 2 9	2,217,942 13 3	940,016 1 30	63,714 3 7	529,989 0 0
Southland	1,602,028 1 25	2,922,999 2 6	4,525,027 3 31	1,902,025 2 7	303,972 0 25	63,967 0 0	498,026 0 0
Totals	14,759,862 1 27	12,254,173 0 25	27,014,035 2 12	16,371,127 12 10	5,215,041 0 12	1,589,562 2 38	7,324,682 0 0

Table 2.—LANDS OPENED FOR SALE and SELECTION during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

Land District.	Optional System.	Cash by Auction.	Lease by Auction and Application.	Village Allotments.	Pastoral Runs.	Small Grazing-runs.	S.G. Runs, Land for Settlements.	Lease in Perpetuity only.	Lease in Perpetuity, Land for Settlements.	Native Towns.	Totals.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Auckland	71,029	49	1,533	132	13,142	8,191	41,426	4,671	10,224	..	137,255
Hawke's Bay	9,681	25	478	1,450	..	4,215	1,886	..	12,431	..	43,308
Taranaki	18,732	292	..	..	..	..	..	1,541	181	..	20,746
Wellington	13,481	59	274	190	..	7,418	..	..	2,397	..	23,819
Nelson	4,625	..	77	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90,610
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	1,580	7,000	30,731	85,908	14,209	..	53,520
Westland	..	..	92	92	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,857
Canterbury	18	8	4,208	2	5,658	..	..	..	15,308	..	25,202
Otago	4,325	162	..	..	122,924	..	1,200	1,073	21,141	..	150,825
Southland	10,592	564	4,530	211	61,567	..	..	*3,183	344	..	80,991
Totals	132,483	1,159	11,192	2,077	204,871	26,824	75,243	111,049	76,235	..	641,133

* Includes 127 acres perpetual lease.

Table 3 (Part I).—SUMMARY of LANDS taken up during the Year ended 31st March, 1906 (exclusive of Pastoral Runs and Miscellaneous Leases).

For Details see	Tenures.	Auckland.		Hawke's Bay.		Taranaki.		Wellington.		Nelson.		Marlborough.		Westland.		Canterbury.		Otago.		Southland.		Total Area taken up during Year.
		A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	
Table 5—	ORDINARY CROWN LANDS.																					
" 5—	Cash lands	1,550	2 25	196	2 5	1,771	0 14	546	3 11	4,704	3 4	41	0 20	..	..	65	3 14	455	1 8	1,790	1 26	11,122 2 7
" 6—	Deferred payment	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 7—	Perpetual lease and small areas ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	126	3 15	126 3 15
" 8—	Occupation with right of purchase ..	63,395	3 37	24,176	0	220,212	0 0	31,317	3 19	626	2 28	..	..	1,466	1 22	23	0 36	1,885	3 19	14,328	1 21	157,432 1 24
" 9—	Lease in perpetuity	19,859	1 24	3,459	2 33	13,511	3 0	1,021	1 24	16,468	0 27	955	0	14,380	1 38	..	..	4,773	1 37	5,049	0 2	79,428 1 25
" 10—	Agricultural leases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 11—	Occupation lease under "Mining Districts Land Occupation Act, 1894" ..	262	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	372	1 13	..	..	11	1 32	..	..	531	0 27	17	1 0	1,194 0 32
" 12—	Village settlement, cash	19	3 8	16	2 39	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1 38	..	..	..	..	..	..	40 0 5
" 12—	Village settlement, deferred pay- ment	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 12—	Village settlement, perpetual lease ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 12—	Village settlement, occupation with right of purchase	..	..	40	3 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40 3 6
" 12—	Village settlement, lease in perpe- tuity	22	2 1	1,485	3 23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2 5	..	..	56	0 14	368	0 31	1,934 0 34
" 12—	Village - homestead special settle- ment	..	..	..	..	..	..	285	0 5	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1 7	..	..	..	..	287 1 12
" 14—	Special-settlement associations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 32—	Improved-farm special settlement.. ..	..	..	..	..	10	0 0	537	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	547 0 0
" 15—	Homestead	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 16—	Small grazing-runs	2,012	0 0	10,005	0 0	..	..	8,303	1 37	..	..	8,291	0 0	..	..	2,331	0 0	..	..	..	..	30,942 1 37
Totals		87,122	1 15	39,380	2 28	35,504	3 14	42,011	2 16	22,171	3 32	9,287	0 20	15,813	1 15	2,422	1 17	7,701	3 25	21,680	0 15	283,096 0 37
Table 5—	CHEVIOT ESTATE.																					
" 5—	Cash lands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2 0	..	..	..	..	1 2 0
" 9—	Lease in perpetuity	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 12—	Village-homestead special settle- ment	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 16—	Grazing-farms	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACTS.																						
" 5—	Cash lands	1	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	3 13	..	..	..	..	7 3 13
" 9—	Lease in perpetuity	11,863	0 31	13,947	3 36	..	..	1,050	3 20	..	..	14,013	0 36	..	..	10,987	2 19	21,081	1 19	5,645	2 27	78,589 3 28
" 12—	Lease in perpetuity (village)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 14—	Special-settlement associations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 16—	Small grazing-runs	3,823	0 0	1,886	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	30,731	0 0	..	..	..	..	1,204	2 8	..	..	37,644 2 8
Grand totals		102,809	2 6	55,214	2 24	35,504	3 14	43,062	1 36	22,171	3 32	54,031	1 16	15,813	1 15	13,418	1 9	29,987	3 12	27,325	3	239,840 0 6

Table 3 (Part II).—SUMMARY OF LANDS : TRANSACTIONS up to the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

For Details	Tenures.	Exchanges from other Tenures during the Year.			Area held at 31st March, 1905.			Total Exchanges during the Year.			Total Forfeitures during the Year.			Total Surrenders during the Year.			Total Expires during the Year.			Total Area held on 31st March, 1906: Past and Current Transactions.			Total Area made Freehold to Date.		
		A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
Table	ORDINARY CROWN LANDS.																								
"	5—Cash lands ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12,812,512	3	24
"	6—Deferred payment ..	..	..	..	55,178	3	2	1,019	0	89	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38,910	3	25	
"	7—Perpetual lease..	..	..	..	121,378	1	18	235	3	26	335	3	28	207	1	36	..	..	..	..	..	113,275	2	33	
"	8—Occupation with right of purchase ..	..	..	..	1,198,646	1	15	..	..	..	17,708	1	33	1,214	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	1,312,188	0	19	
"	9—Lease in perpetuity ..	8,756	3	0	1,243,495	0	15	..	..	..	5,959	2	34	6,822	0	34	..	..	..	..	..	1,318,559	3	26	
"	10—Agricultural lease ..	..	..	..	542	1	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	3	9	..	..	521	2	21	
"	11—Occupation lease under "Mining Districts Land Occupation Act, 1894"	..	..	..	22,207	0	13	..	..	..	156	3	16	203	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	23,141	1	10	
"	12—Village settlement, cash ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
"	12—Village settlement, deferred payment ..	..	..	..	378	3	28	69	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	235	1	37	
"	12—Village settlement, perpetual lease ..	..	..	..	2,049	2	20	10	0	0	19	2	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,835	1	30	
"	12—Village settlement, occupation with right of purchase ..	..	..	..	22	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	2	10	
"	12—Village settlement, lease in perpetuity ..	69	2	8	9,388	2	34	..	..	..	218	3	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11,175	2	16	
"	12—Village - homestead special settlement ..	..	..	..	22,969	3	13	564	0	24	38	0	0	2	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	23,109	3	32	
"	14—Special-settlement associations ..	..	..	..	117,289	0	34	99	0	18	708	3	0	357	2	0	..	..	..	..	..	116,427	0	26	
"	32—Improved-farm special settlement..	..	..	..	62,826	0	10	..	..	..	100	0	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	62,868	2	21	
"	15—Homestead ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
"	16—Small grazing-runs ..	..	..	..	1,352,918	1	37	7,149	2	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
"	Totals ..	8,826	1	8	4,204,291	2	33	9,147	2	20	25,246	1	15	8,806	3	0	20	3	9	..	..	1,376,678	3	33	
Table	CHEVIOT ESTATE.																								
"	5—Cash lands ..	..	..	..	24,403	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	0	7	..	..	..	..	..	24,392	1	2	
"	9—Lease in perpetuity ..	..	..	..	2,480	1	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,480	1	0	
"	12—Village-homestead special settlements ..	..	..	..	46,020	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46,020	0	6	
"	16—Grazing-farms ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
"	LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACTS.																								
"	5—Cash lands ..	..	..	..	497,909	2	35	..	..	..	809	3	6	1,822	2	28	..	..	..	..	..	574,087	3	28	
"	9—Lease in perpetuity ..	..	..	..	448	2	20	..	..	..	0	2	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	448	0	4	
"	12—Lease in perpetuity (village) ..	..	..	..	2,114	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,114	1	9	
"	14—Special-settlement associations ..	..	..	..	128,861	1	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	166,505	3	24	
"	16—Small grazing-runs ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
"	Grand totals ..	8,826	1	8	4,906,529	2	8	9,147	2	20	26,056	2	37	10,640	1	35	20	3	9	..	..	5,215,041	0	12	
																							14,930,148	3	8

Table 4.—ANALYSIS of HOLDINGS taken up during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

Tenures.	No. of Selectors.	Average Holdings of Selectors.					No. of Selector 1,001 Acres and upwards.
		No. of Selectors under 1 Acre.	No. of Selectors 1 to 50 Acres.	No. of Selectors 51 to 250 Acres.	No. of Selectors 251 to 500 Acres.	No. of Selectors 501 to 1,000 Acres.	
ORDINARY CROWN LANDS—							
Cash lands	219	86	91	31	7	2	2
Deferred payment	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perpetual lease	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Occupation with right of purchase	388	..	38	147	98	79	31
Lease in perpetuity	293	23	28	134	68	31	9
Agricultural lease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Occupation lease under "The Mining Districts Land Occupation Act, 1894"	30	..	20	10	..	..	..
Village settlement, cash	39	29	10	..	..	..	..
Village settlement, occupation with right of purchase	2	..	2	..	..	..	..
Village settlement, lease in perpetuity	55	8	25	22	..	..	..
Village-homestead special settlement	49	5	43	1	..	..	..
Special-settlement associations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Improved-farm special settlement	3	..	..	3	..	..	..
Small grazing-runs	13	..	..	..	2	2	9
Pastoral runs	115	..	26	44	18	3	24
Thermal springs, Rotorua	23	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous leases and licenses	539	44	351	108	20	8	8
Totals	1,769	218	634	501	208	125	83
CHEVIOT ESTATE—							
Cash lands	4	4	..	..	..	..	..
Lease in perpetuity	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Village-homestead special settlement	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grazing-farms	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous	4	..	4	..	..	..	..
LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACTS—							
Cash lands	6	2	4	..	..	..	..
Lease in perpetuity	413	64	122	95	86	44	2
Lease in perpetuity, village	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Small grazing-runs	21	..	..	..	..	..	21
Miscellaneous	33	2	22	5	4	..	..
Grand totals	2,250	290	786	601	298	169	106

Table 5.—RETURN OF CROWN LANDS SOLD FOR CASH during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

District.	Area disposed of.										Average Price per Acre.				Consideration received.			
	Town.			Suburban.			Rural.				Total.							
	Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Number of Purchasers.	Area.	A.	R.	P.	Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Town.	Suburban.	Rural.	Cash.	Total.		
Auckland	2	0 3 17	..	..	29	1,549 3 8	31	1,550 2 25	38 10 9	..	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
Hawke's Bay	13	9 2 32	..	..	2	186 3 13	15	196 2 5	53 5 0	..	{ 0 11 2* 1 0 10 }	..	..	..	957 8 9	957 8 9		
Taranaki	23	9 3 23	6	29 1 31	3	1,731 3 0	32	1,771 0 14	41 18 2	5 9 10	{ 2 11 3 1 0 0 }	..	..	..	1,276 6 0	1,276 6 0		
Wellington	16	7 0 38	..	..	11	539 2 13	27	546 3 11	68 13 10	..	{ 1 8 9 1 0 7 }	..	..	..	1,384 9 3	1,384 9 3		
Nelson	..	..	..	..	20	4,704 3 4	20	4,704 3 4	..	..	{ 1 2 6 7 14 4 }	..	..	..	1,720 19 7	1,720 19 7		
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	2	41 0 20	2	41 0 20	..	..	{ 0 7 2 1 0 0 }	..	..	..	1,884 13 5	1,884 13 5		
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 2 2	..	..	..	251 2 6	251 2 6		
Otago	6	5 2 9	..	..	5	60 1 5	11	65 3 14	42 14 11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Southland	19	9 1 31	10	13 1 16	23	432 2 1	52	455 1 8	24 13 2-2	6 17 0-1	{ 0 7 2-7 0 19 8-6 }	..	..	..	716 8 5	716 8 5		
Totals	79	42 2 30	30	138 3 18	110	10,940 3 39	219	11,122 2 7	..	..	{ 0 6 5-9 0 7 0-07 }	..	..	..	751 4 5	751 4 5		
Oheviot Estate— Canterbury	4	1 2 0	..	..	..	..	4	1 2 0	46 13 4	..	2 10 7-6	..	..	..	808 18 2	808 18 2		
Land for Settlements— Auckland Canterbury	1 1	1 0 0 0 2 0	..	1 0 0	..	5 1 13	1 5	1 0 0 6 3 13	42 0 0 40 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	9,751 10 6	9,751 10 6		
Totals	2	1 2 0	1	1 0 0	3	5 1 13	6	7 3 13	82 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 10 1	..	..	70 0 0	70 0 0		
															42 0 0 86 5 2	42 0 0 86 5 2		
															128 5 2	128 5 2		

* Where two average prices are given, the first is for lands selected when an option was given to acquire them under other tenures, and the second when no such option was given.
† Inclusive of £22 9s. paid during previous year

Table 6.—RETURN OF DEFERRED-PAYMENT LANDS: TRANSACTIONS during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

District.	Forfeitures during the Year.				Exchanges during the Year.				Capitalised during the Year.				Net Area held on 31st March, 1906, including Capitalised Holdings.				Amount received during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Instalments payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Instalments payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Instalments payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Instalments and Interest payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.			
Auckland	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	17	1,486 2 27	65 1 6	23	2,530 1 23	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1,415 0 0	58 13 11	186 5 1				
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	497 0 0	42 10 0	182 14 11				
Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	213 0 22	44 17 10	242 1 10				
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	123	11,803 1 4	670 11 8	339 15 5				
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	866 1 5				
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	9,344 0 10	691 2 0	1,295 2 5				
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	6,191 1 32	197 3 4	353 15 3				
Otago	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	6,916 2 14	163 9 0	2,347 13 0				
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	192	38,910 3 25	1,870 4 1	5,813 9 4				
Totals..	..	..	..	5	1,019 0 39	24 10 2	17	1,486 2 27	65 1 6	192	38,910 3 25	1,870 4 1	5,813 9 4				

District.	Freehold acquired during the Year.			Made Freehold from Commencement of System to 31st March, 1906.			Selectors in Arrear on 31st March, 1906.		
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Total Amount realised, exclusive of Interest.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Total Amount realised, exclusive of Interest.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.
Auckland	17	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	5	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	5	A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Hawke's Bay	2	1,486 2 27	22,519 5 7	319	38,800 0 26	22,519 5 7	..	360 1 33	21 9 4
Taranaki	2	254 0 0	89,081 7 9	807	83,906 1 20	89,081 7 9	..	..	..
Wellington	3	637 0 0	237,998 19 1	1,301	156,700 3 13	237,998 19 1	..	..	..
Nelson	1	768 0 0	151,161 10 10	654	136,987 1 31	151,161 10 10	1	213 0 22	4 10 10
Marlborough	46	4,851 0 35	112,202 16 3	1,484	137,395 1 38	112,202 16 3	3	143 2 16	12 14 0
Westland	1	20 0 2	3,257 9 3	4,638	3,257 9 3	3,257 9 3	..	..	..
Canterbury	..	..	4,282 11 3	100	4,571 3 12	4,282 11 3	..	..	..
Otago	2	359 2 28	42,212 16 10	115	18,451 0 34	42,212 16 10	..	..	..
Southland	12	1,932 0 1	224,071 13 4	1,117	186,427 0 17	224,071 13 4	..	..	..
Totals..	82	4,781 3 38	250,127 13 5	1,301	186,012 1 38	250,127 13 5	..	..	..
Totals..	116	15,090 2 11	1,136,916 3 7	7,248	953,891 1 19	1,136,916 3 7	9	717 0 31	38 14 2

Table 7.—RETURN OF PERPETUAL-LEASE LANDS: TRANSACTIONS during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

District.	Taken up during the Year.			Exchanges to other Tenures during the Year.			Forfeitures during the Year.			Surrenders during the Year.		
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.
Auckland	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Otago	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	1	126 3 15	3 3 6	2	177 3 26	1 3 2	2	335 3 28	12 12 2	1	207 1 36	5 3 6
	1	126 3 15	3 3 6	235 3 26	20 8 2	2	335 3 28	12 12 2	2	207 1 36	5 3 6	

District.	Freeholds acquired during the Year.			Made Freehold from Commencement of System to 31st March, 1906.			Net Area held on 31st March, 1906.			Amount received during the Year ended 31st March, 1906 (exclusive of Amount from Perpetual Leases made Freehold).			Selectors in Arrear, 31st March, 1906.		
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount realised.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Total Amount realised, exclusive of Interest.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.
Auckland	6	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Otago	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	35	7,596 3 17	6,270 18	22,292	757,716 1	9,597,333 18 0	601	113,275 2 33	4,235 5 11	3,886 10 3	4,273 1 33	104 7 4	30	4,273 1 33	104 7 4

Table 8.—RETURN of OCCUPATION-WITH-RIGHT-OF-PURCHASE LANDS taken up during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

District.	Taken up during the Year.				Forfeitures during the Year.				Surrenders during the Year.				Exchanges during the Year.			
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Average Rent per Acre.	Annual Rental payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	£ s. d.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	£ s. d.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	£ s. d.
Auckland	188	63,395 3 37	0 8.4	2,124 12 10	24	12,113 3 12	399 11 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay	25	24,176 0 2	1 0	1,899 15 2	1	352 0 0	6 12 0	1	1,177 0 0	..	29 8 6	..	..	..	..	..
Taranaki	28	20,212 0 0	0 8.5	686 7 10	11	4,726 2 0	192 1 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington	60	31,317 3 19	1 1	1,703 2 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson	3	626 2 28	0 4	10 8 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland	4	1,466 1 22	0 5.5	33 16 4	1	150 0 0	3 15 0	..	37 0 0	..	0 18 6	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury	2	23 0 36	4 8	5 7 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago	11	1,885 3 19	0 5	39 14 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Southland	67	14,328 1 21	0 5.4	325 5 0	3	366 0 21	9 1 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	388	157,432 1 24	0 10.4	6,828 10 2	40	17,708 1 33	611 0 10	1	1,214 0 0	..	30 7 0	..	..	..	..	..

District.	Freeholds acquired during the Year.				Net Area held on 31st March, 1906.				Amount received during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.*				Selectors in Arrear, 31st March, 1906.			
	Number.	Area.	Amount received.	£ s. d.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	£ s. d.	On the Year's Transactions.	£ s. d.	On Past Transactions.	£ s. d.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.	£ s. d.
Auckland	43	5,499 0 23	2,569 9 0	2,569 9 0	2,200	602,714 1 7	17,655 9 4	1,062 6 5	1,062 6 5	11,267 17 6	6,061 11 3	7,011 8 10	145	32,753 1 4	814 0 7	814 0 7
Hawke's Bay	15	6,219 0 0	5,773 12 0	5,773 12 0	242	133,496 3 17	6,846 8 1	949 17 7	949 17 7	5,675 12 11	5,675 12 11	6,018 16 10	1	13,136 2 20	447 9 6	447 9 6
Taranaki	9	1,586 1 0	2,431 9 5	2,431 9 5	364	157,656 0 5	7,064 8 4	343 3 11	343 3 11	9,107 6 2	9,107 6 2	9,960 14 2	26	2,676 0 0	149 6 0	149 6 0
Wellington	23	6,024 1 31	8,237 18 11	8,237 18 11	664	231,609 2 22	12,806 9 9	858 8 0	858 8 0	930 4 11	930 4 11	985 18 2	15	736 0 0	22 1 2	22 1 2
Nelson	1	100 0 0	30 0 0	30 0 0	193	37,940 3 3	781 9 2	55 13 3	55 13 3	405 12 9	405 12 9	405 12 9	3	1,001 0 0	85 2 3	85 2 3
Marlborough	1	400 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	38	10,541 3 19	501 9 5	54 16 5	54 16 5	501 14 8	501 14 8	556 11 1	16	2,797 0 0	73 13 5	73 13 5
Westland	..	..	..	..	106	18,590 0 24	601 4 0	2 13 11	2 13 11	243 17 4	243 17 4	246 11 3	..	..	..	..
Canterbury	4	131 3 1	227 18 5	227 18 5	27	4,973 2 23	272 1 0	19 14 11	19 14 11	1,104 2 2	1,104 2 2	1,123 17 1	6	605 1 16	16 18 2	16 18 2
Otago	1	18 3 20	19 0 0	19 0 0	249	43,000 1 0	1,197 13 2	162 12 6	162 12 6	1,227 4 9	1,227 4 9	1,389 17 3	..	..	..	..
Southland	1	80 0 4	50 0 4	50 0 4	318	71,664 2 19	1,766 13 2	..	..	..	..	..	16	3,697 1 20	79 17 0	79 17 0
Totals	98	20,059 1 39	19,539 8 1	19,539 8 1	4,401	1,312,188 0 19	49,943 5 5	3,504 6 11	3,504 6 11	36,525 4 5	40,029 11 4	40,029 11 4	231	58,397 2 20	1,702 14 2	1,702 14 2

* Exclusive of amount paid for acquiring freehold.

Table 9.—RETURN OF LEASE-IN-PERPETUITY LANDS, 31st March, 1906.

District.	Taken up during the Year.				Exchanges from other Tenures during the Year.				Forfeitures during the Year.			
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Average Rental per Acre.	£ s. d.	Annual Rental payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Annual Rental.
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands—</i>												
Auckland ..	59	A. 19,859 1 24 R. P. 3,459 2 33	0 9.4	780 0 8	1	1	A. 48 3 0 R. P. 22 3 15	0 19 6	8	A. 2,346 0 0 R. P. 3,354 2 0	£ s. d. 71 14 2	£ s. d. 110 1 8
Hawke's Bay ..	8	13,511 3 0	0 7.2	408 6 8	..	..	797 0 0	19 18 6	..	..	..	..
Taranaki ..	20	1,021 1 24	0 4.8	330 18 2	2	2	6,623 0 0	163 18 2	..	..	..	..
Wellington ..	9	16,468 0 27	0 4.6	18 8 10	..	..	68 0 0	6 3 2	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	53	955 0 0	0 5.6	333 15 10	13	13	177 3 26	15 8 0	..	..	..	..
Marlborough ..	4	14,380 1 38	0 4.1	82 13 8	2	2	1,019 0 39	24 8 8	6	1 2 2	13 5 0	..
Westland ..	93	4,773 1 37	0 4.3	96 10 6	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	26	5,049 0 2	0 7.6	2,522 16 8	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago ..	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Southland ..	293	79,428 1 25	..	..	26	26	8,756 3 0	232 8 0	22	5,959 2 34	200 7 2	..
Totals ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Land for Settlements—</i>												
Auckland ..	82	11,863 0 31	2 8.5	1,610 3 0	..	..	..	..	3	4 1 32	5 7 0	..
Hawke's Bay ..	64	13,947 3 36	7 10.2	5,475 19 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington ..	16	1,050 3 20	12.10.8	678 1 2	..	..	..	..	2	9 0 12	34 15 0	..
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10 0 35	14 0 2	..
Marlborough ..	120	14,013 0 36	6 6	4,542 10 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	71	10,987 2 19	13 3.5	7,304 10 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago ..	44	21,081 1 19	4 0.4	4,251 2 10	..	..	..	..	3	562 0 7	163 14 2	..
Southland ..	16	5,645 2 27	2 6.8	724 13 6	..	..	..	..	1	224 0 0	54 3 2	..
Totals ..	413	78,589 3 28	6 3	24,587 0 4	..	..	..	..	10	809 3 6	271 19 6	..
Cheviot Estate ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ellesmere Endowment ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Table 9.—RETURN OF LEASE-IN-PERPETUITY LANDS, 31st March, 1906—continued.

District.	Surrenders during the Year.			Net Area held on 31st March, 1906.			Amount received during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.			Selectors in Arrear, 31st March, 1906.		
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	On the Year's Transactions.	On Past Transactions.	Total.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands—</i>												
Auckland.	1	A. 292 0 0 B. P. 0 0	£ s. d. 8 15 4	1,208	A. 298,436 0 7 R. P. 0 5	£ s. d. 8,251 4 2	£ s. d. 390 0 4	£ s. d. 6,374 8 6	£ s. d. 6,764 8 10	132	A. 27,501 3 23 B. P. 0 0	£ s. d. 793 8 11
Hawke's Bay	3	2,981 0 0	58 1 4	199	104,462 0 10	3,642 19 1	209 5 7	3,812 4 9	4,021 10 4	2	1,166 0 0	23 3 6
Taranaki	7	2,579 2 0	92 8 4	451	169,944 0 10	6,963 15 8	204 7 0	4,330 11 8	4,534 18 8	18	5,475 0 30	167 0 5
Wellington	1	181 0 15	7 3 4	482	140,736 0 31	6,092 12 2	42 5 5	5,798 1 9	5,840 7 2	18	4,049 0 0	192 1 6
Nelson	1	10 2 30	5 17 0	279	78,261 3 13	1,257 18 3	323 13 10	1,869 8 8	2,193 2 6	9	1,563 1 38	30 12 7
Marlborough	3	28 0 0	3 12 10	256	130,052 0 23	3,038 6 4	6 5 2	2,421 4 8	2,427 9 10	6	2,927 0 0	46 10 5
Westland	1	367 3 3	9 19 8	417	45,709 0 11	1,272 2 8	358 12 0	3,806 8 6	3,806 8 6	58	1,015 0 4	68 10 11
Canterbury	3	382 0 26	12 15 0	243	75,570 0 21	4,258 16 4	54 11 8	4,707 2 8	4,761 14 4	3	351 0 9	9 11 0
Otago	2			775	189,094 2 35	5,563 5 4	48 5 3	1,815 9 4	1,863 14 7	17	4,681 2 15	89 17 11
Southland	2			290	86,893 2 30	2,044 8 4				15	4,211 0 10	46 18 3
Totals.	21	6,822 0 34	198 12 10	4,599	1,318,559 3 26	42,385 8 4	1,637 6 3	35,410 11 4	37,047 17 7	278	52,941 1 8	1,467 15 5
<i>Land for Settlements—</i>												
Auckland	1	371 2 0	44 11 8	477	87,765 0 20	14,385 10 4	805 1 6	10,906 11 1	11,711 12 7	39	7,534 3 1	991 14 1
Hawke's Bay	1	803 3 0	207 8 10	397	107,399 2 1	35,177 1 6	2,737 19 7	32,816 9 6	35,554 9 1	8	3,441 2 36	762 16 10
Taranaki	1			29	2,418 0 7	2,319 4 2		2,268 0 5	2,268 0 5	9	492 2 34	476 19 11
Wellington	1			250	22,141 2 8	9,186 10 0	356 2 1	8,654 13 11	9,010 16 0	10	266 0 0	197 10 6
Nelson	4	237 0 38	99 10 0	291	54,422 0 13	12,284 2 6	3,762 1 5	7,041 8 4	10,808 9 9	11	2,704 1 27	250 5 2
Marlborough	1			26	4,990 1 4	538 11 8		563 5 1	563 5 1	42	3,347 1 1	723 3 2
Westland	3	181 1 0	126 4 0	1,117	170,239 0 11	63,025 6 8	3,735 15 0	51,740 5 11	55,476 0 11	25	5,208 2 16	991 3 1
Canterbury	1	229 0 0	65 16 10	429	79,206 1 29	23,916 5 0	3,843 8 5	17,724 7 3	21,567 15 8	29	7,595 2 9	1,247 6 10
Otago	1			215	45,505 3 15	10,250 17 0	362 6 9	7,818 1 8	8,180 8 5	173	30,591 0 4	5,640 19 7
Southland	10	1,822 2 28	543 11 4	3,231	574,087 3 28	171,083 8 10	15,602 14 9	139,533 3 2	155,135 17 11	1	60 3 38	3 13 2
Totals	1	11 0 7	5 10 6	118	24,392 1 2	6,450 14 6		5,981 17 2	5,981 17 2	1		
Cheviot Estate	1			68	13,937 0 0	1,399 13 2		1,269 14 7	1,269 14 7	1		
Ellesmere Endowment	1			68	13,937 0 0	1,399 13 2		1,269 14 7	1,269 14 7	1		

Table 10.—RETURN of AGRICULTURAL-LEASE LANDS taken up during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

District.	Taken up during the Year.				Expires during the Year.			Net Area held on 31st March, 1906.			Amounts received during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.					Made Freehold from Commencement of System to 31st March, 1906.				Selectors in Arrear on 31st March, 1906.	
	Number of Selectors.	Area taken up.	Average to each Selector.	Yearly Rental payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Rental payable.	On the Year's Transactions.	On Past Transactions.	Total.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Total Amount realised.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.		
	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.			
Auckland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	67	2,750 0 0	590 5 0	..	..	..		
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	279 0 15	488 12 11	..	..	..		
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	1	20 3 9	0 2 6	16	521 2 21	22 14 3	..	23 4 5	23 4 5	1,326	131,296 2	3131,580 12 6	..	..	..		
Otago	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	6,570 1 5	6,570 5 0	..	..	..		
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Totals	..	..	..	..	1	20 3 9	0 2 6	16	521 2 21	22 14 3	..	23 4 5	23 4 5	51,475	140,895 3 23	139,229 15 5	..	..	..		

Table 11.—OCCUPATION LEASES under "The Mining Districts Land Occupation Act, 1894," taken up during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

District.	Taken up during the Year.			Forfeitures and Surrenders during the Year.			Net Area held on 31st March, 1906.				Amount received during the Year.		Selectors in Arrear on 31st March, 1906.	
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	On the Year's Transactions.	On Past Transactions.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.
Auckland ..	7	A. R. P. 262 0 0	£ s. d. 35 0 0	1	A. R. P. 50 0 0	£ s. d. 2 10 0	198	A. R. P. 9,752 0 39	£ s. d. 786 18 10	£ s. d. 17 10 0	£ s. d. 387 3 8	37	A. R. P. 2,538 3 32	£ s. d. 147 15 0
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington ..	6	372 1 13	12 2 0	..	..	..	27	1,398 3 27	48 9 4	35 3 6	..	3	189 3 19	5 2 6
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	1,161 0 0	31 4 4	..	..	1	61 0 0	3 16 3
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	46 0 0	2 15 0	0 5 0	1 5 0	..	..	..
Westland ..	1	11 1 32	0 10 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	15	531 0 27	19 1 4	11	310 0 19	9 13 9	228	9,024 3 3	353 17 2	24 0 0	366 4 2	3	49 1 20	1 19 6
Otago ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	1,756 1 21	141 8 4	0 4 4	141 12 3	4	108 1 2	11 3 10
Southland ..	1	17 1 0	0 8 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	30	1,194 0 32	67 2 0	12	360 0 19	12 3 9	526	23,141 1 10	1,364 13 0	77 2 10	1,010 13 10	48	2,947 1 33	169 17 1

Table 12.—RETURN OF VILLAGE SETTLEMENTS during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.—continued.

District.	Tenure	Forfeitures during the Year.			Surrenders during the Year.			Net Area held on 31st March, 1906.			Arrears on 31st March, 1906.		
		Amount received during the Year.	Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Selectors.	Area.	Number.	Area.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.			£ s. d.
Auckland	Cash	182 4 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
"	Lease in perpetuity	120 9 3	7	12 2 0	5 0 0	..	2,727 1 2	158 5 10	51	201 3 0	3	13 7 0	..
"	Village-homestead special settlement	265 6 9	1	38 0 0	1 8 6	..	1,523 1 28	130 16 0	40	345 0 10	8	21 5 1	..
Hawke's Bay	Cash	27 2 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
"	Occupation with right of purchase	1 10 0	..	..	..	..	45 1 14	3 13 8	8	..	..	..	..
"	Lease in perpetuity	649 6 3	7	45 1 27	3 8 8	..	1,957 1 5	966 17 0	54	32 0 18	5	2 5 4	..
"	Village-homestead special settlement	70 5 2	..	..	..	..	164 1 17	62 15 10	28	1 3 23	1	1 19 10	..
Taranaki	Occupation with right of purchase	2 4 11	..	..	..	..	8 1 0	2 9 6	9	..	..	..	..
"	Lease in perpetuity	10 12 3	2	28 0 11	2 8 8	..	69 0 8	10 5 8	10	..	..	..	..
"	Village-homestead special settlement	1,895 11 1	..	..	..	..	10,996 2 27	1,853 11 1	634	615 1 30	45	206 18 0	..
Wellington	Cash	10 5 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
"	Perpetual lease	1 2 6	..	..	..	..	10 0 0	1 5 0	1	..	..	..	..
"	Lease in perpetuity	16 6 8	..	..	..	..	153 0 35	22 3 4	9	..	..	..	..
"	Village-homestead special settlement	19 17 6	..	..	..	..	151 0 24	18 10 6	12	6 1 7	1	1 7 0	..
Westland	Cash	25 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
"	Lease in perpetuity	11 4 2	..	..	..	..	198 0 27	13 0 10	10	..	..	..	..
"	Perpetual lease made freehold	248 5 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
"	Deferred payment	15 16 9	..	..	..	..	294 3 35	87 3 8	7	..	..	..	..
"	Perpetual lease	3 9 8	..	..	..	..	2 2 0	4 4 6	21	10 0 0	1	2 0 0	..
"	Occupation with right of purchase	8 3 1	..	..	..	..	8 2 0	8 13 0	6	..	..	..	..
"	Lease in perpetuity	815 2 7	1	2 1 7	5 0 10	..	8,546 3 0	976 8 9	16	183 0 88	9	11 17 2	..
"	Village-homestead special settlement	2 19 4	..	..	..	..	100 0 0	3 6 0	220	..	..	..	..
Otago	Deferred payment	31 11 11	..	..	..	..	311 2 23	29 17 8	15	..	..	..	..
"	Perpetual lease	0 10 6	..	..	..	..	4 1 12	0 18 0	5	2 0 0	2	0 9 0	..
"	Occupation with right of purchase	144 4 1	..	..	..	..	1,699 0 25	149 7 4	118	69 2 23	4	2 10 3	..
"	Lease in perpetuity	133 7 0	..	..	..	..	1,174 0 32	146 19 2	76	71 0 33	4	11 11 10	..
"	Village-homestead special settlement	118 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
"	Perpetual lease made freehold	52 19 4	..	..	..	..	70 2 34	4 18 4	3	49 3 31	1	1 10 0	..
"	Deferred payment	167 5 10	2	19 2 23	3 18 2	..	1,218 3 12	156 13 8	87	..	..	..	..
"	Perpetual lease	1 12 1	..	..	..	..	3 0 24	1 13 2	4	..	..	..	..
"	Occupation with right of purchase	336 9 2	5	132 3 22	9 6 0	..	4,362 3 34	369 15 10	279	92 0 5	5	3 5 7	..
"	Lease in perpetuity	127 15 6	..	..	..	..	553 1 24	132 8 0	51	15 0 15	2	3 7 4	..
"	Village-homestead special settlement	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	.. .. .	5,614 16 1	24	276 2 3	25 10 0	1	36,420 0 5	5,352 6 8	1,776	1,695 2 33	91	283 13 5	..
Cheviot Estate—	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury	Village-homestead special settlement	795 19 5	..	..	..	..	2,480 1 0	869 10 4	71	165 0 5	6	22 18 1	..
Land for Settlements—	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay	Lease in perpetuity	8 17 8	1	0 2 16	0 12 0	..	35 0 0	24 0 0	16	0 3 6	2	0 8 0	..
"	.. .. .	298 3 4	..	..	..	..	413 0 4	317 3 10	31	45 1 0	3	20 7 3	..
Otago	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand totals	.. .. .	6,717 16 6	25	277 0 19	26 2 0	1	39,948 1 9	6,563 0 10	1,894	1,906 3 4	102	327 6 9	..

Table 13.—SUMMARY OF POSITION OF VILLAGE SETTLEMENTS at 31st March, 1906.

District.	Number of Settlers in Occupation.		Area occupied.	Area laid down in Pasture or cultivated.	Annual Rental or Instalments, including Interest on Advances.	Amounts advanced to Settlers up to 31st March, 1906.				Amount of Advances which have been repaid to 31st March, 1906.	Total Amount of Interest paid to 31st March, 1906.	Value of Improvements now on the Land.	Arrears of Interest on 31st March, 1906.
	Resident.	Non-resident.				For Houses.	For Bushfelling, Grassing, &c.	Total.					
Auckland ..	55	36	A. B. P. 4,250 2 30	A. B. P. 1,458 2 0	£ s. d. 130 16 0	s. d. 958 0 0	£ s. d. 1,253 17 6	£ s. d. 2,211 17 6	£ s. d. 720 17 6	£ s. d. 2,842 0 0	£ s. d. 9,495 19 0	£ s. d. 11 8 9	
Hawke's Bay	73	17	2,166 3 36	1,128 0 0	1,033 6 6	580 0 0	296 15 9	876 15 9	354 9 0	600 9 2	7,993 0 0	1 4 8	
Taranaki ..	18	1	77 1 8	77 1 8	12 15 2	..	..	..	..	..	892 0 0	..	
Wellington ..	585	49	10,996 2 27	8,918 0 0	2,074 6 11	3,024 17 6	3,670 19 11	6,695 17 5	2,914 10 7	4,143 8 8	98,679 0 0	64 17 6	
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
arlborough	13	9	314 1 19	240 0 0	41 18 10	85 0 0	18 15 0	103 15 0	15 0 0	81 11 4	2,362 0 0	..	
Westland ..	6	4	198 0 27	196 2 22	13 0 10	..	..	..	..	..	1,288 0 0	..	
Canterbury ..	227	43	8,917 1 38	7,748 2 33	1,092 15 3	2,460 0 0	..	2,460 0 0	837 10 0	1,870 8 10	27,818 11 3	1 15 0	
Otago ..	137	79	3,289 1 12	1,738 0 0	330 8 2	1,101 5 0	440 0 0	1,541 5 0	185 2 6	1,038 6 2	12,807 0 0	6 19 5	
Southland ..	172	252	6,209 0 8	3,345 0 0	685 9 0	756 0 0	350 2 2	1,106 2 2	174 1 3	847 7 1	26,008 0 0	0 17 5	
Totals ..	1,286	490	36,420 0 5	24,850 0 23	5,414 16 8	8,965 2 6	6,030 10 4	14,995 12 10	5,201 10 10	11,423 11 3	182,343 10 3	87 2 9	
Cheviot Estate, Canterbury	55	16	2,480 1 0	2,293 0 17	869 10 4	120 0 0	..	120 0 0	120 0 0	26 0 0	12,383 0 0	..	
Land for Settlements—Hawke's Bay	4	12	35 0 0	34 0 0	24 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	544 0 0	..	
Otago ..	22	9	413 0 4	407 0 0	317 3 10	..	..	..	..	..	3,364 0 0	..	

Table 14.—RETURN of SPECIAL-SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATIONS, under Section 163 of “The Land Act, 1885,” and Part IV of “The Land Act, 1892,” to 31st March, 1906, not included in the Special Returns.

District.	Taken up during the Year.			Amount received during the Year.	Total Amount received on Current and Previous Transactions to 31st March, 1906.	Made Freehold.				Number of Selectors required to reside, and actually residing, and Area.			
	Number.	Area.	Capital Value per Acre.			During the Year.	From Commencement of System to 31st March, 1906.	Number required to reside.	Actually residing.				
										No.	Area.	No.	Area.
Auckland	..	..	..	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	52	A. R. P.	78	53	A. R. P.		
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	314 6 0	8,417 4 7	..	..	5,217 0 25	11	3	12,773 0 0		
Taranaki..	..	..	..	84 15 4	659 4 5	..	..	4,809 3 12	55	66	600 0 0		
Wellington	..	..	..	1,013 17 3	9,603 8 1	..	..	..	391	360	15,764 2 23		
Nelson ..	..	..	..	4,414 3 7	143,214 15 4	..	..	81,320 0 37	..	..	76,026 1 20		
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Canterbury	..	..	..	102 19 0	1,902 6 0	..	..	..	4	5	660 3 11		
Otago ..	..	..	..	109 15 8	1,355 11 4	..	..	..	14	9	1,717 2 36		
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Totals	..	..	..	6,039 16 10	165,152 9 9	..	921	91,347 0 34	553	496	107,542 2 10		
Land for Settlements— Canterbury ..	..	..	..	166 19 9	1,686 15 10	..	..	..	..	1	232 0 0		

District.	Forfeitures during the Year.			Surrenders during the Year		Net Area held, 31st March, 1906.			Selectors in Arrear, 31st March, 1906.		
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.		
Auckland	3	A. R. P. 708 3 0	£ s. d. 28 7 0	1	A. R. P. 157 2 0	80	A. R. P. 13,686 1 38	£ s. d. 320 16 0	16	A. R. P. 3,311 0 0	£ s. d. 179 16 8
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	..	14	3,111 0 19	101 16 0	..	..	..
Taranaki..	..	..	..	..	..	86	16,268 3 15	875 15 6	4	847 2 0	25 5 5
Wellington	..	..	..	1	200 0 0	430	78,058 3 5	4,461 0 11	21	3,676 0 0	244 17 2
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	30	2,536 2 17	141 13 8	2	62 0 38	1 13 5
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	14	2,765 1 12	121 2 4	..	..	..
Otago ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	3	708 3 0	28 7 0	2	357 2 0	654	116,427 0 26	6,022 4 5	43	7,896 2 38	451 12 8
Land for Settlements— Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..	11	2,114 1 9	162 7 8	..	..	..

Table 15.—RETURN of HOMESTEAD LANDS: TRANSACTIONS during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

District.	Net Area held on 31st March, 1906.		Made Freehold during the Year.		Made Freehold since Commencement of System to 31st March, 1906.	
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Number of Selectors.	Area.
		A. R. P.		A. R. P.		A. R. P.
Auckland	..	..	..	..	464	76,096 3 10
Westland	..	..	..	..	39	1,480 0 0
Otago	..	..	..	..	22	2,876 0 0
Totals	..	..	..	..	525	80,452 3 10

Table 16.—RETURN of SMALL GRAZING-RUNS taken up during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

District.	Taken up during the Year.					Forfeitures during the Year.			Surrenders during the Year.		
	Number of Holders.	Area.	Average Area.	Average Rent per Acre.	Annual Rent payable.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.
		A. R. P.	A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Auckland ..	1	2,012 0 0	2,012 0 0	1 5	12 11 6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay	3	10,005 0 0	3,335 0 0	3 6	152 15 4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington ..	4	8,303 1 37	2,075 3 19	0 7 2	250 9 8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough	4	8,291 0 0	2,072 3 0	0 8 6	299 15 8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	1	2,331 0 0	2,331 0 0	0 7	67 19 10	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Southland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	13	30,942 1 37	2,380 0 30	0 6	783 12 0	..	..	..	..	..	..

Land for Settlements—

Auckland ..	1	3,823 0 0	3,823 0 0	1 5	23 17 11	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay	1	1,886 0 0	1,886 0 0	3 5 3	325 6 8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough	18	30,731 0 0	1,707 1 43	9	5,730 0 10	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago ..	1	1,204 2 8	1,204 2 8	10 5	173 3 2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Southland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	21	37,644 2 8	1,792 2 15	3 8 8	6,252 8 7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cheviot Estate: Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

District.	Exchanges during the Year.			Net Area held on 31st March, 1906.			Amount received during the Year.			Arrears on 31st March, 1906.		
	No. of Holders.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	On the Year's Transactions.	On Past Transactions.	Total.	Number.	Area.	Amount.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Auckland ..	..	..	..	10	59,723 2 0	470 14 11	6 5 9	515 18 1	522 3 10	11	39,348 0 0	217 4 11
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	85	248,938 3 2	2,775 0 10	76 7 8	2,648 5 2	2,724 12 10	2	5,615 0 0	69 13 10
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	17	16,654 2 6	235 0 6	..	254 3 1	254 3 1	1	693 0 0	5 9 7
Wellington ..	2	797 0 0	19 18 6	87	83,709 1 19	2,562 19 8	152 14 10	1,889 1 10	2,041 16 8	6	4,906 0 0	158 8 6
Nelson ..	..	..	..	6	8,556 0 0	57 7 4	..	102 3 11	102 3 11	1	1,088 0 0	5 0 0
Marlborough	11	6,352 2 25	72 0 5	100	209,889 1 31	2,841 9 2	148 2 3	2,811 13 2	2,959 15 5	11	24,196 3 31	269 14 7
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	51	121,916 1 25	5,399 1 10	33 19 11	5,440 10 9	5,474 10 8	..	..	..
Otago ..	..	..	..	272	562,854 3 17	12,906 1 6	..	12,804 10 11	12,804 10 11	8	13,858 1 31	157 6 7
Southland ..	..	..	..	19	64,436 0 13	735 17 10	..	737 1 6	737 1 6	2	2,825 3 20	19 10 11
Totals ..	13	7,149 2 25	91 18 11	647	1,376,678 3 33	27,983 13 7	417 10 5	27,203 8 5	27,620 18 10	42	92,531 1 2	902 8 11

Land for Settlements—

Auckland ..	..	..	..	2	6,779 0 0	84 14 10	23 17 11	18 9 6	42 7 5	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	16	19,681 0 0	4,440 18 6	162 13 4	3,978 15 0	4,141 8 4	..	..	..
Wellington ..	..	..	..	1	1,030 0 0	171 13 4	..	171 13 4	171 13 4	..	..	..
Marlborough	..	..	..	*30	53,858 2 0	7,499 2 8	5,437 12 6	1,253 9 7	6,691 2 1	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	43	77,477 0 26	10,536 19 0	..	10,211 17 5	10,211 17 5	..	..	..
Otago ..	..	..	..	4	4,871 3 38	575 2 0	164 10 0	361 15 0	526 5 0	..	..	..
Southland ..	..	..	..	2	2,808 1 0	201 7 4	..	181 17 4	181 17 4	..	..	..
Totals ..	..	..	..	98	166,505 3 24	23,509 17 8	5,788 13 9	16,177 17 2	21,966 10 11	..	..	..
Cheviot Estate: Canterbury	..	..	..	50	46,020 0 6	6,912 13 2	..	6,076 2 1	6,076 2 1	3	1,733 2 0	106 18 0

* Four of these are not separate holders, but are included in the 100 ordinary small grazing-run holders.

Table 17.—NUMBER and AREA of PASTORAL LICENSES for the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

District.	Taken up during the Year.		Exchanges to other Tenures during the Year.		Forfeitures during the Year.		Expiries during the Year.		Surrenders during the Year.	
	Number of Holders.	Area.	Number of Holders.	Area.	Number.	Area.	Number.	Area.	Number of Holders.	Area.
Auckland ..	14	A. 3,328 1 19 R. P. 107 12 6 £ s. d. 68 0 6	..	A. .. R. P. .. £ s. d. ..	..	A. .. R. P. .. £ s. d. ..	..	A. .. R. P. .. £ s. d. ..	1	A. 516 0 0 R. P. 11,000 0 0 £ s. d. ..
Hawke's Bay ..	2	7,816 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington ..	2	32,052 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	6	6,500 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland ..	68	38,824 3 11	..	405 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	5	22,798 1 26	..	..	1	10 0 0	66	19,136 1 11	6	18,470 0 0
Otago ..	11	139,025 3 2	..	..	..	..	..	421 2 1	..	..
Southland ..	7	92,615 0 0	..	..	3	9,976 2 37	8	129,338 2 21	..	..
Totals ..	115	342,960 1 18	2	405 0 0	4	9,986 2 37	81	178,188 1 33	8	29,986 0 0

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District.	Net Area held on 31st March, 1906.			Rent paid during the Year.		Holders in Arrear on 31st March, 1906.	
	Number of Holders.	Area, approximately.	Average Holdings.	Annual Rental.	£ s. d.	Number.	Area.
Auckland ..	113	A. 227,663 0 6 R. P. 101,481 2 0	A. 2,015 0 0 R. P. 6,765 0 0	£ s. d. 867 10 0 692 13 4	£ s. d. 543 5 5 716 3 5	26	A. 9,089 1 19 R. P. ..
Hawke's Bay ..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington ..	26	128,743 0 0	4,951 2 24	2,085 15 6	2,041 7 9	..	..
Nelson ..	60	237,909 0 0	3,965 0 0	520 17 8	535 0 4	2	1,400 0 0
Marlborough ..	66	913,351 0 0	13,839 0 0	4,021 14 2	4,151 16 10	1	200 0 0
Westland ..	149	595,048 0 11	3,993 2 17	764 16 8	849 7 2	11	45,851 1 32
Canterbury ..	145	3,474,176 3 23	23,959 3 14	34,115 12 2	38,282 13 6	..	..
Otago ..	216	4,320,007 3 23	20,000 0 5	26,919 14 4	27,225 1 5	..	..
Southland ..	95	1,495,896 1 0	15,746 1 0	3,751 19 4	3,997 11 11	..	..
Totals ..	885	11,494,276 2 29	95,235 1 20	79,740 13 2	73,342 7 9	40	56,540 3 11
Cheviot Estate— Canterbury ..	1	1,642 0 0	1,642 0 0	193 3 8	193 3 8	..	..
Land for Settlements— Otago ..	2	953 2 38	476 3 19	121 13 0	121 13 0	..	..

Table 18—RETURN OF MISCELLANEOUS LEASES AND LICENSES, not otherwise enumerated, during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

District.	Objects for which leased.										Total Area in Occupation on 31st March, 1906.				Lessees in Arrear on 31st March, 1906.										
	Coal and Mineral.					Timber-cutting, &c.					Flax-cutting.					Total Area leased during the Year.				Total Annual Rental of the Lands leased during the Year.					
	Annual Rental.		Area.			Amount received.		Area.			Amount received.		Area.			Amount received.		Area.		Annual Rental.		Area.		Annual Rental.	
	° N	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	° N	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	° N	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	° N	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	° N	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	° N	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	
Auckland ..	..	663 2 11*	..	..	..	39,435 6 1+	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	725 19 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Otago ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Southland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Totals ..	5	956 1 18 783 0 5	227 10 344 3 31	41,219 17 5	13	2,470 3 0	918 5 2	294	29,952 2 5	901 0 7	43,724 2 14	1,847 5 0	23,930 0 0	3	12,902 13 5	203 62,023 2 37	1368 17 3								
Land for Settlements—																									
Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Otago ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Southland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Totals ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Cheviot Estate:																									
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		

* Includes £528 4s. 2d. royalty. + Includes £38,894 8s. 1d. royalty.

Table 19.—RETURN OF GROSS REVENUE RECEIVED during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

System.	Auckland.	Hawke's Bay.	Taranaki.	Wellington.	Nelson.	Marlborough.	Westland.	Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Totals.
ORDINARY CROWN LANDS.											
Cash lands ..	£ s. d. 957 8 9	£ s. d. 1,276 6 0	£ s. d. 1,384 9 3	£ s. d. 1,720 19 7	£ s. d. 1,884 13 5	£ s. d. 251 2 6	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 716 8 5	£ s. d. 751 4 5	£ s. d. 808 18 2	£ s. d. 9,751 10 6
Perpetual lease made freehold ..	287 5 0	388 16 8	805 5 6	2,113 4 4	113 5 0	52 0 0	..	985 16 8	1,575 5 0	..	6,270 18 2
Occupation with right of purchase made freehold ..	2,569 9 0	5,773 12 0	2,431 9 5	8,237 18 11	30 0 0	200 0 0	..	227 18 5	19 0 0	..	19,539 8 1
Village-settlement perpetual lease made freehold ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	248 5 8	..	118 0 0	366 5 8
Improved-farm special settlement made freehold ..	186 5 1	140 4 11	242 1 10	389 15 5	866 1 5	..	..	636 7 11	201 1 3	2,214 8 4	1,167 13 3
Deferred payment, rural ..	..	42 10 0	..	..	..	..	..	658 14 6	153 14 0	133 4 8	4,826 6 2
Deferred payment, pastoral ..	953 9 3	186 2 2	301 18 7	370 19 7	33 0 11	34 5 0	29 3 0	158 1 2	1,323 5 6	496 5 1	987 3 2
Perpetual lease and small areas ..	12,330 3 11	7,011 8 10	6,018 16 10	9,960 14 2	985 18 2	405 12 9	556 11 1	246 11 3	1,123 17 1	1,889 17 3	3,886 10 3
Occupation with right of purchase ..	6,764 8 10	4,021 10 4	4,534 18 8	5,840 7 2	2,193 2 6	2,427 9 10	834 2 10	3,806 8 6	4,761 14 4	1,863 14 7	40,029 11 4
Lease in perpetuity ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23 4 5	..	37,047 17 7
Agricultural lease ..	404 13 8	..	..	..	117 18 6	31 13 9	1 10 0	..	390 4 2	141 16 7	23 4 5
Occupation lease under "The Mining Districts Land Occupation Act, 1894" ..	182 4 0	27 2 1	..	10 5 0	..	..	25 0 0	..	..	..	1,087 16 8
Village settlement, cash ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15 16 9	2 19 4	52 19 4	244 11 1
Village settlement, deferred payment ..	..	..	..	..	..	1 2 6	..	99 16 1	31 11 11	167 5 10	71 15 5
Village settlement, perpetual lease ..	..	1 10 0	2 4 11	..	..	..	..	3 9 8	0 10 6	1 12 1	299 16 4
Village settlement, occupation with right of purchase ..	120 9 2	649 6 3	10 12 3	1,895 11 1	..	16 6 8	11 4 2	8 3 1	144 4 1	336 9 2	1,296 14 10
Village settlement, lease in perpetuity ..	265 6 9	70 5 2	..	..	..	18 17 6	..	815 2 7	133 7 0	127 15 6	3,326 5 7
Village-homestead special settlement ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52 12 6	..	..	..
Special-settlement association, deferred payment ..	314 6 0	84 15 4	1,013 17 3	27 10 0	..	..	..	50 6 6	109 15 8	..	80 2 6
Special-settlement association, perpetual lease ..	286 18 9	272 6 6	1,165 3 3	4,386 13 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,959 14 4
Special-settlement association, lease in perpetuity ..	522 3 10	2,724 12 10	254 3 1	2,041 16 8	102 3 11	2,959 15 5	..	5,474 10 8	12,804 10 11	241 3 6	4,420 11 10
Improved-farm special settlement ..	543 5 5	716 3 5	..	2,041 7 9	535 0 4	4,151 16 10	849 7 238,282 13 6	27,225 1 5	3,997 11 11	737 1 6	27,630 18 10
Pastoral runs ..	663 2 11	..	..	..	810 15 6	..	354 5 6	79 1 0	1,097 15 3	456 12 3	73,842 7 9
Coal and mineral leases ..	..	5 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,461 12 5
Prospectors' mining leases ..	28,791 6 4	725 19 6	42 0 0	422 19 11	1,233 11 5	187 19 10	8,159 11 4	290 7 1	43 9 6	586 11 5	5 0 0
Timber licenses and other leases, and sale of timber ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40,483 16 4
Flax-cutting ..	660 5 6	1,465 10 0	139 12 2	318 4 2	3 0 0	11 18 6	298 16 0	..	39 3 0	138 1 2	1,151 4 2
Miscellaneous leases ..	790 13 6	214 4 0	150 11 0	430 16 0	333 9 5	134 0 1	175 19 10	..	865 16 3	..	4,223 5 5
Transfer, lease, and license fees, &c. ..	567 8 5	11 0 0	309 6 10	699 0 4	275 11 0	172 3 0	177 4 0	303 7 0	302 4 0	212 14 0	2,806 2 5
Rents of reserves ..	82 13 8	164 4 1	940 16 6	1,345 18 4	321 10 4	743 10 3	22 0 6	2,643 1 0	68 5 10	830 16 11	5,731 5 8
Miscellaneous ..	895 18 2	55 10 2	52 0 6	87 1 7	80 13 7	13 9 6	55 11 3	154 19 11	326 2 4	130 2 7	4,107 16 3
Crown-grant fees ..	140 0 10	..	..	..	74 18 3	1,153 7 2	..	36 8 10	70 18 6	70 5 7	598 10 6
State forests ..	10,643 19 9	86 11 0	69 9 1	428 4 6	..	..	..	386 9 0	115 14 6	1,859 15 11	14,208 16 7
Survey liens on Native lands ..	..	..	..	..	31 13 6	..	..	83 2 11	58 2 4	12 0 0	584 4 7
Survey fees which do not form part payment of land ..	4 11 0	..	..	..	6 0 0	..	..	..	64 11 5	17 2 0	221 9 3
Survey fees which do form part payment of land ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92 4 5
Totals ..	69,927 17	626,114 11	319,905 7	546,391 11	510,032 7	212,972 17	411,555 6	851,414 0	53,825 13	17,192 5	319,331 18 11

Table 19.—RETURN of GROSS REVENUE RECEIVED during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.—continued.

System.	Auckland.	Hawke's Bay.	Taranaki.	Wellington.	Nelson.	Marlborough.	Westland.	Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Totals.
Brought forward	£ s. d. 69,927 17 6	£ s. d. 26,114 11 1	£ s. d. 319,905 7 5	£ s. d. 46,391 11 5	£ s. d. 10,032 7 5	£ s. d. 12,972 17 4	£ s. d. 11,555 6 8	£ s. d. 851,414 0 7	£ s. d. 53,825 13 11	£ s. d. 17,192 5 8	£ s. d. 319,331 18 11
LANDS FOR SETTLEMENTS.											
Cash	42 0 0	735,554 9 1	2,268 0 5	9,010 16 0	..	10,803 9 9	563 5 11	86 5 2	21,567 15 8	8,180 8 5	128 5 2
Lease in perpetuity	11,711 12	8 17 8	..	..	..	..	..	155,476 0 11	298 3 4	..	155,135 17 11
Lease in perpetuity, village	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	166 19 9	..	..	307 1 0
Special-settlement associations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,211 17 5	526 5 0	181 17 4	166 19 9
Small grazing-runs	42 7 5	4,141 8 4	..	171 13 4	..	6,691 2 1	..	..	121 13 0	..	21,966 10 11
Pastoral runs..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 0 0	666 13 0	560 4 1	605 1 3	121 13 0
Miscellaneous	2,472 15 10	1,042 16 4	86 13 9	8,820 19 0	..	514 16 8	..	..	..	..	9,770 19 11
Totals	14,268 15 10	40,747 11 5	2,354 14 2	13,003 8 4	..	18,009 8 6	564 5 1	166,607 16 3	23,074 1 1	8,967 7 0	187,597 7 8
CHEVIOT ESTATE.											
Cash sales	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47 15 0	..	..	47 15 0
Lease in perpetuity	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,981 17 2	..	..	5,981 17 2
Village homesteads	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	795 19 5	..	..	795 19 5
Grazing-farms	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,076 2 1	..	..	6,076 2 1
Pastoral runs..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	193 3 8	..	..	193 3 8
Miscellaneous leases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	235 7 4	..	..	235 7 4
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13,390 4 8	..	..	13,390 4 8
Endowment lands	1,033 1 7	410 10 11	357 15 5	70 5 6	14,152 19 9	..	1,147 1 0	1,829 4 7	5,257 10 10	2,152 13 5	26,411 3 0
Thermal-springs Districts Act: Rents	18 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18 0 0
" Native Townships Act, 1895 "	56 15 0	361 19 2	..	575 1 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	993 15 5
Rotorua Town Council	1,886 9 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,886 9 6
Grand totals	87,190 19 5	67,634 12 9	923,617 17 0	60,040 6 6	624,185 6 11	130,982 5 10	13,266 12 9	133,241 6 1	182,157 5 10	28,312 6 1	549,638 19 2

GROSS RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Territorial Revenue	260,789	0	4
Land for Settlements	188,648	1	0
Cheviot Estate	13,877	3	7
State Forests	14,885	7	3
North Island Main Trunk Railway	9,426	11	11
Thermal Springs, Rotorua	18	0	0
Lakes Ellesmere and Forsyth Trust	1,631	19	7
Rotorua Town Council	1,886	17	0
Crown Grant Fees	596	7	5
Lands and Survey Vote	..	..	..
Native Townships	..	..	..
Mining Districts, Land Occupation Act	..	..	..
Miscellaneous	..	..	..
Government Loans to Local Bodies Act	..	..	..
Endowments	..	..	..
Totals	2,920	17	9
	995	8	11
	1,087	0	10
	1,414	7	9
	28,384	0	6
	24,716	19	2
	£550,248	3	0

NOTE.—This sum is the amount credited in the Land-Audit and Treasury books, and includes £619 8s. 10d. which was not collected by the Receivers of Land Revenue.

Table 20.—RETURN of LANDS RESERVED and ALIENATED under Acts, or for Scrip.

District.	During the Year ended 31st March, 1906.				Total Area reserved, granted under Acts, &c., from the Foundation of the Colony to the 31st March, 1906.
	Area reserved for various Purposes.	Area granted under Acts.	Area granted in Satisfaction of Scrip.	Total Area alienated during the Year.	
	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.
Auckland ..	9,277 2 6	..	..	9,277 2 6	3,449,449 1 12
Hawke's Bay ..	16,098 2 36	..	..	16,098 2 36	397,751 1 39
Taranaki ..	3,425 3 12	16 0 2	..	3,441 3 14	692,465 0 5
Wellington ..	11,912 3 38	..	..	11,912 3 38	1,333,113 0 34
Nelson ..	874 0 6	..	..	874 0 6	846,563 3 18
Marlborough ..	160 0 28	..	..	160 0 28	216,650 3 5
Westland ..	17,493 2 25	0 1 23	..	17,494 0 8	149,371 2 30
Canterbury ..	435 2 13	..	..	435 2 13	1,543,860 1 28
Otago ..	3,499 2 0	27 0 29	..	3,526 2 29	701,947 3 8
Southland ..	2,384 0 23	..	..	2,384 0 23	2,922,999 2 6
Totals ..	65,562 0 27	43 2 14	..	65,605 3 1	12,254,173 0 25

Table 21.—FORFEITURES and SURRENDERS during the Year ending 31st March, 1906, showing under each Tenure the number of Selectors who have forfeited and surrendered their Holdings, and the Area and Rental of such Holdings.

Tenure.	Forfeitures.			Surrenders.		
	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.
ORDINARY CROWN LANDS.						
Perpetual lease ..	2	A. R. P. 335 3 28	£ s. d. 12 2 2	1	A. R. P. 207 1 36	£ s. d. 5 3 6
Occupation with right of purchase ..	40	17,708 1 33	611 0 10	1	1,214 0 0	30 7 0
Lease in perpetuity ..	22	5,959 2 34	200 7 2	21	6,822 0 34	198 12 10
Mining Districts Occupation Act ..	7	156 3 16	6 14 0	5	203 1 3	5 9 9
Village Settlement,—						
Perpetual lease ..	2	19 2 23	3 18 2	..	..	..
Lease in perpetuity ..	21	218 3 20	20 3 4	..	..	..
Homestead special settlement ..	1	38 0 0	1 8 6	1	2 1 7	5 0 10
Special-settlement associations ..	3	708 3 0	28 7 0	2	357 2 0	18 8 0
Improved-farm special settlements ..	1	100 0 21	4 0 2	..	..	..
Pastoral runs ..	4	9,986 2 37	54 10 0	8	29,986 0 0	34 5 2
Miscellaneous ..	3	7 0 20	3 0 0	23	1,526 1 38	42 18 6
Totals ..	106	35,240 0 32	945 11 4	62	40,319 0 38	340 5 7
CHEVIOT ESTATE.						
Lease in perpetuity ..	..	..	..	1	11 0 7	5 10 6
Miscellaneous ..	..	..	..	3	27 1 0	4 0 0
Totals ..	..	..	..	4	38 1 7	9 10 6
LANDS FOR SETTLEMENTS.						
Lease in perpetuity ..	10	809 3 6	271 19 6	10	1,822 2 28	543 11 4
Village lease in perpetuity ..	1	0 2 16	0 12 0	..	..	..
Miscellaneous ..	1	269 3 29	33 14 10	1	56 0 0	0 5 0
Totals ..	12	1,080 1 11	306 6 4	11	1,878 2 28	543 16 4
Grand totals ..	118	36,320 2 3	1,251 17 8	77	42,236 0 33	893 12 5
Native townships ..	2	0 2 27	8 0 0	..	..	..

Table 22.—RETURN of LAND taken up during the Year ended 31st March, 1906, within the Thermal-springs District of Auckland.

Locality.	Taken up during the Year.			Net Area held on 31st March, 1906.			Amount received during the Year.	Selectors in Arrear on 31st March, 1906.		
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Rent payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Rent payable.		Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Rotorua* ..	23	7 3 0	175 10 0	306	6,078 3 24	2,148 6 4	1904 9 6	17	319 3 32	63 1 3

* Inclusive of Rotorua Town Council lands.

Table 23.—RETURN of LANDS disposed of under "The Native Townships Act, 1885," for the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

Land District.	Name of Township.	Date of Proclamation.	Area of Township.		Date when opened for Sale.	Taken up during the Year.		
			Pro-claimed.	Offered.		No.	Area.	Rent payable.
			A. R. P.	A. R. P.			A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Auckland ..	Kaimakau	14 July, 1897	190 0 0	..	14 Oct., 1898	..	..	..
" ..	Rotoiti ..	8 June, 1900	78 3 0	4 3 0	14 July, 1904	..	..	..
" ..	Parawai ..	29 June, 1900	485 0 0	42 0 26	30 June, 1904	1	1 2 6	10 0 0
" ..	Te Puru ..	26 Sept., 1901	23 3 37	2 0 25	30 June, 1904	..	..	..
" ..	Karewa ..	16 Oct., 1902	55 0 19	25 1 23	30 June, 1904	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay ..	Te Puia ..	13 July, 1898	497 0 0	166 1 32	15 Feb., 1900	3	3 2 0	18 10 0
" ..	Te Araroa ..	4 Oct., 1899	383 0 0	206 0 1	14 Dec., 1900	4	97 2 17	10 13 6
" ..	Tuatini ..	14 Sept., 1899	90 0 0	39 0 29	16 Jan., 1901	..	..	..
" ..	Waipiro ..	25 Oct., 1900	497 1 0	338 1 27	10 Feb., 1904	..	..	..
Wellington ..	Pipiriki ..	5 Aug., 1896	366 0 0	254 3 30	27 July, 1897	..	..	..
" ..	Tokaanu ..	11 Mar., 1897	490 0 0	198 0 0	17 June, 1898	2	5 1 21	7 0 0
" ..	Potaka ..	26 July, 1899	138 0 0	80 2 6	9 May, 1900	1	0 1 0	1 10 0
" ..	Parata ..	14 Aug., 1899	49 0 18	33 0 4	11 Sept., 1900	..	..	..
" ..	Hokio ..	29 Aug., 1899	..	..	..	..	..	..
" ..	Hokio ..	1 Aug., 1902	39 3 30	19 2 25	11 Mar., 1903	..	..	..
Totals ..	..	..	..	..	..	11	108 1 4	47 13 6

Land District.	Name of Township.	Net Area held on 31st March, 1906.			Forfeitures or Surrenders during the Year.			Rent paid during Year.
		Number.	Area.	Rent payable.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rent.	
			A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland ..	Kaimakau	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" ..	Rotoiti ..	25	7 1 0	64 5 0	1	0 1 0	2 0 0	14 0 0
" ..	Parawai ..	15	10 0 30	69 2 6	..	..	..	19 0 0
" ..	Te Puru ..	30	10 0 37	110 12 6	..	..	..	12 0 0
" ..	Karewa ..	8	2 0 22	31 2 6	1	0 1 27	6 0 0	11 15 0
Hawke's Bay ..	Te Puia ..	19	71 3 32	67 12 6	..	..	..	44 8 0
" ..	Te Araroa ..	28	203 1 6	82 19 0	..	..	..	83 3 9
" ..	Tuatini ..	14	23 1 1	82 2 6	..	..	..	71 6 9
" ..	Waipiro ..	28	319 1 15	184 2 6	..	..	..	163 0 8
Wellington ..	Pipiriki ..	43	202 1 2	166 6 10	..	..	..	144 8 2
" ..	Tokaanu ..	28	89 1 37	209 18 4	..	..	..	193 19 2
" ..	Potaka ..	56	85 3 37	192 14 0	..	..	..	160 1 3
" ..	Parata ..	20	32 3 38	101 15 0	..	..	..	68 7 8
" ..	Hokio ..	18	7 1 33	9 6 0	..	..	..	8 5 0
Totals ..	..	332	1,065 3 10	1,371 19 2	2	0 2 27	8 0 0	993 15 5

Table 24.—RETURN showing the AREA of BUSH felled on LANDS sold or leased by the Crown from 1st April, 1895, to 31st March, 1906.

District.	Felled during the Year on Lands taken up during the Year 1904-1905.			Felled during the Year on Lands taken up in Previous Years.			Total felled at 31st March, 1905.			Total felled at 31st March, 1906.		
	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
Auckland	2,372	0	0	8,462	0	0	93,410	0	0	104,244	0	0
Hawke's Bay	1,700	0	0	3,855	0	0	105,703	0	0	111,258	0	0
Taranaki	*2,420	0	0	2,000	0	0	37,650	0	0	42,070	0	0
Wellington	5,750	0	0	9,700	0	0	639,870	0	0	655,320	0	0
Nelson	764	0	0	2,246	0	0	23,227	0	0	26,237	0	0
Marlborough	..	..	..	2,550	0	0	87,707	0	0	90,357	0	0
Westland	2,400	0	0	1,600	0	0	52,820	0	0	56,820	0	0
Otago	57	0	0	98	0	0	22,996	0	0	23,151	0	0
Southland	752	0	0	1,040	0	0	8,453	0	0	10,245	0	0
Totals	16,215	0	0	31,651	0	0	1,071,836	0	0	1,119,702	0	0

* Includes 570 acres felled during year 1905-6 on land taken up during same year.

Table 25.—STATEMENT of the NUMBER of SELECTORS on the BOOKS of the LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT on 31st March, 1906.

District.	Deferred Payment.		Perpetual Lease.		Occupation with Right of Purchase.		Lease in Perpetuity.				Agricultural Lease.	Occupation Lease under "The Mining Districts Land Occupation Act, 1894."		Village Settlement, Deferred Payment.	Village Settlement, Perpetual Lease.	Village Settlement, Occupation with Right of Purchase.	Village Settlement, Lease in Perpetuity.		
	Crown Lands.	Endowment Lands.	Crown Lands.	Endowment Lands.	Crown Lands.	Endowment Lands.	Crown Lands.	Cheviot Estate.	Land for Settlements Acts.	Endowment Lands.		Crown Lands.	Endowment Lands.				Crown Lands.	Land for Settlements Acts.	Endowment Lands.
Auckland ..	23	..	231	1	2,200	6	1,208	..	477	23	..	198	..	..	..	..	51	..	..
Hawke's Bay ..	1	..	4	20	242	..	199	..	397	1	..	..	..	..	..	8	54	16	..
Taranaki ..	3	..	13	..	364	..	451	..	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	10	..	..
Wellington ..	1	..	24	..	664	..	482	..	250	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	123	..	12	..	193	..	279	..	..	..	..	27	79	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough ..	..	..	6	..	38	..	256	..	291	..	..	19	..	..	1	..	9	..	..
Westland ..	..	..	7	..	106	..	417	..	26	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	10	..	..
Canterbury ..	7	..	25	..	27	..	242	118	1,117	68	..	..	..	7	21	6	16	..	..
Otago ..	19	1	206	16	249	..	775	..	429	9	16	228	..	2	15	5	118	31	4
Southland ..	15	1	73	16	318	1	290	..	215	40	..	50	..	3	87	4	279	..	..
Totals ..	192	2	601	53	4,401	7	4,599	118	3,231	141	16	526	79	12	124	32	547	47	4

District.	Village-home- stead Special Settlement.			Special- settlement Associations.		Improved- farm Special Settlements.		Small Grazing-runs.			Grazing-farms: Cheviot Estate.	Pastoral.				Miscellaneous.					Thermal Springs, Rotorua.	Native Towns.	Total.
	Crown Lands.	Cheviot Estate.	Endowment Lands.	Crown Lands.	Land for Settlements Acts.	Complete.	Not registered.	Crown Lands.	Land for Settlements Acts.	Endowment Lands.		Crown Lands.	Cheviot Estate.	Land for Settlements Acts.	Endowment Lands.	Homestead.	Crown Lands.	Cheviot Estate.	Land for Settlements Acts.	Endowment Lands.			
Auckland ..	40	..	..	80	..	37	22	10	2	12	..	113	..	..	..	..	209	..	13	4	306	78	5,344
Hawke's Bay ..	28	..	..	14	..	15	2	85	16	3	..	15	..	..	..	..	80	..	9	2	..	89	1,300
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	86	..	131	119	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	102	..	2	1	..	..	1,337
Wellington ..	634	..	..	430	..	180	60	87	1	2	..	26	..	..	..	..	257	..	5	7	165	..	3,275
Nelson ..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	60	..	..	..	..	560	..	..	297	..	..	1,656
Marlborough ..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	26	..	..	66	..	..	..	..	87	..	..	..	..	..	949
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	149	..	..	..	..	228	..	1	6	..	..	954
Canterbury ..	220	71	45	30	11	..	..	51	43	..	50	145	1	..	..	..	596	67	36	18	..	..	3,038
Otago ..	76	..	..	14	..	..	..	272	4	11	..	216	..	2	6	..	701	..	53	2	..	..	3,480
Southland ..	51	..	..	..	..	47	..	19	2	3	..	95	..	..	7	..	361	..	10	3	..	..	1,990
Totals ..	1061	71	65	654	11	410	203	647	94	31	50	885	1	2	13	..	3,181	67	167	340	306	332	23,323

Table 26.—STATEMENT showing the TOTAL NUMBER of CROWN TENANTS, with area selected or held, the Yearly Rent payable, and Rent in Arrear on 31st March, 1906.

Tenure.	Total Number of Tenants.	Total Area held by such Tenants.		Total Yearly Rental or Instalment payable.		Total Amount of such Rents or Payments in Arrear.	
ORDINARY CROWN LANDS.							
Deferred payment	192	A. 38,910	R. P. 3 25	£ 1,870	s. d. 4 1	£ 38	s. d. 14 2
Perpetual lease	601	113,275	2 33	4,235	5 11	104	7 4
Occupation with right of purchase	4,401	1,312,188	0 19	49,243	5 5	1,702	14 2
Lease in perpetuity	4,599	1,318,559	3 26	42,385	8 4	1,467	15 5
Agricultural lease	16	521	2 21	22	14 3	..	..
Homestead	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mining Districts Land Occupation Act	526	23,141	1 10	1,364	13 0	169	17 1
Village settlements—							
Deferred payment	12	235	1 37	24	9 8	1	10 0
Perpetual lease	124	1,835	1 30	275	0 0	2	0 0
Occupation with right of purchase	32	63	2 10	12	18 10	0	9 0
Lease in perpetuity	547	11,175	2 16	1,718	8 10	21	8 2
Village-homestead special settlements—							
Perpetual lease	317	5,718	3 10	756	8 0	131	11 8
Lease in perpetuity	744	17,391	0 22	2,565	1 4	126	14 7
Special-settlement associations—							
Deferred payment	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perpetual lease	10	669	0 8	48	4 0	0	8 5
Lease in perpetuity	644	115,758	0 18	5,974	0 5	451	4 3
Improved-farm special settlements	613	75,529	3 18	3,313	1 6	767	6 8
Small grazing-runs	647	1,376,673	3 33	27,983	13 7	902	8 11
Pastoral runs	885	11,494,276	2 29	73,740	13 2	229	14 5
Miscellaneous leases	3,181	637,124	0 3	12,902	13 5	1,368	17 3
Totals	18,091	16,543,054	1 8	228,436	3 9	7,487	1 6
CHEVIOT ESTATE.							
Lease in perpetuity	118	24,392	1 2	6,450	14 6	..	..
Village-homestead special settlement	71	2,480	1 0	869	10 4	22	18 1
Grazing-farms	50	46,020	0 6	6,912	13 2	106	13 0
Pastoral runs	1	1,642	0 0	193	3 8	..	..
Miscellaneous	67	1,381	0 22	313	18 7	29	3 0
Totals	307	75,915	2 30	14,740	0 3	158	19 1
LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACTS.							
Lease in perpetuity	3,231	574,087	3 28	171,083	8 10	5,640	19 7
Lease in perpetuity, village	47	448	0 4	341	3 10	20	15 3
Special-settlement associations	11	2,114	1 9	162	7 8	..	..
Small grazing-runs	94	166,505	3 24	23,509	17 8	..	..
Pastoral runs	2	953	2 38	121	13 0	..	..
Miscellaneous	167	10,777	2 23	1,405	1 10	71	8 11
Totals	3,552	754,887	2 6	196,623	12 10	5,733	3 9
Thermal Springs (Rotorua)	306	6,078	3 24	2,148	6 4	68	1 3
Grand totals	22,256	17,379,936	1 28	441,948	3 2	13,447	5 7
Endowments	735	373,810	1 12	13,524	17 2	221	4 6
Native townships	332	1,065	3 10	1,371	19 2	376	0 11

Table 27.—ENDOWMENTS: LANDS taken up during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

District.	Nature of Endowments.	Lease in Perpetuity.			Occupation with Right of Purchase.			Occupation Leases under Mining Districts Land Occupation Act.			Miscellaneous Leases.		
		Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.
Auckland ..	Museum ..	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	1	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Wellington ..	Victoria College ..	1	2,200 0 0	55 0 0	..	146 0 0	3 18 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	Westport Harbour ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	Ellesmere ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	13 2 0	2 0 0	3	0 1 13	1 10 0
Southland ..	Educational ..	1	123 1 6	3 1 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	90 0 0	4 10 0
Totals ..	..	2	2,323 1 6	58 1 8	1	146 0 0	3 18 0	3	13 2 0	2 0 0	4	90 1 13	6 0 0

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Table 28.—ENDOWMENTS: RETURN of REVENUE received during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

Tenure.		Revenue received.	
		£	s. d.
Deferred payments	..	1,158	6 4
Perpetual lease and small areas	..	614	12 11
Occupation with right of purchase	..	26	14 2
Occupation with right of purchase made freehold	..	47	0 0
Lease in perpetuity	..	1,659	4 8
Mining Districts Land Occupation Act	..	77	19 9
Village-homestead special settlement	..	269	13 2
Village lease in perpetuity	..	15	17 6
Small grazing runs	..	864	9 10
Pastoral runs ..	..	5,024	14 3
Coal and mineral leases	..	14,199	12 8
Timber licences and royalties	..	831	0 7
Miscellaneous leases	..	455	6 10
Rents of reserves	..	1,166	10 4
Totals ..	..	£26,411	3 0

Table 29.—SUMMARY OF CHEVIOT ESTATE RECEIPTS for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1906.

	£	s.	d.
Cash land sales	..	..	47 15 0
Rents, lease in perpetuity	..	..	6,777 16 7
" grazing-farms	..	..	6,076 2 1
" miscellaneous and pastoral leases	..	..	475 9 11
	13,929	8	7
	£13,977	3	7

Table 30.—CHEVIOT ESTATE: RETURN of Outlay and Income at 31st March, 1906.

Dr.	OUTLAY.	£	s.	d.
Purchase-money	..	..	..	260,220 0
Roads-construction	..	..	..	45,158 10 0
Surveys	..	..	..	6,411 9 11
Landing-service—Administration and contingencies to 31st March, 1905	..	..	..	12,218 19 8
Landing-service—Administration and contingencies, 1st April, 1905, to 31st March, 1906	..	..	..	99 13 2
Interest to 31st March, 1905	..	..	..	104,990 9 5
Interest, 1st April, 1905, to 31st March, 1906	..	..	..	8,866 2 6
Cheese-factory	..	..	..	900 0 0
Total	..	..	..	
				£438,865 4 8
Cr.	INCOME.			
Cash—				
Freehold disposed of	..	..	..	39,196 16 4
Rents and royalties to 31st March, 1905	..	..	..	161,914 16 0
Rents and royalties, 1st April, 1905, to 31st March, 1906	..	..	..	13,329 8 7
Interest to 31st March, 1905	..	..	..	1,556 10 11
Interest, 1st April, 1905, to 31st March, 1906	..	..	..	..
Shipping and port charges	..	..	..	3,828 3 11
Rents and interest unpaid at 31st March, 1906	..	..	..	3,092 0 9
Balance	..	..	..	215,947 8 2
Total	..	..	..	
				£438,865 4 8

Table 31.—SUMMARY of ARREARS due to the CROWN on 31st March, 1906.

Tenure.	Number of Selectors.	Exclusive of current Half- year's Rent.		Number of Selectors.	Inclusive of current Half-year's Rent.		Tenure.	Number of Selectors.	Exclusive of current Half- year's Rent.		Number of Selectors.	Inclusive of current Half-year's Rent.		Area.	Inclusive of current Half year's Rent.	
		Area.	Amount in Arrear.		Area.	Amount in Arrear.			Area.	Amount in arrear.		Area.	Amount in Arrear.			
ORDINARY CROWN LANDS.																
Deferred payment ..	9	A. R. P. 717 0 31	£ s. d. 38 14 2	8	A. R. P. 1,058 2 15	£ s. d. 51 16 9	CHRYOT ESTATE. Lease in perpetuity..	..	A. R. P. ..	£ s. d. ..	3	A. R. P. 866 2 37	£ s. d. 102 8 0			
Perpetual lease ..	30	4,273 1 33	104 7 4	100	16,102 1 27	373 16 11	Village - homestead	6	165 0 5	23 18 1	14	322 2 37	80 6 2			
Occupation with right of purchase ..	231	58,397 2 20	1,702 14 2	640	161,972 3 0	4,817 15 11	special settlements	3	1,733 2 0	106 18 0	35	33,470 3 27	2,702 14 11			
Lease in perpetuity ..	278	52,941 1 8	1,467 15 5	668	143,291 3 2	3,557 4 3	Grazing-farms ..	6	291 3 20	29 3 0	22	658 1 7	78 12 11			
Agricultural lease ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Miscellaneous ..	15	2,190 1 25	158 19 1	74	35,318 2 28	2,964 2 0			
Mining Districts Land Oc- cupation Act ..	48	2,947 1 33	169 17 1	94	4,418 2 9	304 1 11	Totals ..									
Village settlements on de- ferred payment ..	1	49 3 31	1 10 0	3	99 2 1	3 17 3										
Village settlements on per- petual lease ..	1	10 0 0	2 0 0	27	189 2 1	39 4 11	LAND FOR SETTLE- MENTS.									
Village settlements on oc- cupation with right of purchase ..	2	2 0 0	0 9 0	7	5 2 0	1 8 0	Lease in perpetuity..	173	30,591 0 4	5,640 19 7	510	80,867 3 7	14,753 16 1			
Village settlements on lease in perpetuity ..	17	395 2 6	21 8 2	69	1,699 0 0	232 11 9	Village lease in per- petuity	5	46 0 6	20 15 3	6	79 1 18	54 5 11			
Village-homestead special settlements ..	70	1,238 0 36	258 6 3	155	3,723 3 4	525 14 10	Small grazing-runs..	..	178 1 35	71 8 11	7	8,530 1 37	596 9 4			
Special-settlement associa- tions ..	43	7,896 2 38	451 12 8	90	15,528 1 15	817 2 9	Miscellaneous ..	13	..	..	29	539 2 2	98 18 2			
Improved farms ..	58	7,719 1 35	767 6 8	126	15,199 1 26	1,407 2 2	Totals ..	191	30,815 2 5	5,733 3 9	552	90,017 0 24	15,503 9 6			
Small grazing-runs ..	42	92,531 1 2	902 8 11	266	536,025 2 26	6,436 13 5	Thermal Springs, Rotorua	17	319 3 32	68 1 3	84	2,028 1 25	374 15 4			
Pastoral runs ..	40	56,540 3 11	229 14 5	102	467,409 2 8	828 19 10	Grand totals ..	1,296	331,010 2 23	13,447 5 7	3,540	1,630,585 2 8	41,402 4 6			
Miscellaneous (not other- wise specified)	203	62,023 2 37	1,368 17 3	475	136,496 3 37	3,162 7 0										
Totals ..	1,073	347,684 3 1	7,487 1 6	2,830	1,503,221 1 11	22,559 17 8	Native Townships ..	89	123 2 14	376 0 11	132	270 3 28	469 1 9			

Table 32.—RETURN showing POSITION and TRANSACTIONS in Improved-farm Settlements from their Commencement to 31st March, 1906.

Name of Settlement.	Areas.	Dates of Gazette Proclamations.	Number of Sections in each Settlement.	Number of Settlers remaining in Occupation on 31 Mar., '06.	Number of Persons Resident.	Area occupied.	Area felled.	Area grassed.	Number of Cattle or other Stock on allotments.	Roads felled or partially felled during the year.	Amount paid to Selectors for Improvements: Past and Present Transactions.			Rent and Interest paid by Selectors.		Value of improvements now on the land, including that paid for by Government.
											For Houses.	For Bush-felling and other Works.	Total Payments.	During the Year ending 31 Mar., '06.	From Com-mencement of System.	
Auckland—	Te Rau-a-moa	1896, p. 655	10	10	32	A. 1,424 2 32	Acres. 1,025	Acres. 1,025	Mls. ch.	..	£ s. d. 237 16 2	£ s. d. 1,737 16 1	£ s. d. 1,975 12 3	£ s. d. 65 8 3	£ s. d. 702 15 9	£ s. d. 2,540 0 0
	Paemako	1897, p. 5	13	11	31	1,343 2 38	*118	*586	..	..	337 8 0	372 6 8	709 14 8	86 13 1	600 13 7	*1,549 15 0
	Manau	1895, p. 863	10	3	30	298 0 0	1,014	1,014	..	..	184 8 0	1,466 17 8	1,651 5 11	11 18 0	313 5 1	1,059 0 0
	Awatuna	1895, p. 863	10	1	6	100 0 0	470	162	..	..	122 2 11	989 12 11	1,111 15 10	7 5 1	118 18 0	1,122 0 0
	Katui	1895, p. 863	10	3	30	292 0 0	709	530	..	..	165 11 4	901 0 0	1,066 11 4	42 11 2	267 14 8	875 0 0
	Rangitira	1895, p. 863	10	2	8	200 0 0	249	156	..	..	45 18 4	146 8 0	192 6 4	3 17 4	67 11 9	122 0 0
	Tawai	1896, p. 1541	19	7	7	91 3 27	237*	161*	..	..	102 10 0	487 0 8	589 10 8	18 15 4	98 16 1	*615 5 0
	Karu	1904, p. 1098	11	9	3	1,754 0 0	..	74*	..	..	30 0 0	..	30 0 0	..	..	*38 15 0
	Kakepuku	1904, p. 1904	16	13	9	2,553 0 0	..	27*	..	..	81 0 0	..	81 0 0	..	..	*176 19 0
	Totals	..	109	59	156	8,057 1 17	3,822	3,735	..	..	1,306 15 0	6,101 2 0	7,407 17 0	236 8 3	2,169 19 11	7,148 14 0
Hawke's Bay—	Waikopiro	1895, p. 79	15	15	84	1,771 0 0	1,770	1,698	..	..	139 14 4	1,708 5 0	1,847 19 4	247 9 8	2,114 18 9	7,574 0 0
	Akitio	1896, p. 655	2	2	..	145 0 0	145	145	..	..	20 0 0	152 4 5	172 4 5	24 16 10	134 15 7	..
	Totals	..	17	17	84	1,916 0 0	1,915	1,843	..	..	159 14 4	1,860 9 5	2,020 3 9	272 6 6	2,249 14 4	7,574 0 0
Taranaki—	Ngaire	7 Feb., 1895	16	15	26	159 2 30	166	166	..	..	262 10 0	311 7 9	573 17 9	47 11 0	405 1 1	1,557 0 0
	Tongaporutu	4 Oct., 1894	16	4	29	450 1 16	529	529	..	..	200 0 0	922 13 11	1,122 13 11	50 6 11	411 18 6	1,595 0 0
	Mangaere	10 Jan., 1895	13	11	44	442 2 16	460	460	..	..	132 10 0	574 2 0	706 12 0	45 6 4	460 7 2	2,321 0 0
	Urutui	10 Jan., 1895	7	5	21	502 0 0	494	494	..	..	79 0 0	817 7 0	896 7 0	47 15 5	434 9 9	1,570 0 0
	Taumatahahi	22 Oct., 1894	4	4	1	404 0 0	290	290	..	..	70 0 0	281 14 2	351 14 2	33 18 5	268 12 10	1,366 0 0
	Whangamomona	30 Jan., 1896	111	59	163	7,527 1 17	5,205	5,205	..	..	827 10 0	6,859 3 5	7,686 13 5	633 2 6	3,768 17 8	18,914 0 0
	Poti	4 July, 1895	8	8	18	108 0 0	106	106	..	..	120 0 0	173 15 3	233 15 3	49 14 4	324 0 0	1,424 0 0
	Maata	30 July, 1895	3	3	2	30 0 0	30	30	..	..	50 0 0	58 1 8	108 1 8	7 3 2	62 14 9	240 9 0
	Huroa	29 Nov., 1894	9	7	26	570 3 16	522	522	..	..	93 10 0	587 3 0	680 13 0	56 1 8	413 10 5	2,108 0 0
	Okau	5 Mar., 1896	19	2	18	184 0 14	506	506	..	..	137 10 0	1,010 1 6	1,147 11 6	10 5 4	152 3 2	1,380 0 0
	Derwent	5 Mar., 1896	13	5	25	696 0 0	596	596	..	..	192 10 0	1,123 11 5	1,316 1 5	93 13 1	531 6 11	2,079 0 0
	Nihoniho	15 Aug., 1895	23	21	30	2,862 1 28	407	407	..	..	93 0 0	500 14 1	593 14 1	62 15 9	165 8 6	2,642 0 0
	Greenlands	17 Sept., 1896	6	2	7	199 1 10	236	236	..	..	50 0 0	629 0 3	679 0 3	20 6 3	159 6 1	795 0 0
	Mangapoua	27 Oct., 1897	7	2	7	200 0 0	108	108	..	..	30 0 0	286 5 6	316 5 6	7 3 1	79 4 10	490 0 0
	Totoro	18 Feb., 1904	36	33	26	6,087 0 0	212	212	..	..	20 0 0	..	20 0 0	..	..	816 0 0
	Mangapapa	18 Feb., 1904	29	29	74	5,322 0 0	270	379	..	..	180 0 0	208 6 0	388 6 0	..	..	1,880 0 0
	Paora	19 Mar., 1904	40	40	49	7,615 0 0	250	250	..	..	67 10 0	193 6 3	260 16 3	..	..	1,150 0 0
	Totals	..	360	250	566	33,360 2 27	10,387	10,496	..	..	2,605 10 0	14,536 13 2	17,142 3 2	1,165 3 3	7,637 1 8	42,336 0 0

* Last year's figures; no report this year.

	1,390	20 Dec., 1894 10 Sept., 1897 2 Feb., 1903	13	12	86	1,128 0 33	1,277	1,277	1,370	..	227 0 0	1,828 10 1	2,055 10 1	209 15 6	2,207 19 8	8,750 0 0
Wellington— Pemberton ..	..	1,390	13	12	86	1,128 0 33	1,277	1,277	1,370	..	227 0 0	1,828 10 1	2,055 10 1	209 15 6	2,207 19 8	8,750 0 0
Kawhatau ..	..	1,000	12	9	60	749 3 37	900	900	1,400	..	230 0 0	959 14 6	1,189 14 6	172 19 10	1,056 2 3	6,000 0 0
Hautapu ..	..	1,204	12	12	48	1,074 0 0	817	817	695	..	265 0 0	859 2 10	1,124 2 10	191 0 5	982 11 10	4,750 0 0
Masterton-Tenui ..	..	1,168	12	11	52	1,065 1 37	887	887	1,930	..	220 0 0	627 0 1	847 0 1	122 6 4	950 13 4	4,481 0 0
Akitio ..	..	4,880	44	36	94	3,810 2 0	3,143	3,088	3,201	..	606 10 0	3,084 9 1	3,690 19 1	615 2 1	2,737 17 4	8,974 5 2
Horopito ..	..	2,000	12	3	6	300 0 0	140	140	80	..	60 0 0	333 1 4	393 1 4	33 4 1	189 0 7	448 0 0
Oathape ..	..	200	10	10	46	204 1 10	200	200	130	..	259 0 0	405 12 0	664 12 0	60 11 1	472 10 10	1,700 0 0
Ohutu ..	..	2,881	34	34	148	2,894 3 26	2,235	2,235	2,032	..	307 0 0	1,634 0 11	1,941 0 11	277 6 5	1,573 19 8	13,760 0 0
Otuarei ..	..	1,500	11	7	32	1,370 0 0	360	560	1,368	..	150 0 0	308 14 5	458 14 5	107 17 5	581 19 3	2,237 0 0
Rongoiti ..	..	1,087	8	5	27	492 2 0	460	492	1,450	..	87 10 0	376 13 1	464 3 1	75 12 4	443 19 9	1,950 0 0
Mangatiti ..	..	5,356	36	24	95	3,164 3 38	2,626	2,559	1,924	..	306 15 0	3,002 13 0	3,309 8 0	343 11 7	2,027 13 3	7,829 11 5
Orakura ..	..	1,819	10	10	52	1,819 0 0	630	650	340	..	141 0 0	365 17 2	506 17 2	112 11 0	480 9 6	4,000 0 0
Sommerville ..	..	1,600	8	1	37	200 0 0	500	640	420	..	101 0 0	181 14 9	282 14 9	80 13 10	270 15 7	1,870 0 0
Taihape Extension ..	..	567	6	6	25	567 1 16	255	212	147	..	30 0 0	73 10 0	103 10 0	52 16 11	84 14 11	845 0 0
Kauaeke ..	..	200	1	1	1	200 0 0	50	50	110	..	..	..	..	..	..	150 0 0
Tapui ..	..	2,038	10	3	23	600 0 0	150	150	87	..	60 0 0	..	60 0 0	..	..	350 0 0
Raketapauma ..	..	3,141	19	19	4	3,307 2 28	35	35	7	..	..	35 15 0	35 15 0	..	..	136 0 0
Mangatiti ..	..	..	..	5	..	776 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otuarei ..	..	..	..	1	..	200 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sommerville ..	..	..	..	7	..	1,400 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Namunui ..	..	1,841	24	23	5	1,732 2 1	242	242	7	..	..	75 0 0	75 0 0	..	..	716 0 0
Horowhenua ..	..	138	1	1	4	138 0 8	20	20	..	..	10 0 0	30 0 0	40 0 0	..	..	138 0 0
Totals ..	..	34,010	283	240	845	27,195 1 34	14,927	15,104	16,718	..	3,030 15 0	14,181 8 3	17,242 3 3	2,454 19 10	14,060 7 9	69,084 16 7
Southland— Haldane ..	..	2,200	24	19	64	2,087 0 18	1,389	1,370	408	..	394 10 0	4,613 4 1	5,007 14 1	118 10 10	693 18 4	4,007 17 8
Waikawa ..	..	860	8	4	25	776 1 5	725	714	160	..	229 12 0	3,581 4 2	3,810 16 2	16 7 9	147 2 7	1,500 2 3
Papatotara ..	..	1,480	15	14	33	1,527 3 2	890	833	266	..	67 19 0	2,565 14 1	2,633 13 1	65 14 0	415 6 8	2,385 12 8
Moturimu ..	..	670	14	10	57	609 0 35	762	805	33	..	210 0 0	395 11 10	605 11 10	40 10 11	228 8 8	1,035 10 0
Totals ..	..	5,210	61	47	179	5,000 1 20	3,766	3,722	867	..	902 1 0	11,155 14 2	12,057 15 2	241 3 6	1,484 16 3	8,929 2 7
Grand totals ..	..	96,175	830	613	1,830	75,529 3 18	34,817	34,900	24,677	..	8,034 15	447,835 7 0	55,870 2 4	4,370 1 4	27,601 19 11	135,072 13 2

Lands allotted but
not registered on
books

Table 33 (Part I).—RETURN of LANDS acquired and leased under the Land for Settlements Acts up to the Year which ended 31st March, 1906.

Name of Settlement.	Date when Land opened for Selection.	Area acquired, including Strips or Dedications.	Area occupied by Roads and Reserves unlet.	Area of Land unlet, surrendered, or resumed and not yet offered for Selection.	New Selections and Addition to Holdings during the Year.			Total Lands leased at Date.		
					No. of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rent payable.	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rent now payable.
Auckland— Opouiso .. Okauia .. Rangiatea .. Karapiro .. Fencourt .. Whitehall .. Bickerstaffe .. Matamata .. Selwyn .. Cradock Hamlet .. Hetara Hamlet .. Kitchener Hamlet .. Methuen Hamlet .. Plumer Hamlet .. Waari Hamlet .. Totals ..	Feb. 12, 1896..	A. 7,604 0 0 R. P. 0 0 0	A. 259 2 29 R. P. 2 29	A. R. P. 0 2 0	9	A. R. P. 12 0 0	£ s. d. 10 15 0	105	A. R. P. 7,343 3 11 8,996 3 30 8,914 1 0 2,222 0 18 7,054 3 12 8,958 0 0 6,541 2 20 42,399 0 7 12,052 2 24	£ s. d. 1,479 18 4 221 7 10 712 8 2 428 10 8 1,770 14 4 834 17 0 1,381 3 0 7,001 13 0 813 8 4 46 7 4 78 3 4 41 6 4 122 0 8 39 9 2 8 18 2
	Feb. 21, 1898..	5,920 0 0	1,598 0 10	325 0 0	..	..	..	8	..	..
	June 22, 1898..	4,004 0 0	89 3 0	..	..	..	..	19	..	..
	Oct. 21, 1898..	2,835 0 24	48 2 31	64 1 15	..	..	..	17	..	..
	Mar. 12, 1900..	7,105 3 5	50 3 33	..	..	..	..	34	..	..
	April 9, 1900..	8,959 0 0	1 0 0	..	..	..	..	10	..	..
	Dec. 7, 1903..	12,480 0 19	532 3 19	*5,405 2 20	10.	2,632 0 0	581 18 10	24	..	..
	June 2, 1904..	42,738 3 2	283 3 13	51 1 22	17	894 1 30	138 0 10	180	..	..
	Dec. 18, 1905..	159,302 0 0	70,871 1 36	76,377 3 20	24	8,229 2 24	765 12 6	25	..	..
	April 22, 1902..	33 0 9	3 3 14	10 2 5	1	3 0 5	6 4 4	9	..	..
	April 22, 1902..	451 1 34	42 3 9	307 0 33	9	63 1 37	59 16 10	18	..	..
	April 22, 1902..	26 3 35	4 0 21	4 0 29	2	3 2 0	9 14 0	9	..	..
	April 22, 1902..	77 3 14	6 2 22	28 3 12	5	9 0 7	24 16 4	16	..	..
	April 23, 1902..	74 0 0	9 2 12	20 1 36	4	13 3 8	12 7 4	12	..	..
	April 22, 1902..	427 2 32	28 0 26	375 3 14	1	2 1 0	0 17 0	6	..	..
	..	251,539 3 14	73,831 1 35	82,971 3 11	82	11,863 0 31	1,610 3 0	492	94,732 0 8	14,530 5 8
	May 6, 1896..	427 2 0	11 1 2	..	..	..	..	19	416 0 38	543 2 0
	June 24, 1896..	9,740 0 0	145 0 27	1 2 32	..	..	..	46	9,593 0 21	2,314 1 0
	Sept. 9, 1896..	430 2 10	4 2 16	..	..	..	..	18	425 3 34	463 0 0
	April 21, 1897..	337 3 4	1 1 32	..	..	..	..	9	336 1 12	405 8 0
	Mar. 2, 1898..	111 3 38	1 3 35	..	..	..	..	13	110 0 3	135 2 0
	Mar. 22, 1899..	1,133 3 0	17 1 5	..	..	..	..	34	1,116 1 35	1,620 8 10
	Mar. 22, 1899..	775 1 36	..	..	..	..	..	22	775 1 36	758 10 2
	April 25, 1901..	26,522 3 20	649 1 2	..	..	..	..	62	25,873 2 18	7,841 10 10
	Jan. 21, 1902..	19,581 3 12	159 3 12	..	..	..	..	26	19,422 0 0	4,727 16 4
	May 12, 1902..	3,774 2 38	29 2 38	..	..	..	..	15	3,745 0 0	1,688 13 6
	May 13, 1902..	8,822 0 13	65 0 15	..	1	34 3 0	14 16 2	29	8,756 3 38	2,602 10 8
	June 23, 1903..	33,705 1 30	102 2 37	..	4	2,789 3 0	565 14 2	62	33,602 2 33	8,464 0 4
	Dec. 15, 1903..	10,072 1 37	27 2 1	..	..	..	..	17	10,044 3 36	2,799 12 10
	April 11, 1905..	13,574 0 0	292 3 18	..	60	13,009 1 36	5,220 15 6	66	13,281 0 22	5,404 7 0
	Totals ..	129,010 1 38	1,508 3 0	1 2 32	65	15,893 3 36	5,801 5 10	438	127,500 0 6	39,768 3 6
Taranaki— Tokara .. Spotswood .. Clandon .. Totals ..	Nov. 20, 1901..	1,505 2 8	6 3 31	..	..	..	..	13	1,498 2 17	1,590 8 10
	May 5, 1903..	310 3 23	9 1 35	156 0 34	..	..	..	12	145 0 34	214 10 2
	Nov. 16, 1903..	881 0 13	..	..	..	..	..	6	881 0 13	583 4 7
	..	2,697 2 4	16 1 26	156 0 34	..	..	..	31	2,524 3 24	2,388 3 7

* Includes 1,473 acres 2 roads experimental farm.

Wellington—	Feb. 28, 1898..	322 3 32	24 2 31	..	..	..	..	..	37	298 1 1	308 10 2
Paparangi	Dec. 27, 1899..	1,745 1 30	8 1 24	..	..	..	..	..	15	1,737 0 6	1,129 3 10
Ohakea ..	Dec. 27, 1899..	702 0 19	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	702 0 19	527 7 4
Te Matua	April 5, 1900..	1,785 0 0	31 3 29	..	..	..	..	..	37	1,753 0 11	1,342 16 10
Aorangi..	Mar. 19, 1901..	9,405 0 0	150 0 37	..	54 1 3	95 1 0	..	..	26	9,200 2 0	1,542 16 6
Langdale	May 14, 1901..	1,240 2 36	14 1 36	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,226 1 0	826 10 0
Mangawhata	June 25, 1901..	1,000 3 14	7 0 10	..	2 2 15	..	..	..	42	91 0 29	515 13 8
Epuni Hamlet	Dec. 29, 1901..	472 1 20	97 1 16	..	107 3 0	7 3 39	..	..	20	267 1 4	209 1 8
Maungaraki	Sept. 17, 1902..	551 1 36	2 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	5	549 1 36	309 13 6
Linton ..	June 16, 1903..	3,021 3 26	19 0 22	..	318 2 18	..	..	..	6	2,684 0 26	727 1 6
Longbush	June 16, 1903..	5,496 3 30	30 1 30	..	631 2 0	..	..	..	9	4,835 0 0	1,189 11 0
Tablelands	Dec. 15, 1903..	1,623 0 9	15 2 32	..	37 2 35	25 3 7	..	..	30	1,569 2 22	394 14 2
Normandale	Mar. 26, 1906..	2,328 2 31	22 2 10	..	1,384 1 7	921 3 14	..	..	9	921 3 14	598 9 0
Tawaha..											
Totals	..	28,796 2 3	423 3 37	16	2,536 2 38	1,050 3 20	678 1 2	256	25,835 3 8	9,621 9 2	
Marlborough—	Jan. 16, 1895..	5,507 0 0	272 0 15	..	5 2 25	..	..	..	19	5,229 1 0	882 8 4
Blind River	June 24, 1896..	3,898 0 0	69 1 0	..	..	..	..	..	13	3,828 3 0	586 19 4
Omaka ..	Feb. 25, 1897..	3,320 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3,200 0 0	24 10 0
Puhipuhi	Mar. 13, 1899..	35,906 0 0	791 0 37	26	68 0 15	13 2 16	41 10 0	167	35,046 2 28	5,852 3 8	
Starborough	Aug. 18, 1899..	5,854 0 0	185 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	11	5,669 0 0	1,305 0 6
Richmond Brook	Feb. 25, 1901..	3,755 2 0	100 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	4	3,655 2 0	408 10 8
Waipapa	April 1, 1901..	12,895 0 0	57 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	9	12,838 0 0	383 18 4
North Bank	Aug. 31, 1903..	246 0 21	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	246 0 21	815 15 4
Rainford	June 22, 1905..	46,598 0 0	687 0 25	123	807 3 11	45,103 0 4	10,339 16 0	123	45,103 0 4	10,339 16 0	
Flaxbourne											
Totals	..	114,979 2 21	2,161 2 37	149	881 2 11	45,116 2 20	10,381 6 0	359	111,936 1 13	20,099 2 2	
Westland—	June 26, 1896..	3,230 1 6	93 1 6	1	..	8 2 0	1 0 0	20	3,137 0 0	271 15 2	
Poerua	Nov. 4, 1902..	1,894 2 20	32 3 16	..	..	..	..	7	1,861 3 4	267 16 6	
Kokatahi											
Totals	..	5,124 3 26	126 0 22	1	..	8 2 0	1 0 0	27	4,998 3 4	539 11 8	
Canterbury—	Jan. 18, 1894..	630 2 13	8 2 38	..	..	..	..	28	611 3 15	396 18 6	
Pareora..	Jan. 18, 1894..	109 0 7	4 1 39	..	..	..	..	4	104 2 8	73 4 6	
Studholme Junction	Mar. 24, 1894..	574 1 22	2 0 0	..	..	..	..	12	572 1 22	270 3 4	
Kapua ..	June 26, 1895..	600 1 8	..	..	..	..	..	14	600 1 8	807 13 6	
Rosebrook	June 26, 1895..	373 3 14	6 2 21	..	..	..	..	9	367 0 33	216 14 8	
Otaio ..	Nov. 27, 1895..	4,535 3 14	17 3 26	..	..	..	..	4	4,517 3 28	170 16 6	
Patoa ..	Aug. 1, 1895..	2,811 0 9	12 0 0	..	..	..	..	12	2,799 0 9	196 12 6	
The Peaks	Aug. 14, 1895..	48 3 27	4 1 4	..	..	..	..	26	44 0 10	136 14 4	
Roimata	Dec. 14, 1895..	105 2 29	..	..	..	..	..	4	105 2 29	82 18 0	
Kereta ..	Nov. 27, 1895..	27 2 4	..	..	..	..	..	14	27 2 4	72 8 4	
Braco ..	Nov. 27, 1895..	21 0 3	..	..	..	..	..	2	21 0 3	13 11 2	
Epworth	Dec. 4, 1895..	1,165 3 6	4 2 4	..	..	..	..	10	1,161 1 2	253 1 0	
Ashley Gorge	June 28, 1899..	384 0 31	..	..	..	..	..	1	384 0 31	13 5 0	
Omih Valley	June 22, 1896..	9,121 3 8	87 3 30	..	..	..	..	27	9,030 3 18	397 10 8	
Orakipapa	June 24, 1896..	39 3 9	..	..	..	..	..	77	3,041 18 4	3,041 18 4	
Highbank	Mar. 24, 1897..	73 1 10	..	..	..	..	..	7	39 3 9	111 18 0	
Otarakaro				..	..	..	..	26	73 1 10	274 8 0	
Wharenui				..	..	..	..				
Carried forward	..	20,633 0 14	148 2 2	..	3 0 0	..	..	277	20,480 3 39	6,034 16 4	

Otago—		7,478	212	1,121	862	19	6,144	916
Ponahaka Downs	Feb. 20, 1894...	2	3 39	1 28	1 30	0	0 15	1 2
Teneraki	Feb. 7, 1894...	351	6 3 9	..	..	..	344 1 30	281 9 6
Tahawai	Aug. 21, 1895...	70	1 3 21	..	..	..	68 2 14	35 14 4
Maerewhenua	Sept. 10, 1895...	11,163	227 2 7	3 0 0	11 2 35	1 14 6	10,933 1 24	3,538 6 8
Puketapu	Mar. 18, 1896...	509	12 3 10	..	..	..	496 0 36	189 0 10
Ardgowan	May 12, 1896...	4,267	97 1 35	..	8 0 39	4 14 10	4,170 1 33	1,897 5 4
Makareao	June 26, 1896...	2,383	91 1 4	..	..	..	2,291 3 0	522 7 8
Extension	April 14, 1897...	2,589	19 0 3	..	..	..	2,570 2 9	296 15 4
Momona	May 10, 1897...	224	5 0 0	..	..	..	219 1 16	210 6 2
Tokarahi	May 11, 1897...	11,259	281 2 1	..	..	..	10,978 0 35	4,118 13 10
Janefield	Sept. 13, 1899...	147	3 1 5	..	2 0 27	1 16 10	143 2 37	258 6 2
Elderslie	Mar. 20, 1900...	11,618	111 2 26	..	10 0 0	35 13 2	11,506 3 18	4,126 19 4
Barnago	May 15, 1900...	7,078	24 1 31	19 1 5	229 0 0	65 16 10	7,034 3 5	1,407 17 0
Earnsclough	Dec. 18, 1901...	1,269	30 3 1	..	12 1 27	..	1,239 0 4	173 10 8
Windsor Park No. 1	May 28, 1902...	3,821	17 2 31	..	..	..	3,803 3 25	875 16 8
Windsor Park No. 2	Oct. 28, 1902...	2,179	2 0 6	..	272 1 37	113 0 8	2,177 2 11	238 1 2
Duncan..	Dec. 29, 1902...	633	1 2 13	..	..	..	631 3 30	224 11 0
St. Helens	June 29, 1903...	547	..	..	21,782 1 3	4,243 11 8	547 3 20	4,243 11 8
Greenfield	April 11, 1905...	22,071	289 0 27	..	..	..	21,782 1 3	..
Totals	..	89,665	1,436 3 29	1,143 2 33	23,190 2 38	4,487 13 2	87,085 0 5	25,217 11 4
Southland—								
Merrivale	Dec. 18, 1895...	9,998	174 3 13	..	344 0 0	13 15 4	9,818 0 22	1,429 5 8
Oahu ..	Nov. 4, 1897...	6,153	128 2 25	69 3 36	1,292 2 1	48 9 8	5,954 2 15	360 4 2
Baumont	Jan. 26, 1898...	4,484	16 0 36	546 3 6	656 1 28	69 6 0	3,921 0 2	421 0 7
Ringway	Dec. 20, 1901...	2,253	22 1 30	..	372 0 0	73 18 8	2,231 0 18	460 9 0
Glenham	Mar. 24, 1902...	11,484	153 3 32	2,517 2 0	731 2 16	166 17 6	8,808 0 18	1,567 13 4
Edendale	April 15, 1904...	19,809	267 3 2	798 2 23	2,299 2 22	358 6 4	18,743 1 26	6,240 19 0
Totals	..	54,183	768 3 23	3,932 3 25	5,636 0 27	730 13 6	49,476 1 21	10,479 11 9
Grand Totals	..	938,173	82,477 2 29	100,802 1 32	114,042 3 36	31,096 19 4	754,887 2 6	196,623 12 10

Table 33 (Part II).—RETURN of LANDS acquired and leased under the Land for Settlements Acts up to the Year which ended 31st March, 1906.

Name of Settlement.	Yearly Value of Unlet Land to 31st March, 1906.		Occupied Land.		Amount advanced to Selectors for Buildings, &c.	Arrears on 31st March, 1906.			Rent and other Payments received during the Year.	Total Receipts from Inception to 31st March, 1906.
	£	s. d.	No. of Houses on Holdings.	No. of Souls resident on Holdings.	£	s. d.	A.	R. P.	£	s. d.
Auckland—										
Opouriā	1 0 0	0 0	56	279	30,423 0 0	..	215 0 0	0 0	1,269 15 8	13,432 12 6
Okauia ..	65 0 0	0 0	7	10	3,063 0 0	..	1,281 3 30	0 0	100 1 6	1,468 17 2
Rangiatea	..	..	18	105	9,260 0 0	..	404 2 0	0 0	649 1 9	5,416 7 9
Karapiro	13 13 6	0 0	10	55	4,963 0 0	..	..	0 0	441 16 4	3,101 18 7
Fencourt	..	..	31	136	11,188 0 0	..	..	0 0	1,501 1 1	9,048 6 7
Whitehall	..	..	10	83	5,145 0 0	..	..	0 0	426 9 6	2,085 1 4
Bickerstaffe	634 11 2	2 0	17	81	3,111 0 0	..	156 2 0	0 0	1,077 18 2	2,390 8 6
Matamata	122 15 2	10 0	105	296	22,894 0 0	..	4,000 0 3	0 0	6,026 18 11	12,232 6 2
Selwyn ..	1,018 18 10	0 0	14	54	1,879 0 0	..	..	0 0	576 1 0	576 1 0
Cradock	19 11 0	0 0	8	29	1,045 0 0	..	2 0 0	0 0	43 9 1	114 6 10
Hetana ..	246 9 10	0 0	14	59	923 0 0	..	..	0 0	69 4 3	235 10 3
Kitchener	15 10 0	0 0	7	28	818 0 0	..	..	0 0	73 9 1	151 19 0
Methuen	67 9 8	0 0	13	51	1,956 0 0	..	4 0 28	0 0	143 16 8	476 12 8
Plumer ..	9 4 4	0 0	8	15	637 0 0	..	..	0 0	41 0 1	110 3 9
Waari ..	140 6 4	0 0	5	11	452 0 0	..	3 2 38	0 0	26 19 7	48 10 11
Totals	2,354 9 10	0 0	323	1,242	97,763 0 0	604 0 0	7,537 3 1	0 0	12,467 2 8	50,879 3 0
Hawke's Bay—										
Raureka	..	..	17	85	3,443 0 0	..	15 1 35	0 0	558 1 0	5,238 1 4
Elsthorpe	2 18 0	0 0	28	109	13,109 5 0	..	0 3 6	0 0	2,296 12 8	22,902 5 1
Waimarie	..	..	16	64	3,187 12 6	..	..	0 0	466 4 8	4,140 13 11
Pouparae	..	..	9	47	3,241 1 0	..	..	0 0	434 4 8	3,449 8 10
Tomosana	..	..	12	65	2,940 5 0	..	..	0 0	134 1 10	1,073 5 6
Mahora ..	..	..	28	122	7,669 10 0	..	44 1 1	0 0	1,657 4 6	10,894 18 3
Willows ..	..	..	18	87	5,529 15 0	..	..	0 0	711 15 5	5,031 6 2
Hatuma	..	..	58	250	33,679 3 0	..	..	0 0	10,218 0 4	37,949 13 10
Manga-a-toro	..	..	25	127	18,840 1 9	..	1,771 0 0	0 0	4,634 5 9	17,289 13 7
Kumeroa	..	..	14	78	5,227 7 0	..	77 0 0	0 0	1,773 5 7	5,899 1 7
Forest Gate	..	..	26	107	11,426 11 7	..	701 0 0	0 0	2,367 9 3	9,567 8 9
Argyll ..	..	..	59	285	35,892 4 7	..	938 0 0	0 0	7,864 15 2	22,870 2 7
Wigan ..	..	..	13	29	6,529 1 11	..	..	0 0	2,774 7 6	6,323 19 10
Lindsey	..	..	51	189	12,492 12 0	..	..	0 0	5,092 7 8	5,180 19 8
Totals	2 18 0	0 0	374	1,594	163,207 10 4	..	3,547 2 2	0 0	40,982 15 7	157,800 18 11
Taranaki—										
Tokaora	..	..	14	71	4,019 0 0	..	253 2 20	0 0	1,585 6 10	6,283 15 1
Spotswood	634 7 0	0 0	11	50	2,257 10 0	..	78 1 7	0 0	189 9 11	872 7 5
Clandon	..	..	5	19	509 0 0	..	194 2 6	0 0	600 6 8	1,347 0 10
Totals	634 7 0	0 0	30	140	6,785 10 0	337 10 0	526 1 33	0 0	2,375 3 5	8,453 3 4

Wellington—	36	160	8,200	0 0 0	514	0 0	..	..	514	0 0	3	13	0 0	16	12	0	301	13	9	2,998	9	10
Paparangi	15	64	6,548	0 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,141	10	8	7,107	17	5
Ohakea ..	12	54	3,580	0 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	529	10	7	3,465	11	11
Te Matua	39	176	11,833	0 0 0	250	0 0	..	..	250	0 0	1	30	0 0	24	7	6	1,335	3	11	8,268	14	1
Aorangi..	23	76	9,683	2 11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,636	8	8	8,100	19	7
Langdale	8	44	3,789	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	869	8	6	4,173	13	4
Mangawhata	42	169	11,834	0 0 0	1,371	0 0	50	0 0	1,421	0 0	1	2	0 0	10	11	0	1,202	11	7	3,694	18	11
Epuni Hamlet	20	63	3,017	0 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	24	0 0	14	11	0	191	19	1	1,344	5	9
Maungaraki	5	25	1,970	0 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	98	0 0	101	8	0	280	8	5	1,082	16	3
Linton ..	14	16	1,802	5 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,296	15	8	2,706	13	5
Longbush	7	16	2,403	10 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,991	13	8	4,134	11	11
Tablelands	23	88	4,141	0 0 0	175	0 0	150	0 0	325	0 0	3	99	0 0	80	1	0	343	12	4	687	15	10
Normandale	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	496	8	7	496	8	7
Tawaha	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	234	949	68,750	17 11	2,310	0 0	200	0 0	2,510	0 0	10	266	0 0	197	10	6	11,617	5	5	48,232	16	10
Marlborough—	14	56	6,204	8 5	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	487	3 30	93	6	3	717	19	5	8,573	9	8
Blind River	12	52	5,374	10 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	340	0 32	44	2	2	509	14	11	5,632	8	3
Omaka ..	..	..	243	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	17	0	188	16	0
Puhipuhi	89	352	43,732	16 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	353	1 5	40	11	6	5,256	1	5	38,049	12	11
Starborough	11	50	6,874	0 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,116	7	8	8,069	19	11
Richmond Brook	5	21	6,103	0 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	449	1	8	2,340	19	11
Waipapa	7	34	1,373	7 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1,523	0 0	72	5	3	433	4	6	2,123	9	1
North Bank	9	34	1,077	16 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	311	4	2	9,269	17	9
Rainford	63	225	14,301	12 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Flaxbourne	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	210	824	85,284	10 5	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	2,704	1 27	250	5	2	18,086	8	6	75,051	19	9
Westland—	15	63	6,541	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Poerua ..	6	37	3,587	12 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kokotahi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	21	100	10,128	12 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury—	24	101	2,677	0 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	47	3 38	15	3	9	332	4	8	4,490	9	4
Pareora	3	16	444	8 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	8	9	839	0	6
Studholme Junction	12	39	1,893	5 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	50	0 0	11	5	0	228	11	9	3,118	16	1
Kapua ..	13	69	2,302	13 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	106	3 9	25	18	3	311	8	6	3,212	9	11
Rosebrook	8	42	1,879	5 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	219	0	3	2,314	15	3
Otaio ..	1	9	1,205	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	154	3	5	1,645	1	1
Patea ..	1	2	1,800	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	197	16	1	1,933	0	6
The Peaks	26	115	5,845	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	121	16	6	1,431	12	2
Roimata	3	27	909	17 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	74	12	4	840	0	8
Kereta ..	14	46	2,325	0 0	10	0 0	..	..	10	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	65	4	8	709	19	8
Braco ..	1	7	158	16 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	4	2	135	4	8
Epworth	12	56	3,888	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	244	7	10	2,600	1	8
Ashley Gorge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Omih Valley	20	103	2,157	19 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	46	3 34	19	17	1	357	10	5	3,742	7	10
Orakipaoa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carried forward	138	631	27,486	5 0	10	0 0	..	..	10	0 0	9	251	3 1	72	4	1	2,398	14	4	27,099	1	10

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED under the Land for Settlements Acts.

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Studholme Junction	27 July, 1893	Purchase-money ..	£ s. d. 1,291 5 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	£ s. d. 772 11 9
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	160 15 8	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	66 8 9
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	621 15 8	Balance ..	1,290 2 11
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	55 6 7		
		Total	2,129 3 5	Total	2,129 3 5
Pareora ..	16 Aug., 1893	Purchase-money ..	7,198 14 10	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	4,158 4 8
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	122 9 6	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	332 4 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	98 13 5
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	3,178 14 10	Balance ..	6,189 1 3
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	278 4 10		
		Total	10,778 4 0	Total	10,778 4 0
Pomahaka..	10 Oct., 1893	Purchase-money ..	18,656 17 10	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	8,507 3 3
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	4,355 13 8	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	532 16 3
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2 8 9	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	730 15 11
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	9,975 2 4	Balance ..	24,038 14 4
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	819 7 2		
		Total	33,809 9 9	Total	33,809 9 9
Kapua ..	11 Nov., 1893	Purchase-money ..	4,594 5 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	2,890 4 4
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	286 5 7	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	228 11 9
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	44 11 8
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	2,055 14 10	Balance ..	3,958 8 8
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	185 11 0		
		Total	7,121 16 5	Total	7,121 16 5
Te Anaraki..	31 Jan., 1894	Purchase-money ..	5,044 0 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	2,827 4 2
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	547 11 11	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	266 10 7
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	47 8 6
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	2,334 0 3	Balance ..	4,997 2 5
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	212 13 0		
		Total	8,138 5 8	Total	8,138 5 8
Blind River	20 Aug., 1894	Purchase-money ..	14,806 5 3	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	7,855 10 3
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,897 5 4	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	717 19 5
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	170 12 1
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	6,733 11 4	Balance ..	15,346 8 6
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	653 8 4		
		Total	24,090 10 3	Total	24,090 10 3
Rosebrook ..	15 Feb., 1895	Purchase-money ..	5,984 4 8	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	2,901 1 5
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	74 5 1	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	311 8 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	93 10 11
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	2,285 16 6	Balance ..	5,267 15 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	229 9 7		
		Total	8,573 15 10	Total	8,573 15 10

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED, &c.—continued.

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Otaio ..	25 Feb., 1895	Purchase-money ..	£ s. d. 4,143 11 3	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	£ s. d. 2,095 15 0
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	134 15 2	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	219 0 3
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	13 18 8
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,596 6 7	Balance ..	3,708 13 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	162 13 11		
		Total ..	6,037 6 11	Total ..	6,037 6 11
Merrivale ..	17 Apr., 1895	Purchase-money ..	24,995 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	12,678 19 1
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	3,278 12 1	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,157 4 7
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	34 8 11	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	839 16 4
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	10,280 15 2	Balance ..	24,976 2 1
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,064 5 11		
		Total ..	39,653 2 1	Total ..	39,653 2 1
Tahawai ..	25 Apr., 1895	Purchase-money ..	622 1 4	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	331 4 1
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	10 19 4	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	31 12 9
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	2 3 9
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	235 19 7	Balance ..	529 16 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	25 16 4		
		Total ..	894 16 7	Total ..	894 16 7
Patoa, and Peak's Farm	3 May, 1895	Purchase-money ..	6,612 10 3	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	3,226 2 1
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	343 9 6	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	351 19 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	2,554 18 4	Balance ..	6,196 9 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	263 12 6		
		Total ..	9,774 10 7	Total ..	9,774 10 7
Roimata ..	29 June, 1895	Purchase-money ..	2,200 6 7	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	1,309 15 8
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	624 9 4	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	121 16 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	0 9 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	8 9 2
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,003 3 6	Balance ..	2,495 15 5
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	107 8 4		
		Total ..	3,935 16 9	Total ..	3,935 16 9
Kereta ..	29 June, 1895	Purchase-money ..	1,584 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	765 8 4
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	32 9 6	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	74 12 4
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	580 17 1	Balance ..	1,419 2 8
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	61 16 9		
		Total ..	2,259 3 4	Total ..	2,259 3 4
Maerewhenua	27 July, 1895	Purchase-money ..	66,905 17 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	32,794 6 2
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	2,639 7 11	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	3,180 0 7
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	96 11 4
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	24,929 5 8	Balance ..	61,044 5 6
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2,640 13 0		
		Total ..	97,115 3 7	Total ..	97,115 3 7

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED, &c.—*continued*.

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Braco ..	5 Aug., 1895	Purchase-money ..	£ s. d. 1,375 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	£ s. d. 644 15 0
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	44 0 3	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	65 4 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	19 12 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	1,291 16 10
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	508 19 0	Balance ..	
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	54 5 3		
		Total ..	2,001 16 6	Total ..	2,001 16 6
Ashley Gorge ..	9 Aug., 1895	Purchase-money ..	4,855 19 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	2,355 13 10
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	265 8 9	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	244 7 10
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,825 2 3	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	4,540 13 2
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	194 4 4	Balance ..	
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..			
		Total ..	7,140 14 10	Total ..	7,140 14 10
Epworth ..	14 Aug., 1895	Purchase-money ..	252 4 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	123 0 6
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	10 4 1	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	12 4 2
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	93 16 8	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	230 17 7
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	9 17 0	Balance ..	
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..			
		Total ..	366 2 3	Total ..	366 2 3
Puketapu ..	18 Nov., 1895	Purchase-money ..	3,308 14 10	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	1,615 3 7
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	240 8 10	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	170 3 2
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,242 11 5	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	3,142 2 8
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	135 14 4	Balance ..	
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..			
		Total ..	4,927 9 5	Total ..	4,927 9 5
Omihi S.R. ..	16 Jan., 1896	Purchase-money ..	240 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	72 17 6
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	25 6 9	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	13 5 0
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	96 7 4	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	6 12 6
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	9 19 2	Balance ..	278 18 3
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..			
		Total ..	371 13 3	Total ..	371 13 3
Poerua ..	3 Feb., 1896	Purchase-money ..	3,634 1 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	2,049 17 11
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,367 19 9	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	256 19 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,659 3 11	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	96 18 11
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	188 15 6	Balance ..	4,446 4 4
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..			
		Total ..	6,850 0 8	Total ..	6,850 0 8
Raureka ..	9 Mar. 1896	Purchase-money ..	10,260 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	4,570 0 4
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	245 4 0	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	558 1 0
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	0 12 4	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	20 6 0
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	3,513 5 5	Balance ..	9,269 19 7
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	399 5 2		
		Total ..	14,418 6 11	Total ..	14,418 6 11

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED, &c.—*continued*.

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Opouriao ..	20 Mar., 1896	Purchase-money ..	£ 24,261 3 3	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	£ 12,162 16 10
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,725 10 5	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,269 15 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	8,552 1 3	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	152 11 11
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	985 1 11	Balance ..	21,938 12 5
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	985 1 11		
		Total ..	35,523 16 10	Total ..	35,523 16 10
Orakipaea ..	20 Mar., 1896	Purchase-money ..	7,683 17 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	3,384 17 5
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	149 14 1	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	357 10 5
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2,607 15 6	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	71 3 0
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	296 3 9	Balance ..	6,924 0 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	296 3 9		
		Total ..	10,737 10 10	Total ..	10,737 10 10
Omaka ..	20 Apr., 1896	Purchase-money ..	10,865 13 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	5,122 13 4
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	683 7 10	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	509 14 11
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	3,753 0 6	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	66 3 3
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	439 6 3	Balance ..	10,042 16 7
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	439 6 3		
		Total ..	15,741 8 1	Total ..	15,741 8 1
Elsthorpe ..	21 Apr., 1896 27 Nov., 1896	Purchase-money ..	43,420 10 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	20,605 12 5
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,937 9 5	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2,296 12 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	14,855 15 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	0 8 0
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,721 15 2	Balance ..	39,032 16 6
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,721 15 2		
		Total ..	61,935 9 7	Total ..	61,935 9 7
Makareao ..	12 May, 1896 14 Dec., 1896	Purchase-money ..	12,239 13 8	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	8,006 18 10
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	23,823 16 6	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	603 4 0
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	121 3 1	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	197 2 5
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	8,847 15 9	Balance ..	37,540 19 9
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,315 16 0		
		Total ..	46,348 5 0	Total ..	46,348 5 0
Highbank ..	18 May, 1896	Purchase-money ..	59,209 12 7	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	26,866 3 4
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,278 3 8	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2,766 13 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	0 19 6	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	189 16 1
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	19,675 18 5	Balance ..	52,657 14 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2,315 12 11		
		Total ..	82,480 7 1	Total ..	82,480 7 1
Ardgowan ..	23 May, 1896	Purchase-money ..	34,600 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	16,627 11 7
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	4,252 19 10	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,886 16 2
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	12,665 12 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	173 3 6
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,475 9 9	Balance ..	34,306 10 4
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,475 9 9		
		Total ..	52,994 1 7	Total ..	52,994 1 7

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED, &c.—continued.

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Waimarie ..	21 July, 1896	Purchase-money ..	£ s. d. 8,608 15 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	£ s. d. 3,674 9 3
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	268 7 11	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	466 4 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..		Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	14 10 0
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	2,862 18 5	Balance ..	7,922 6 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	337 8 7		
		Total ..	12,077 9 11	Total ..	12,077 9 11
Otarakaro ..	4 Sept., 1896	Purchase-money ..	1,990 6 3	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	835 2 2
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	86 7 5	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	97 1 11
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..		Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	26 12 8
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	669 5 7	Balance ..	1,866 5 11
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	79 3 5		
		Total ..	2,825 2 8	Total ..	2,825 2 8
Wharenui ..	28 Oct., 1896	Purchase money ..	4,765 6 3	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	2,135 11 2
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	304 17 10	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	283 12 4
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	0 5 6	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	37 19 8
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,578 19 8	Balance ..	4,384 6 10
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	192 0 9		
		Total ..	6,841 10 0	Total ..	6,841 10 0
Tomoana ..	31 Dec., 1896	Purchase-money ..	2,458 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	939 3 8
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	20 13 2	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	134 1 10
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	0 6 6	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	779 5 4	Balance ..	2,279 7 3
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	94 7 9		
		Total ..	3,352 12 9	Total ..	3,352 12 9
Horsley Down	1 Jan., 1897	Purchase-money ..	20,022 5 8	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	8,507 1 3
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	512 15 4	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	968 11 5
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2 2 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	1 18 11
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	6,262 19 5	Balance ..	18,102 12 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	780 1 2		
		Total ..	27,580 3 7	Total ..	27,580 3 7
Pouparae ..	31 Jan., 1897	Purchase-money ..	7,768 16 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	3,015 4 7
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	40 4 7	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	434 4 3
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..		Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	2,406 16 11	Balance ..	7,062 12 10
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	296 3 8		
		Total ..	10,512 1 8	Total ..	10,512 1 8
Rakitairi ..	31 Mar., 1897	Purchase-money ..	19,362 7 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	8,112 4 11
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	351 10 7	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	982 2 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..		Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	63 14 10
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	5,451 3 8	Balance ..	16,755 11 4
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	748 11 10		
		Total ..	25,913 13 7	Total ..	25,913 13 7

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED, &c.—continued.

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars	Amount.
Waiapi ..	31 Mar., 1897	Purchase-money ..	£ s. d. 9,553 2 3	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	£ s. d. 3,920 9 11
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	106 6 1	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	497 15 4
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	29 13 0
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	2,868 18 0	Balance ..	8,447 2 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	366 13 11		
		Total ..	12,895 0 3	Total ..	12,895 0 3
Albury ..	31 Mar., 1897	Purchase-money ..	65,294 11 8	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	25,836 2 8
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	2,036 3 3	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	3,207 18 2
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	282 6 8
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	20,228 3 3	Balance ..	60,808 11 2
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2,576 0 6		
		Total ..	90,134 18 8	Total ..	90,134 18 8
Puhipuhi ..	14 Apr., 1897	Purchase-money ..	320 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	165 19 0
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	3 16 0	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	22 17 0
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	94 2 0	Balance ..	241 0 9
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	11 18 9		
		Total ..	429 16 9	Total ..	429 16 9
Momona ..	26 Apr., 1897	Purchase-money ..	3,608 19 3	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	1,620 14 11
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	78 5 5	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	184 6 0
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	63 17 9
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,081 7 6	Balance ..	3,039 12 6
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	139 19 0		
		Total ..	4,908 11 2	Total ..	4,908 11 2
Tokarahi ..	26 Apr., 1897	Purchase-money ..	77,360 17 10	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	31,529 9 10
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	2,006 4 1	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	3,717 5 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	616 4 9
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	23,495 18 11	Balance ..	70,033 0 5
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	3,032 19 8		
		Total ..	105,896 0 6	Total ..	105,896 0 6
Marawhiti ..	26 Apr., 1897	Purchase-money ..	14,200 18 10	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	5,725 19 11
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	281 6 6	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	733 3 7
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	5 14 11
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	4,282 12 4	Balance ..	12,850 0 4
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	550 1 1		
		Total ..	19,814 18 9	Total ..	19,814 18 9
Cannington (R.S., 1862)	5 June, 1897	Purchase-money ..	60 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	23 15 0
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	4 3 0	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	3 0 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	17 19 0	Balance ..	57 9 9
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2 3 5		
		Total ..	84 5 5	Total ..	84 5 5

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED, &c.—*continued.*

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Paparangi ..	23 July, 1897	Purchase-money ..	£ s. d. 3,875 8 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	£ s. d. 2,696 16 1
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	2,960 9 5	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	301 13 9
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	57 5 9
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,909 17 1	Balance ..	5,949 9 11
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	259 11 0		
		Total ..	9,005 5 6	Total ..	9,005 5 6
Otahu ..	4 Aug., 1897	Purchase-money ..	7,555 4 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	2,044 13 7
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	777 9 7	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	362 16 10
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	6 10 5	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	65 6 5
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	2,501 5 1	Balance ..	8,703 6 4
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	335 13 7		
		Total ..	11,176 3 2	Total ..	11,176 3 2
Beaumont ..	9 Dec., 1897	Purchase-money ..	10,482 11 3	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	1,882 8 4
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	94 15 1	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	332 4 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1 7 9	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	455 15 1
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	3,025 3 9	Balance ..	11,334 9 2
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	400 19 3		
		Total ..	14,004 17 1	Total ..	14,004 17 1
Pawaho ..	8 Mar., 1898	Purchase-money ..	1,823 12 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	971 1 4
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	547 6 7	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	158 14 2
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1 6 6	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	16 14 8
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	566 7 8	Balance ..	1,875 14 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	83 10 11		
		Total ..	3,022 4 2	Total ..	3,022 4 2
Hekeao ..	8 Mar., 1898	Purchase-money ..	10,545 5 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	4,190 3 11
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,083 19 4	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	592 10 7
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	1 10 0
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	3,091 14 4	Balance ..	10,378 5 5
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	441 11 3		
		Total ..	15,162 9 11	Total ..	15,162 9 11
Okauia ..	23 Mar., 1898	Purchase-money ..	4,143 12 1	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	1,368 15 8
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	684 14 6	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	100 1 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	160 11 1
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,300 9 3	Balance ..	4,682 14 8
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	183 7 1		
		Total ..	6,312 2 11	Total ..	6,312 2 11
Rangiatea ..	24 Mar., 1898	Purchase-money ..	14,014 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	4,767 6 0
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	254 1 10	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	649 1 9
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	95 14 0
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	3,831 0 5	Balance ..	13,128 8 1
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	541 7 7		
		Total ..	18,640 9 10	Total ..	18,640 9 10

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED, &c.—*continued*.

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Karapiro ..	27 Oct., 1898	Purchase-money ..	£ s. d. 8,617 4 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	£ s. d. 2,660 2 3
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	146 16 8	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	441 16 4
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	23 12 2
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	2,104 13 2	Balance ..	8,076 2 2
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	332 18 7		
		Total ..	11,201 12 11	Total ..	11,201 12 11
R.S. 2682 ..	18 Nov., 1898	Purchase-money ..	105 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	68 19 0
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	4 13 0	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	35 17 1
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	26 8 8	Balance ..	35 12 11
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	4 7 4		
		Total ..	140 9 0	Total ..	140 9 0
Starborough	27 Mar., 1899 4 Oct., "	Purchase-money ..	100,562 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	32,793 11 6
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	8,193 2 0	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	5,256 1 5
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	10 14 2	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	77 1 2
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	24,889 18 0	Balance ..	99,653 3 11
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	4,129 3 10		
		Total ..	137,784 18 0	Total ..	137,784 18 0
Waikakahi	27 Mar., 1899	Purchase-money ..	323,314 2 7	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	94,174 13 0
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	3,300 8 4	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	15,733 17 4
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	11 9 9	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	780 1 8
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	75,339 14 5	Balance ..	303,678 16 10
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	12,401 13 9		
		Total ..	414,367 8 10	Total ..	414,367 8 10
Mahora	27 Mar., 1899	Purchase-money ..	31,178 2 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	9,237 13 9
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	769 3 11	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,657 4 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	97 7 0
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	7,327 3 5	Balance ..	29,495 3 6
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,212 18 11		
		Total ..	40,487 8 9	Total ..	40,487 8 9
Willows ..	27 Mar., 1899	Purchase-money ..	14,734 10 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	4,319 10 9
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	98 3 7	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	711 15 5
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	Cr. 25 0 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	3,420 10 9	Balance ..	13,759 19 7
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	563 1 5		
		Total ..	18,791 5 9	Total ..	18,791 5 9
Tamai ..	27 Mar., 1899	Purchase-money ..	2,662 11 3	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	1,149 8 3
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,059 1 5	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	261 10 10
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	70 11 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	74 3 1
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	776 9 3	Balance ..	3,215 18 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	132 7 3		
		Total ..	4,701 0 2	Total ..	4,701 0 2

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED, &c.—*continued*.

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Richmond Brook	27 Mar., 1899 14 June, "	Purchase-money ..	£ 23,890 s. 7 d. 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	£ 6,953 s. 12 d. 3
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,822 18 2	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,116 7 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	74 5 0
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	5,888 5 6	Balance ..	24,437 8 7
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	980 2 10		
		Total ..	32,581 13 6	Total ..	32,581 13 6
R.S. 36469..	26 Apr., 1899	Purchase-money ..	502 19 7	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	142 13 0
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	4 4 0	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	23 2 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	116 16 4	Balance ..	477 14 11
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	19 10 8		
		Total ..	643 10 7	Total ..	643 10 7
R.S. 36228 (Homestead)	24 July, 1899	Purchase-money ..	227 0 3	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	53 8 6
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	13 0 8	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	17 12 0
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	52 4 0	Balance ..	229 18 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	8 13 7		
		Total ..	300 18 6	Total ..	300 18 6
Janefield ..	27 July, 1899	Purchase-money ..	4,888 3 4	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	1,204 10 8
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	178 12 0	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	261 19 4
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid to March 31, 1906 ..	44 12 11
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,115 3 4	Balance ..	4,862 16 3
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	192 0 6		
		Total ..	6,373 19 2	Total ..	6,373 19 2
R.S. 36231..	29 Sept., 1899	Purchase-money ..	346 5 7	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	87 19 4
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	3 3 0	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	24 0 0
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	75 13 0	Balance ..	326 2 9
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	13 0 6		
		Total ..	438 2 1	Total ..	438 2 1
R.S. 36056/7	29 Sept., 1899	Purchase-money ..	290 10 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	75 9 9
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	3 3 0	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	13 9 0
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	61 17 8	Balance ..	277 9 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	10 17 1		
		Total ..	366 7 9	Total ..	366 7 9
Te Matua ..	27 Dec., 1899	Purchase-money ..	10,531 15 8	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	2,936 1 4
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	278 6 6	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	529 10 7
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	2,209 11 7	Balance ..	9,964 3 10
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	410 2 0		
		Total ..	13,429 15 9	Total ..	13,429 15 9

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED, &c.—*continued*.

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Rautawiri ..	27 Dec., 1899	Purchase-money ..	£ 2,560 s. 7 d. 2	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	£ 623 s. 14 d. 5
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	63 18 2	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	105 5 0
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	41 12 11
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	600 11 11	Balance ..	2,572 18 11
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	118 14 0		
		Total ..	3,343 11 3	Total ..	3,343 11 3
Ohakea ..	13 Jan., 1900	Purchase-money ..	22,638 12 2	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	5,966 6 9
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	221 13 5	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,141 10 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	4,607 4 8	Balance ..	21,227 10 10
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	867 18 0		
		Total ..	28,335 8 3	Total ..	28,335 8 3
Aorangi ..	26 Mar., 1900	Purchase-money ..	25,355 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	6,933 10 2
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,609 16 7	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,335 3 11
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	44 0 0
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	5,284 15 11	Balance ..	24,961 1 9
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,024 3 4		
		Total ..	33,273 15 10	Total ..	33,273 15 10
Fencourt ..	26 Mar., 1900	Purchase-money ..	31,976 0 4	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	7,547 5 6
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	881 15 6	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,501 1 1
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	0 16 4	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	390 2 11
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	6,438 13 5	Balance ..	31,103 12 3
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,244 16 2		
		Total ..	40,542 1 9	Total ..	40,542 1 9
Whitehall ..	26 Mar., 1900	Purchase-money ..	6,734 16 3	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	1,658 11 10
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	396 12 6	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	426 9 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	74 3 1
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,385 19 3	Balance ..	6,625 1 6
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	266 17 11		
		Total ..	8,784 5 11	Total ..	8,784 5 11
Takitu ..	26 Mar., 1900	Purchase-money ..	23,032 14 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	5,893 0 9
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	908 18 5	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,129 11 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	4,687 3 4	Balance ..	22,522 5 9
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	916 2 3		
		Total ..	29,544 18 0	Total ..	29,544 18 0
Pareora No. 2	6 Mar., 1900	Purchase-money ..	70,933 3 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	17,050 9 7
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,064 8 2	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	3,287 8 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	147 6 4
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	15,267 8 10	Balance ..	69,908 1 4
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	3,108 5 11		
		Total ..	90,393 5 11	Total ..	90,393 5 11

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED, &c.—*continued.*

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Elderslie ..	26 Mar., 1900	Purchase-money ..	£ 79,758 18 4	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	£ 19,458 19 1
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,779 0 7	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	3,815 1 5
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	16,067 12 5	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	1 19 4
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	3,115 5 8	Balance ..	77,444 17 2
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..			
		Total ..	100,720 17 0	Total ..	100,720 17 0
Punaroa ..	26 Mar., 1900	Purchase-money ..	31,613 15 4	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	7,760 1 8
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	548 12 2	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,524 8 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	6,327 5 7	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	30,425 13 7
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,220 10 10	Balance ..	
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..			
		Total ..	39,710 3 11	Total ..	39,710 3 11
Papaka ..	26 Mar., 1900	Purchase-money ..	17,962 11 4	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	4,423 14 11
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	212 8 10	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	857 5 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	3,573 0 11	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	17,155 19 0
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	688 18 6	Balance ..	
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..			
		Total ..	22,436 19 7	Total ..	22,436 19 7
Barnego ..	26 Mar., 1900	Purchase-money ..	26,323 2 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	6,031 15 1
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,170 12 5	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,038 8 3
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1 4 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	428 19 4
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	5,365 7 10	Balance ..	26,396 3 11
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,035 0 4		
		Total ..	33,895 6 7	Total ..	33,895 6 7
Earnscliffe ..	6 Nov., 1900	Purchase-money ..	3,100 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	621 11 5
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	79 18 1	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	175 12 3
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	556 11 4	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	2 9 8
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	121 7 6	Balance ..	3,058 3 7
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..			
		Total ..	3,857 16 11	Total ..	3,857 16 11
Maungaraki ..	6 Nov., 1900 23 Dec., 1901	Purchase-money ..	3,000 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	1,152 6 8
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	2,187 13 8	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	191 19 1
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	8 6 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	44 1 8
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	753 15 1	Balance ..	4,748 10 6
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	187 3 2		
		Total ..	6,136 17 11	Total ..	6,136 17 11
Waipapa ..	6 Mar., 1901	Purchase-money ..	8,250 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	1,891 18 3
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	778 17 7	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	449 1 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,433 17 9	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	8,462 12 9
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	340 17 4	Balance ..	
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..			
		Total ..	10,803 12 8	Total ..	10,803 12 8

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED, &c.—continued.

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Tarawahi ..	26 Mar., 1901	Purchase-money ..	£ 2,857 10 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	£ 686 14 11
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,146 11 4	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	272 9 0
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	145 0 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	23 16 4
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	586 14 1	Balance ..	3,908 14 11
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	155 19 9		
		Total ..	4,891 15 2	Total ..	4,891 15 2
Northbank ..	26 Mar., 1901	Purchase-money ..	6,750 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	1,690 4 7
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	578 14 0	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	433 4 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	44 2 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	162 8 11
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,147 15 3	Balance ..	6,511 4 5
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	276 11 2		
		Total ..	8,797 2 5	Total ..	8,797 2 5
Lyndon ..	26 Mar., 1901	Purchase-money ..	15,750 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	3,154 0 9
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,311 6 2	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	761 7 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	9 17 3	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	16,471 9 0
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	2,667 3 0	Balance ..	20,386 17 5
		Interest, April 1, 1904, to March 31, 1906 ..	648 11 0		
		Total ..	20,386 17 5	Total ..	20,386 17 5
Hatuma ..	26 Mar., 1901	Purchase-money ..	141,393 5 3	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	27,731 13 6
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	8,017 0 1	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	10,218 0 4
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	37 8 3	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	140,715 8 9
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	23,566 9 10	Balance ..	178,665 2 7
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	5,650 19 2		
		Total ..	178,665 2 7	Total ..	178,665 2 7
Langdale ..	1 Apr., 1901	Purchase-money ..	30,669 10 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	6,464 10 11
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	948 6 6	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,636 8 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	9 2 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	85 16 8
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	5,012 0 3	Balance ..	29,649 17 8
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,197 15 2		
		Total ..	37,836 13 11	Total ..	37,836 13 11
Mangawhata ..	24 Apr., 1901	Purchase-money ..	16,129 8 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	3,304 4 10
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,255 9 2	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	869 8 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	3 16 1	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	16,492 3 1
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	2,634 4 1	Balance ..	20,665 16 5
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	642 18 7		
		Total ..	20,665 16 5	Total ..	20,665 16 5
Kohika ..	29 Apr., 1901	Purchase-money ..	28,093 4 3	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	5,422 11 5
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	713 6 10	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,595 19 4
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	...	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	27,369 6 3
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	4,487 13 11	Balance ..	34,387 17 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,093 12 0		
		Total ..	34,387 17 0	Total ..	34,387 17 0

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED, &c.—*continued*.

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Manga-a-toro	27 Mar., 1902	Purchase-money ..	£ 88,118 4 3	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	£ 12,655 7 10
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	3,609 15 4	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	4,634 5 9
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1 1 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	292 1 3
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	10,765 19 1	Balance ..	88,374 19 2
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	3,461 14 4		
		Total ..	105,956 14 0	Total ..	105,956 14 0
Kaimahi ..	29 July, 1901	Purchase-money ..	4,700 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	632 2 0
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	62 13 6	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	211 18 5
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	105 0 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	230 6 2
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	698 8 9	Balance ..	4,672 19 2
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	181 3 6		
		Total ..	5,747 5 9	Total ..	5,747 5 9
Kapuatone ..	26 Sept., 1901	Purchase-money ..	2,249 3 1	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	385 9 11
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	183 14 4	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	382 6 4
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	66 8 7	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	2 0 0
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	328 10 8	Balance ..	2,148 1 4
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	90 0 11		
		Total ..	2,917 17 7	Total ..	2,917 17 7
Puhuka ..	28 June, 1901	Purchase-money ..	989 4 4	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	218 6 1
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	234 3 8	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	82 10 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	10 19 7
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	175 15 2	Balance ..	1,134 1 1
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	46 14 1		
		Total ..	1,445 17 3	Total ..	1,445 17 3
Raincliff ..	21 May, 1901	Purchase-money ..	2,424 5 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	1,147 14 4
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	64 18 0	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	76 13 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	318 11 10	Balance ..	1,647 1 2
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	63 14 2		
		Total ..	2,871 9 0	Total ..	2,871 9 0
Epuni ..	21 May, 1901	Purchase-money ..	9,146 12 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	2,492 7 4
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	2,178 4 9	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,202 11 7
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	11 9 6	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	59 19 9
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,655 0 11	Balance ..	9,655 5 7
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	418 16 7		
		Total ..	13,410 4 3	Total ..	13,410 4 3
Ringway ..	2 Aug., 1901	Purchase-money ..	8,000 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	1,323 9 6
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	437 8 1	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	317 11 11
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1 16 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	366 8 5
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,211 16 1	Balance ..	7,962 13 6
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	319 3 2		
		Total ..	9,970 3 4	Total ..	9,970 3 4
Toka-ora ..	26 Sept., 1901	Purchase-money ..	31,616 11 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	4,648 8 3
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	586 19 7	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,585 6 10
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2 4 9	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	266 13 8
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	3,872 13 3	Balance ..	30,799 15 11
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,221 16 1		
		Total ..	37,300 4 8	Total ..	37,300 4 8

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED, &c.—*continued.*

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Glenham ..	27 Feb., 1902	Purchase-money ..	£ 37,100 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	£ 4,184 18 3
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,811 8 3	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,557 4 7
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	285 5 5	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	839 16 4
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	4,674 3 8	Balance ..	38,754 12 2
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,465 14 0		
		Total ..	45,336 11 4	Total ..	45,336 11 4
Rapuwai ..	29 Oct., 1901	Purchase-money ..	8,990 5 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	1,558 12 11
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	378 8 8	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	480 11 7
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,266 9 11	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	8,951 16 7
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	355 17 0	Balance ..	
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..			
		Total ..	10,991 1 1	Total ..	10,991 1 1
Forest Gate	27 Feb., 1902	Purchase-money ..	48,521 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	7,199 19 6
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,138 7 5	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2,367 9 3
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	58 3 5	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	63 13 11
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	6,041 12 6	Balance ..	48,013 12 10
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,885 12 2		
		Total ..	57,644 15 6	Total ..	57,644 15 6
Lyndon No. 2	27 Mar., 1902	Purchase-money ..	43,326 5 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	5,558 19 5
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	822 9 3	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2,304 3 10
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	35 8 8	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	739 5 1
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	5,239 4 0	Balance ..	42,496 16 7
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,675 18 0		
		Total ..	51,099 4 11	Total ..	51,099 4 11
Waari ..	14 Sept., 1901	Purchase-money ..	855 8 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	21 11 4
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,218 15 7	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	26 19 7
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	543 18 9	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	2 18 8
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	157 9 9	Balance ..	2,774 12 1
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	50 9 7		
		Total ..	2,826 1 8	Total ..	2,826 1 8
Hetana ..	14 Sept., 1901	Purchase-money ..	4,898 14 3	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	166 6 0
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,538 5 11	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	69 4 3
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	56 5 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	0 6 9
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	779 19 0	Balance ..	7,266 11 10
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	229 4 8		
		Total ..	7,502 8 10	Total ..	7,502 8 10
Kumeroa ..	26 Mar., 1902	Purchase-money ..	29,092 3 9	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	4,125 16 0
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	3,200 1 0	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,773 5 7
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	27 1 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	29 16 9
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	3,736 18 10	Balance ..	31,336 14 9
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,209 8 6		
		Total ..	37,265 13 1	Total ..	37,265 13 1
Cradock ..	4 Feb., 1902	Purchase-money ..	1,000 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	70 17 9
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	261 11 8	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	43 9 1
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	32 9 10	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	16 11 1
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	141 11 0	Balance ..	1,350 7 11
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	45 13 4		
		Total ..	1,481 5 10	Total ..	1,481 5 10

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED, &c.—*continued.*

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Kitchener ..	4 Feb., 1902	Purchase-money ..	£ 876 9 8	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	£ 78 9 11
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	308 5 9	Rents, &c., paid April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	73 9 1
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	9 8 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	23 7 6
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	125 18 8	Balance ..	1,186 1 10
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	41 6 3		
		Total ..	1,361 8 4	Total ..	1,361 8 4
Plumer ..	5 Feb., 1902	Purchase-money ..	888 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	69 3 8
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	170 5 1	Rents, &c., paid April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	41 0 1
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	122 2 2	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	2 0 9
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	112 3 5	Balance ..	1,214 17 8
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	34 11 6		
		Total ..	1,327 2 2	Total ..	1,327 2 2
Methuen ..	5 Feb., 1902	Purchase-money ..	3,528 16 10	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	332 16 0
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	652 2 0	Rents, &c., paid April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	143 16 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	89 18 3	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	67 8 7
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	482 1 4	Balance ..	4,360 12 2
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	151 15 0		
		Total ..	4,904 13 5	Total ..	4,904 13 5
R.S. 36278 ..	11 July, 1901	Purchase-money ..	483 17 9	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	80 5 4
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	3 3 0	Rents, &c., paid April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	22 11 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	71 16 3	Balance ..	474 8 9
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	18 8 7		
		Total ..	577 5 7	Total ..	577 5 7
Maytown ..	26 Mar., 1902	Purchase-money ..	5,286 12 0	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	738 6 8
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	222 17 6	Rents, &c., paid April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	327 4 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1 6 6	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	19 15 10
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	641 16 1	Balance ..	5,272 5 10
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	205 0 9		
		Total ..	6,357 12 10	Total ..	6,357 12 10
Eccleston ..	16 Apr., 1902	Purchase-money ..	10,593 2 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	1,516 13 11
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	143 4 11	Rents, &c., paid April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	606 5 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	0 16 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,215 14 2	Balance ..	10,219 17 2
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	389 19 0		
		Total ..	12,342 16 7	Total ..	12,342 16 7
Argyll ..	25 Apr., 1902 31 Mar., 1903	Purchase-money ..	158,030 16 9	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	15,005 7 5
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	8,432 4 6	Rents, &c., paid April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	7,864 15 2
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	19 10 9	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	16 9 4
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	14,103 11 8	Balance ..	164,253 13 3
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	6,554 1 6		
		Total ..	187,140 5 2	Total ..	187,140 5 2
Windsor Park	21 May, 1902 19 Sept., 1902	Purchase-money ..	31,528 4 1	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	4,471 13 9
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	899 16 8	Rents, &c., paid April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,967 19 11
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	182 12 4
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	3,767 2 3	Balance ..	30,873 8 4
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,300 11 4		
		Total ..	37,495 14 4	Total ..	37,495 14 4

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED, &c.—*continued*.

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Linton ..	3 May, 1902	Purchase-money ..	£ 6,884 10 7	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	£ 802 7 10
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	190 1 7	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	280 8 5
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2 8 4	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	82 19 4
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	834 1 0	Balance ..	7,027 18 4
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	282 12 5		
		Total ..	8,193 13 11	Total ..	8,193 13 11
Mead ..	15 Jan., 1903	Purchase-money ..	18,319 2 5	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	1,731 0 8
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	348 12 4	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	887 0 9
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	5 12 9	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	141 8 10
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,696 3 8	Balance ..	18,358 18 10
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	748 17 11		
		Total ..	21,118 9 1	Total ..	21,118 9 1
Windsor Park (No. 2) ..	26 Aug., 1902	Purchase-money ..	16,445 15 9	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	2,068 13 11
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	684 19 3	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	641 5 3
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	178 10 6
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,822 3 8	Balance ..	16,751 15 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	687 6 0		
		Total ..	19,640 4 8	Total ..	19,640 4 8
Duncan ..	29 Oct., 1902	Purchase-money ..	4,091 11 9	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	318 12 1
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	205 17 3	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	183 19 2
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	16 13 9	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	21 11 6
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	425 5 8	Balance ..	4,387 18 5
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	172 12 9		
		Total ..	4,912 1 2	Total ..	4,912 1 2
Kokatahi ..	8 Aug., 1902	Purchase-money ..	4,709 0 8	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	548 16 6
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	98 0 9	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	307 5 7
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	15 8 2
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	521 5 4	Balance ..	4,649 13 9
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	192 17 3		
		Total ..	5,521 4 0	Total ..	5,521 4 0
Normandale	25 Mar., 1903 30 June, 1903	Purchase-money ..	15,419 0 8	Rents, &c., paid to March 31, 1905 ..	324 3 6
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	3,806 8 2	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	343 12 4
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,475 7 3	Rents, &c., unpaid, at March 31, 1906 ..	107 8 11
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	895 11 0	Balance ..	21,254 17 7
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	433 15 3		
		Total ..	22,030 2 4	Total ..	22,030 2 4
Chamberlain	21 Jan., 1903 25 Feb., 1903	Purchase-money ..	41,863 15 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	5,025 7 1
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	887 6 11	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,988 13 2
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	14 1 3
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	3,669 11 9	Balance ..	41,098 2 11
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,705 10 3		
		Total ..	48,126 4 5	Total ..	48,126 4 5
Tablelands	7 July, 1902	Purchase-money ..	25,349 0 0	Rents, &c., paid to March 31, 1905 ..	2,132 18 3
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	2,085 19 8	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,991 13 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	190 2 5	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	44 9 10
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	2,942 7 11	Balance ..	27,464 10 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,066 1 9		
		Total ..	31,633 11 9	Total ..	31,633 11 9

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED, &c.—*continued*.

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Longbush ..	7 July, 1902	Purchase-money ..	£ 16,388 0 0	Rents, &c., paid to March 31, 1905 ..	£ 1,409 17 9
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,143 16 4	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,296 15 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	144 8 0	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,921 9 5	Balance ..	17,589 12 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	698 11 8		
		Total ..	20,296 5 5	Total ..	20,296 5 5
Spotswood ..	8 Jan., 1903 25 Mar., 1903	Purchase-money ..	15,201 6 2	Rents, &c., paid to March 31, 1905 ..	682 17 6
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,543 0 4	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	189 9 11
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	133 12 1	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	79 8 9
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	1,443 13 2	Balance ..	18,017 5 2
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	647 9 7		
		Total ..	18,969 1 4	Total ..	18,969 1 4
Squire's Homestead	11 Aug., 1902	Purchase-money ..	92 16 6	Rents, &c., paid, to March 31, 1905 ..	11 17 2
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	9 19 2	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	4 12 10
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	3 14 6	Balance ..	90 0 2
		Total ..	106 10 2	Total ..	106 10 2
Wigan ..	30 June, 1903	Purchase-money ..	53,946 12 8	Rents, &c., paid to March 31, 1905 ..	3,549 12 4
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	1,293 16 11	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2,774 7 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	977 0 11	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	3,906 14 0	Balance ..	55,974 7 2
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2,174 2 6		
		Total ..	62,298 7 0	Total ..	62,298 7 0
Bickerstaffe	30 June, 1903	Purchase-money ..	40,560 0 0	Rents, &c., paid to March 31, 1905 ..	1,312 10 4
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	9,625 9 3	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,077 18 2
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	Cr.2,248 8 9	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	113 0 5
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	3,217 3 6	Balance ..	50,441 4 1
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,790 9 0		
		Total ..	52,944 13 0	Total ..	52,944 13 0
St. Helens ..	30 June, 1903	Purchase-money ..	4,338 13 0	Rents, &c., paid to March 31, 1905 ..	387 17 5
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	114 17 9	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	263 6 7
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	.. ..
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	332 12 11	Balance ..	4,313 1 6
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	178 1 10		
		Total ..	4,964 5 6	Total ..	4,964 5 6
Rainford ..	30 June, 1903	Purchase-money ..	6,022 11 2	Rents, &c., paid to March 31, 1905 ..	492 2 1
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	133 2 3	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	311 4 2
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	442 8 7	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	8 11 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	246 4 6	Balance ..	6,032 9 3
		Total ..	6,844 6 6	Total ..	6,844 6 6
Station Peak	30 June, 1903	Purchase-money ..	300 0 0	Rents, &c., paid to March 31, 1905 ..	46 15 0
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	21 11 3	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	15 6 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	12 0 0	Balance ..	271 10 3
		Total ..	333 11 3	Total ..	333 11 3
Annan ..	15 June, 1903	Purchase-money ..	94,444 1 10	Rents, &c., paid to March 31, 1905 ..	7,552 16 8
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	3,052 16 6	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	4,795 15 10
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	432 11 1	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	91 6 9
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	7,167 18 11	Balance ..	96,534 7 3
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	3,876 18 2		
		Total ..	108,974 6 6	Total ..	108,974 6 6

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED, &c.—*continued*

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Olandon ..	30 June, 1903	Purchase-money ..	£ s. d. 11,518 9 0	Rents, &c., paid to March 31, 1905 ..	£ s. d. 746 14 2
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	242 12 5	Rents, &c., paid April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	600 6 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	671 15 3	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	173 5 0
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	465 12 9	Balance ..	11,378 3 7
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..			
		Total ..	12,898 9 5	Total ..	12,898 9 5
Rosewill ..	31 Mar., 1904	Purchase-money ..	246,022 7 0	Rents, &c., paid to March 31, 1905 ..	13,155 16 3
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	5,389 5 9	Rents, &c., paid April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	13,194 6 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2,218 2 11	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	175 7 8
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	10,140 16 2	Balance ..	247,182 16 9
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	9,937 15 4		
		Total ..	273,708 7 2	Total ..	273,708 7 2
Edendale ..	24 June, 1904	Purchase-money ..	113,646 4 7	Rent, &c., paid to March 31, 1905 ..	11,591 1 8
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	3,681 15 6	Rents, &c., paid April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	6,575 7 0
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,198 16 3	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	754 5 11
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	3,599 4 0	Balance ..	107,946 5 9
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	4,741 0 0		
		Total ..	126,867 0 4	Total ..	126,867 0 4
Matamata ..	30 June, 1904	Purchase-money ..	127,515 13 4	Rents, &c., paid to March 31, 1905 ..	6,195 7 3
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	8,602 1 2	Rents, &c., paid April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	6,026 18 11
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	283 17 1	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	1,104 9 10
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	4,102 3 5	Balance ..	132,632 19 0
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	5,456 0 0		
		Total ..	145,959 15 0	Total ..	145,959 15 0
Greenfield ..	31 Mar., 1905	Purchase-money ..	78,595 17 6	Rents, &c., paid April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	4,314 1 5
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	652 8 10	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	103 4 9
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2,577 10 4	Balance ..	80,507 6 10
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	25 18 4		
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	3,072 18 0		
		Total ..	84,924 13 0	Total ..	84,924 13 0
Lindsay ..	2 Mar., 1905	Purchase-money ..	95,369 11 0	Rents, &c., paid to March 31, 1905 ..	88 12 0
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	2,407 18 11	Rents, &c., paid April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	5,092 7 8
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	4,991 12 6	Balance ..	102,021 17 3
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	321 9 0		
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	4,112 5 6		
		Total ..	107,202 16 11	Total ..	107,202 16 11
Hikawera ..	28 Nov., 1904	Purchase-money ..	12,630 0 0	Rents, &c., paid April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	521 1 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	102 2 8	Balance ..	12,746 3 2
		Interest to March 31, 1905 ..	127 8 0		
		Interest, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	407 14 0		
		Total ..	13,267 4 8	Total ..	13,267 4 8
Flaxbourne ..	25 May, 1905	Purchase-money ..	183,043 15 6	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	9,269 17 9
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	5,856 8 6	Rents, &c., unpaid at March 31, 1906 ..	566 7 5
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	11,836 3 11	Balance ..	198,206 4 9
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	7,306 2 0		
		Total ..	208,042 9 11	Total ..	208,042 9 11

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Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Mahupuku	9 June, 1905	Purchase-money ..	£ 33,250 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906	£ 868 1 5
		Incidental expenses to March 31, 1905 ..	9 9 0	Balance ..	33,695 5 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	189 7 11		
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	1,114 10 0		
		Total ..	34,563 6 11	Total ..	34,563 6 11
Selwyn ..	8 Aug., 1905	Purchase-money ..	63,749 11 6	Rents, &c., paid, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	576 1 0
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	5,111 9 5	Balance ..	70,121 5 3
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	1,836 5 4		
		Total ..	70,697 6 3	Total ..	70,697 6 3
Dyer ..	27 Mar., 1906	Purchase-money ..	75,000 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	110 0 0
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	106 1 8	Balance ..	75,246 1 8
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	250 0 0		
		Total ..	75,356 1 8	Total ..	75,356 1 8
Hall-Jones	22 Dec., 1905	Purchase-money ..	6,075 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2 10 0
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	16 10 3	Balance ..	6,170 0 3
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	81 0 0		
		Total ..	6,172 10 3	Total ..	6,172 10 3
Holworthy	23 Nov., 1905	Purchase-money ..	12,340 18 9	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	175 0 0
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	59 3 6	Balance ..	12,431 15 7
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	206 13 4		
		Total ..	12,606 15 7	Total ..	12,606 15 7
Pitt ..	4 Dec., 1905	Purchase-money ..	2,500 0 0	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	3 15 0
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	33 6 8	Balance ..	2,529 11 8
		Total ..	2,533 6 8	Total ..	2,533 6 8
Tawaha ..	11 Dec., 1905	Purchase-money ..	34,132 14 0	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	496 8 7
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,088 13 4	Balance ..	35,311 18 9
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	587 0 0		
		Total ..	35,808 7 4	Total ..	35,808 7 4
Waddington	31 July, 1905	Purchase-money ..	21,472 10 0	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	6 0 0
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	409 5 7	Balance ..	22,532 4 1
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	656 8 6		
		Total ..	22,538 4 1	Total ..	22,538 4 1
Kinloch ..	20 Mar., 1906	Purchase-money ..	116,382 18 7	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	2,124 1 6
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	940 12 9	Balance ..	115,590 11 4
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	391 1 6		
		Total ..	117,714 12 10	Total ..	117,714 12 10
Mills ..	27 Mar., 1906	Purchase-money ..	16,395 18 7	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	314 16 5
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	175 2 8	Balance ..	16,311 9 6
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	55 4 8		
		Total ..	16,626 5 11	Total ..	16,626 5 11
Morice ..	29 Sep., 1905	Purchase-money ..	40,632 19 6	Rents, &c., paid, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	1,143 0 1
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	543 14 0	Balance ..	40,994 8 5
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	960 15 0		
		Total ..	42,137 8 6	Total ..	42,137 8 6
Cadman ..	4 Jan., 1906	Purchase-money ..	3,220 0 0	Balance ..	3,262 15 0
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	10 10 0		
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	32 5 0		
		Total ..	3,262 15 0	Total ..	3,262 15 0

Table 34.—STATEMENT showing OUTLAY and INCOME of ESTATES PURCHASED &C.—*continued.*

Name of Estate.	Date of Purchase.	Outlay.		Income.	
		Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
Eccleston No. 2	14 Nov., 1905	Purchase-money ..	£ 4,539 0 0		£ s. d.
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	57 3 8	Balance	4,596 3 8
		Total	4,596 3 8	Total	4,596 3 8
Hawtrej ..	21 Nov., 1905	Purchase-money ..	5,877 3 9		
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	65 5 3	Balance	6,021 13 6
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	79 4 6	Total	6,021 13 6
Heretaunga	1 Sep., 1905	Purchase money ..	9,000 0 0		
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	747 16 11	Balance	9,975 4 7
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	227 7 8	Total	9,975 4 7
Lawry ..	15 Mar., 1906	Purchase-money ..	6,603 0 0		
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	4 8 0	Balance	6,618 8 0
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	11 0 0	Total	6,618 8 0
Melling ..	1 Feb., 1906	Purchase-money ..	2,358 15 0		
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	15 17 6	Balance	2,374 12 6
		Total	2,374 12 6	Total	2,374 12 6
Prescot ..	7 Nov., 1905	Purchase-money ..	2,096 10 0		
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	34 18 6	Balance	2,131 8 6
		Total	2,131 8 6	Total	2,131 8 6
Steward ..	24 Mar., 1906	Purchase-money ..	85,689 12 6		
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	236 10 7	Balance	86,212 11 5
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	286 8 4	Total	86,212 11 5
Windle ..	17 Oct., 1905	Purchase-money ..	2,750 0 0		
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	538 1 3	Balance	3,353 16 6
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	65 15 3	Total	3,353 16 6
Wilford ..	24 Oct., 1905	Purchase-money ..	30,240 0 0		
		Incidental expenses, April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906 ..	125 13 9	Balance	30,871 13 3
		Interest to March 31, 1906 ..	505 19 6	Total	30,871 13 3

LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACCOUNT.

SUMMARY.

Outlay.		Income.	
Particulars.	Amount.	Particulars.	Amount.
DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
Purchase-moneys of estates acquired, to 31st March, 1905	4,124,679 6 4	Rents, &c., paid, to 31st March, 1906 ..	910,217 7 8
Roads, and incidental expenses of estates acquired, to 31st March, 1906 ..	228,807 11 10	Interest from investment account ..	49,311 15 11
Lands exchanged	22 4 6	Rents, &c., unpaid at 31st March, 1905 ..	14,084 9 3
Incidental expenses of estates declined or not yet completed at 31st March, 1906, &c.	28,645 13 3		
Interest to 31st March, 1906 (including accrued interest)	773,343 3 10	Balance	4,191,306 3 4
Expenses on issue of debentures ..	9,421 16 5		
Total	5,164,919 16 2	Total	5,164,919 16 2

Table 35.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of SELECTORS and LANDS selected under SETTLEMENT CONDITIONS for the Ten Years ended 31st March, 1906.

Year ending 31st March,	Cash.		Deferred Payment.		Perpetual Lease.		Lease in Perpetuity.		Occupation with Right of Purchase.		Agricultural Lease.		Occupation Leases.*	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
1897†	388	Acres. 28,485	..	..	19	Acres. 9,106	659	Acres. 104,927	277	Acres. 59,648	2	Acres. 13	48	Acres. 2,817
1898†	272	22,525	..	..	2	651	599	117,938	380	81,414	5	258	23	1,285
1899†	534	37,400	1	13	1	640	675	159,415	458	109,950	2	114	31	1,449
1900†	491	23,936	..	..	2	624	656	153,531	395	117,771	3	70	64	2,295
1901†	362	58,703	..	..	3	2,499	489	144,205	673	262,729	1	23	53	2,123
1902†	489	27,290	1	52	1	10	501	116,125	447	128,893	1	28	71	2,507
1903†	374	17,194	..	..	..	..	573	161,745	403	118,557	3	36	52	2,434
1904†	435	22,481	..	..	..	..	894	194,515	402	146,953	2	13	97	4,972
1905†	371	18,990	..	..	..	..	751	173,811	330	138,206	3	218	40	1,914
1906†	229	11,132	..	..	1	127	706	158,018½	388	157,432½	..	..	30	1,194

Year ending 31st March,	Village Settlement: Cash.		Village Settlement: Occupation with Right of Purchase.		Village Settlement: Lease in Perpetuity.		Village- homestead Special Settlement.		Special- settlement Associations.		Improved Farms.		Small Grazing-runs and Grazing-farms.		Totals.	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
1897†	4	Acres. 4	4	Acres. 4	102	Acres. 1,317	18	Acres. 360	142	Acres. 28,084	45	Acres. 4,882	27	Acres. 68,934	1,735	Acres. 308,581
1898†	2	1	2	2	92	1,426	9	42	5	442	77	9,007	71	149,458	1,539	384,449
1899†	21	30	3	2	106	2,115	12	134	5	607	64	4,823	40	77,632	1,953	394,324
1900†	6	4	3	2	80	1,762	6	31	1	2	41	7,393	64	155,109	1,812	462,530
1901†	35	22	..	..	96	1,082	7	376	..	..	13	1,936	35	86,076	1,767	559,774
1902†	21	10	1	1	33	456	30	469	..	..	..	1,618	36	112,947	1,632	390,406
1903†	19	9	..	..	40	619	34	1,512	29	5,761	30	4,032	45	113,925	1,602	425,824
1904†	10	8	1	0½	21	514	23	272	4	729	106	19,436	58	144,786	2,053	534,679
1905†	2	1	1	0½	14	208	8	111	2	223	14	1,459	45	67,271	1,581	402,412
1906†	39	40	2	41	55	1,936	49	287	..	..	3	547	34	68,587	1,536	399,342

* "Mining Districts Land Occupation Act, 1894."

† Inclusive of Cheviot Estate, and lands disposed of under the Land for Settlements Acts.

Table 36.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS for the Financial Years 1904-5 and 1905-6, according to each Land District.

Land District.	1904-5.	1905-6.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	80,260 0 3	85,127 13 0	4,867 12 9	..
Taranaki	21,306 15 1	22,626 3 8	1,319 8 7	..
Hawke's Bay	52,613 6 1	67,818 7 2	15,205 1 1	..
Wellington	60,661 9 5	60,301 19 9	..	359 9 8
Marlborough	21,966 1 5	31,300 10 11	9,334 9 6	..
Nelson	24,371 7 7	23,906 7 5	..	465 0 2
Westland	18,304 14 2	13,279 1 0	..	5,025 13 2
Canterbury	124,050 9 3	133,873 10 0	9,823 0 9	..
Otago	78,152 8 2	82,322 9 7	4,170 1 5	..
Southland	28,288 3 5	29,692 0 6	1,403 17 1	..
	509,974 14 10	550,248 3 0	46,123 11 2	5,850 3 0
		509,974 14 10	5,850 3 0	
Increase, 1905-6 ..	..	40,273 8 2	40,273 8 2	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS for the Financial Years 1904-5 and 1905-6 under each Class of Revenue.

Nature of Receipt.	1904-5.	1905-6.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Territorial Revenue	260,020 14 2	260,789 0 4	768 6 2	..
Land for Settlements	150,272 12 4	188,648 1 0	38,375 8 8	..
Cheviot Estate	15,279 6 4	13,377 3 7	..	1,902 2 9
State Forests	12,784 2 8	14,385 7 3	1,601 4 7	..
North Island Main Trunk Railway	9,001 2 7	9,426 11 11	425 9 4	..
Thermal Springs, Rotorua	30 5 0	18 0 0	..	12 5 0
Lakes Ellesmere and Forsyth	1,629 14 7	1,631 19 7	2 5 0	..
Rotorua Town Council	1,795 4 2	1,856 17 0	61 12 10	..
Crown Grant Fees	643 8 2	596 7 5	..	47 0 9
Lands and Survey Vote	2,263 17 6	2,920 17 9	657 0 3	..
Native Townships	1,014 3 0	995 8 11	..	18 14 1
Mining Districts Land Occupation Act	819 14 3	1,087 0 10	267 6 7	..
Miscellaneous	960 8 5	1,414 7 9	453 19 4	..
Government Loans to Local Bodies	28,297 3 6	28,384 0 6	86 17 0	..
Endowments	25,162 18 2	24,716 19 2	..	445 19 0
Totals	509,974 14 10	550,248 3 0	42,699 9 9	2,426 1 7
		509,974 14 10	2,426 1 7	
		40,273 8 2	40,273 8 2	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of RECEIPTS on Account of TERRITORIAL REVENUE for the Financial Years 1904-5 and 1905-6.

District.	1904-5.	1905-6.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	50,321 9 4	51,770 6 7	1,448 17 3	..
Taranaki	11,884 14 8	12,252 5 9	367 11 1	..
Hawke's Bay	15,923 6 11	23,088 7 5	7,165 0 6	..
Wellington	30,283 3 0	26,836 0 5	..	3,447 2 7
Marlborough	9,856 10 10	10,120 13 5	264 2 7	..
Nelson	8,914 8 5	9,484 3 3	569 14 10	..
Westland	15,482 0 2	11,432 15 5	..	4,049 4 9
Canterbury	51,290 7 5	50,725 15 3	..	564 12 2
Otago	53,311 12 4	50,956 1 10	..	2,355 10 6
Southland	12,753 1 1	14,122 11 0	1,369 9 11	..
	260,020 14 2	260,789 0 4	11,184 16 2	10,416 10 0
		260,020 14 2	10,416 10 0	
Increase 1905-6	..	768 6 2	768 6 2	
Receipts 1905-6	260,789 0 4			
Estimated Revenue	260,000 0 0			
Excess over Estimate	789 0 4			

Table 36 *continued*.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF LAND-TENURE RECEIPTS for the Financial Years 1904-5 and 1905-6.

Tenure	1904-5.	1905-6.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash land sales	44,168 13 8	32,406 1 4	.. .. .	11,762 12 4
Deferred payments	5,357 3 9	5,440 9 8	83 5 11	.. .. .
Pastoral and miscellaneous rents	75,648 13 8	76,658 14 6	1,010 0 10	.. .. .
Perpetual leases .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Leases in perpetuity	85,910 12 10	94,375 16 7	8,465 3 9	.. .. .
Occupation-with-right-of-purchase licenses .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Small grazing-runs	48,935 10 3	51,907 18 3	2,972 8 0	.. .. .
Miscellaneous .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
	260,020 14 2	260,789 0 4	12,530 18 6	11,762 12 4
		260,020 14 2	11,762 12 4	
Increase, 1905-6 .. .. .	.. .. .	768 6 2	768 6 2	.. .. .

Table 37.—SUMMARY showing AMOUNTS to the CREDIT of LOCAL BODIES in the DEPOSIT ACCOUNT on 31st March, 1906, in respect to "Halves" of Timber and Flax royalties, "Thirds" of Deferred-payment, Perpetual-lease, Occupation-with-right-of-purchase, and Lease-in-perpetuity Lands, and "Fourths" of Small Grazing-runs.

Land District.	Amount.
	£ s. d.
Auckland	14,595 2 9
Hawke's Bay	4,418 19 4
Taranaki	4,864 9 1
Wellington	14,816 8 8
Nelson	1,372 8 6
Marlborough	1,123 3 6
Westland	989 2 0
Canterbury	1,549 6 8
Otago	1,410 19 3
Southland	1,120 16 0
Total	£46,260 15 9

Table 38.—REBATES of RENT granted under "The Crown Tenants' Rent Rebate Act, 1900," and "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900," during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

Land District.	Number of Tenants who have been granted Rebate.	Area held.	Amount of Rebate granted.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
ORDINARY CROWN LANDS.			
Auckland	2,165	574,101 1 14	1,408 0 5
Hawke's Bay	415	197,211 1 23	492 4 6
Taranaki	642	173,503 2 37	777 7 5
Wellington	1,977	480,477 2 11	2,038 11 4
Nelson	224	68,960 2 33	55 6 4
Marlborough	254	115,972 2 17	291 11 0
Westland	16	2,252 1 2	4 10 2
Canterbury	434	87,394 0 30	488 13 6
Otago	1,086	138,797 3 31	636 15 4
Southland	626	98,270 2 34	275 0 6
Totals	7,839	1,936,942 1 32	6,468 0 6
LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS.			
Auckland	332	62,412 2 5	935 19 5
Hawke's Bay	352	110,360 0 26	2,309 14 2
Taranaki	17	1,625 0 0	130 12 9
Wellington	210	21,459 2 8	379 13 3
Marlborough	243	95,946 1 13	1,310 7 8
Canterbury	995	218,692 0 6	5,993 9 3
Otago	395	75,774 0 30	1,826 11 3
Southland	149	28,309 0 27	637 2 9
Totals	2,693	614,578 3 35	13,523 10 6
CHEVIOT ESTATE.			
Canterbury	196	26,271 0 35	685 1 10
Grand totals	10,728	2,577,792 2 22	20,676 12 10

Table 39.—TRANSACTIONS under "The Bush and Swamp Crown Lands Settlement Act, 1903," during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

District.	Heavy-bush Land.						Light bush Land.						Scrub Land.						Swamp Land.						Totals.															
	Area opened during Year.			Selections during Year.			Area opened during Year.			Selections during Year.			Area opened during Year.			Selections during Year.			Area opened during Year.			Selections during Year.			Total Area opened during Year.			Total Selections during Year.												
				No.	Area.	Amount of Rental remitted per annum.				No.	Area.	Amount of Rental remitted per annum.				No.	Area.	Amount of Rental remitted per annum.				No.	Area.	Amount of Rental remitted per annum.																
	A.	R. P.	£				s.	d.	A.				R. P.	£	s.				d.	A.	R. P.				£	s.	d.	A.	R. P.	£	s.	d.	A.	R. P.	£	s.	d.	No.	Area.	Amount of Rental remitted per annum.
Auckland ..	27,814	0	0	170	61,150	0	92,356	3	8	5,824	0	14,326	2	4,388,532	0	0	81,20,509	2	23,620	5	66,119	0	0	31,394	3	26	39	13	4	78,289	0	0	287	95,476	2	823,342	4	10		
Hawke's Bay ..	4,019	0	0	3	4,019	0	0	136	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	136	0	0			
Taranaki ..	8,832	0	0	38	28,949	0	0	942	6	0	2,795	3	95	0	0	101	13	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,043	19	3			
Wellington ..	14,556	1	37	40	32,640	2	37	1,530	9	6	2,809	0	0	7	3,295	0	0	198	0	10	390	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,371,728	10	4			
Nelson ..	58,718	1	5	17	3,313	3	29	93	4	420,395	1	29	15	9,783	2	1	164	15	2	1,076	0	26	5	522	2	38	10	14	8,040	0	36	0	0	0	268	14	2			
Marlborough ..	296	0	0	1	296	0	0	5	18	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	18	6				
Westland ..	8,767	3	0	30	6,656	2	0	115	15	10	4,472	0	0	21	4,360	0	0	117	15	10	1,006	0	0	10	1,809	1	30	42	8	4	296	0	0	1	296	0	0	334	9	2
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
Otago ..	2,709	0	0	9	2,420	0	0	52	6	0	2,888	0	0	21	2,526	0	23	64	6	4	..	..	..	6	595	3	4	8	14	4	5,597	0	0	47	8,664	3	20	166	14	10
Southland ..	125,712	2	2	2309	133,670	0	355,236	8	239,184	1	24	103,36,164	1	18,975	19	941,265	2	26	102,23,437	2	15,682	2	10,915	9	8215,321	3	8	537,207,011	2	177,034	1	5								

TOTAL AREA held at 31st March, 1906.

District.	Heavy-bush Land.					Light-bush Land.					Scrub Land.					Swamp Land.					Totals.				
	Area held.		Annual Rental (remitted).		No. of Selectors.	Area held.		Annual Rental (remitted).		No. of Selectors.	Area held.		Annual Rental (remitted).		No. of Selectors.	Area held.		Annual Rental (remitted).		No. of Selectors.	Area held.		Annual Rental (remitted).		No. of Selectors.
	A.	R. P.	£	s. d.		A.	R. P.	£	s. d.		A.	R. P.	£	s. d.		A.	R. P.	£	s. d.		A.	R. P.	£	s. d.	
Auckland ..	226	82,562	3 29	3,371 10 2	41	14,039	3 17	406 8 0	126	80,951	1 27	1,067 6 10	4	1,728	1 34	45 18 8	397	129,282	2 27	4,891 3 8					
Hawke's Bay ..	14	20,497	0 0	795 8 6	1	1,667	0 0	37 10 2	2	3,342	0 0	67 18 2	..	..	..	..	17	25,506	0 0	900 16 10					
Taranaki ..	129	84,841	0 21	2,956 10 6	51	31,542	0 30	1,147 17 5	7	2,773	2 0	91 10 2	..	..	..	..	187	119,156	3 11	4,195 18 1					
Wellington ..	88	67,773	2 37	3,139 4 6	15	11,845	0 0	651 7 6	4	1,550	2 38	76 0 0	..	..	..	..	107	81,168	2 3	3,866 12 0					
Nelson ..	17	3,313	3 29	93 4 4	15	9,783	2 1	164 15 2	5	522	2 9	10 14 8	..	..	..	..	37	13,620	0 28	268 14 2					
Marlborough ..	1	296	0 8	5 18 6	..	..	..	..	1	173	0 9	3 9 2	..	..	..	..	2	469	0 0	9 7 8					
Westland ..	41	8,900	0 8	144 14 8	48	11,708	1 12	294 13 2	13	2,379	1 0	52 13 6	12	4,240	3 14	76 10 0	114	27,228	1 34	568 11 4					
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..					
Otago ..	4	817	1 33	21 18 9	3	368	0 33	860 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,185	2 26	30 4 9					
Southland ..	13	3,446	3 26	72 2 10	45	9,922	2 23	188 14 8	13	2,600	1 13	39 15 6	13	3,245	1 4	44 11 0	84	18,615	0 26	345 4 0					
Totals ..	533	272,449	0 23	10,600 12 9	219	90,276	2 36	2,899 12 1	171	44,292	0 38	1,409 8 0	29	9,214	2 12	166 19 8	952	416,232	1 35	15,076 12 6					

Table 40.—SUMMARY of WORK DONE for other DEPARTMENTS and for LOCAL BODIES during the Year ended 31st March, 1906.

District in which Work was executed.			Cost.	District in which Work was executed.			Cost.
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Auckland			3,563 16 2	Brought forward			10,926 5 6½
Hawke's Bay			769 1 0	Marlborough			46 1 0
Taranaki			4,500 16 5	Westland			880 19 0
Wellington			1,388 10 6	Canterbury			4,238 10 1
Nelson			704 1 5½	Otago			783 0 1
				Southland			376 2 9
Carried forward			£10,926 5 6½	Total			£17,255 18 5½

Table 41.—CROWN GRANTS, CERTIFICATES of TITLE, LEASES, and other INSTRUMENTS of TITLE from the CROWN prepared from 1st April, 1905, to 31st March, 1906.

District.	Number.					Cost.
	Singly.	In Duplicate.	In Triplicate.	In Quadruplicate.	Total Copies.	
Auckland	3	72	251	212	1,748	£ s. d. 174 16 0
Hawke's Bay	..	3	137	..	417	67 15 3
Taranaki	1	1	26	45	261	4 14 0
Wellington	128	29	220	98	1,238	150 15 0
Nelson	20	65	18	53	416	41 12 0
Marlborough	..	26	22	139	674	23 5 10
Westland	..	36	22	113	590	112 1 0
Canterbury	..	52	24	37	324	24 6 0
Otago	..	121	232	..	938	46 18 0
Southland	..	29	19	160	755	80 0 0
Totals	152	434	971	857	7,361	726 3 1

Table 42.—SUMMARY showing PAYMENTS to LOCAL BODIES during the Twelve Months ended 31st March, 1906, from "Thirds" of Deferred-payment, Perpetual-lease, Occupation-with-right-of-purchase, and Lease-in-perpetuity Lands, and "Fourths" of Small Grazing-runs.

District.	For Details see Statements Nos.	"Thirds," Deferred-payment, Perpetual-lease, Occupation-with-right-of-purchase, and Lease-in-perpetuity Lands.	"Fourths," Small Grazing-runs.	Total Payments.	Length, Locality, Description, and Particulars of Work authorised by Land Board.							
					Bush-clearing.	Scrub-clearing.	Formation.	Bridges.	Culverts.	Main-tenance.		
Auckland	1	£ s. d. 4,540 13 9	£ s. d. 48 7 3	£ s. d. 4,589 1 0	Ch. 485	Ch. 1,650	Ch. 2,164	£ s. d. 110 13 6	£ s. d. 169 18 5	£ s. d. 2,107 3 1		
Hawke's Bay	2	2,850 12 2	189 1 1	3,039 13 3	104	..	1,325	9 14 3	20 9 0	697 11 1		
Taranaki	3	3,103 1 3	26 11 7	3,129 12 10	16	46	247½	452 6 2	25 3 3	1,425 10 3		
Wellington	4	6,422 17 3	64 1 3	6,486 18 6	..	..	1,319	238 11 8	325 4	4,291 5 11		
Nelson	5	408 1 9	5 0 0	413 1 9	20	..	66	..	..	350 1 1		
Marlborough	6	457 5 7	350 14 0	807 19 7	..	400	86	39 18 0	..	615 17 1		
Westland	7	404 5 1	..	404 5 1	..	..	..	..	..	404 5 1		
Canterbury	8	1,309 19 5	532 2 5	1,842 1 10	..	120	1,041	322 15 7	110 17 3	1,216 13 8		
Otago	9	1,922 10 10	2,001 2 7	3,923 13 5	300	40	4,434½	7 14 6	264 13 8	1,250 12 3		
Southland	10	1,687 17 2	184 3 3	1,872 0 5	33	10	596	169 9 10	62 18 1	869 0 6		
Totals	..	23,107 4	3,340 3	26,508 7 8	958	2,266	11,279	1401 3 6	979 4 0	11,228 0 0		

Table 42.—STATEMENT showing PAYMENTS to LOCAL BODIES during the Twelve Months ended 31st March, 1906, from "Thirds" of Deferred-payment, Perpetual-lease, Occupation-with-right-of-purchase, and Lease-in-perpetuity Lands, and "Fourth" of Small Grazing-runs.

Local Bodies.	"Thirds," Deferred- payment, Perpetual-lease, Occupation- with-right-of purchase, and Lease-in-per- petuity Lands	"Fourth," Small Grazing- runs.	Total Payments.	Length, Locality, Description, and Particulars of Work authorised by Land Board.					
				Bush- clearing.	Scrub- clearing.	For- mation.	Bridges.	Culverts.	Main- tenance.

STATEMENT No. 1.—AUCKLAND.									
Ahuroa R.B. ..	£ s. d. 10 19 10	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 10 19 10	Ch. ..	Ch. ..	Ch. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 2 5 2	£ s. d. 8 14 8
Awakino County ..	22 3 0	..	22 3 0	20	..	15	..	..	..
Awitu R.B. ..	15 19 9	..	15 19 9	..	..	..	..	..	15 19 9
Coromandel C.C. ..	53 19 4	..	53 19 4	..	..	6	4 14 3	10 11 3	27 3 6
East Taupo County ..	3 5 4	11 19 4	15 4 8	..	..	2	..	..	13 19 4
Great Barrier Island	8 9 9	..	8 9 9	..	..	..	..	..	8 9 9
Hikurangi R.B. ..	10 9 0	..	10 9 0	..	..	..	..	..	10 9 0
Hokianga C.C. ..	9 1 6	..	9 1 6	..	..	1	..	..	6 9 3
Huntly R.B. ..	87 18 0	..	87 18 0	..	14	43	..	10 0 0	6 2 8
Hunua R.B. ..	20 11 4	..	20 11 4	..	..	..	6 3 0	1 3 9	13 4 7
Kawhia County ..	793 12 1	8 19 3	802 11 4	360	..	360	..	..	..
Kawhia C.C. ..	122 8 10	..	122 8 10	..	..	..	..	..	122 8 10
Karaka R.B. ..	15 6 10	..	15 6 10	..	..	1	..	3 17 0	6 4 1
Katikati R.B. ..	13 7 2	..	13 7 2	..	2	2	0 17 6	0 10 9	10 3 2
Komokoriki R.B. ..	4 6 2	..	4 6 2	..	..	..	..	..	4 6 2
Kirikiriroa R.B. ..	93 16 2	..	93 16 2	..	551	28	..	3 16 8	17 3 9
Manukau County ..	72 12 2	..	72 12 2	..	..	..	..	..	72 12 2
Mangawai R.B. ..	5 4 2	..	5 4 2	..	..	..	5 4 2	..	..
Mangonui C.C. ..	89 13 4	..	89 13 4	..	..	..	..	..	89 13 4
Mareretu R.B. ..	60 6 11	..	60 6 11	..	110	31	..	0 15 4	22 6 1
Marua R.B. ..	43 16 4	..	43 16 4	20	55	6	1 19 6	8 9 9	10 14 2
Maunu R.B. ..	131 7 11	..	131 7 11	..	..	106	..	3 9 2	64 12 11
Mauku R.B. ..	23 9 11	..	23 9 11	..	..	6	..	4 10 0	..
Matakohe R.B. ..	52 19 6	..	52 19 6	..	..	54	..	..	4 4 8
Maungakaramea R.B.	12 3 4	..	12 3 4	..	..	3	..	..	11 6 0
Newcastle R.B. ..	1 18 0	..	1 18 0	..	..	..	..	..	1 18 0
Opotiki C.C. ..	125 10 5	..	125 10 5	..	..	12	1 4 2	7 0 3	91 1 0
Otamatea C.C. ..	357 3 7	..	357 3 7	..	83	383	..	..	26 4 7
Otonga R.B. ..	12 9 6	..	12 9 6	..	5	3	1 12 9	1 6 10	7 3 9
Parua R.B. ..	5 11 11	..	5 11 11	..	..	2	..	..	1 13 2
Piako C.C. ..	33 13 7	..	33 13 7	..	..	..	..	..	33 13 7
Pukeatua R.B. ..	23 15 7	..	23 15 7	..	12	36	..	..	7 18 9
Puhoi R.B. ..	8 9 11	..	8 9 11	..	6	3	..	..	5 7 9
Pokino R.B. ..	19 1 0	..	19 1 0	..	73	2	..	..	2 18 5
Raglan C.C. ..	610 14 11	..	610 14 11	73	29	205	8 13 3	61 0 7	361 17 2
Rodney C.C. ..	51 6 4	..	51 6 4	..	14	38	..	..	21 6 0
Rotorua County ..	270 4 11	7 15 0	277 19 11	..	..	5	..	..	271 13 0
Tamaki East R.B. ..	1 11 8	..	1 11 8	..	..	..	..	..	1 11 8
Tauhoa R.B. ..	9 4 0	..	9 4 0	..	..	19	..	..	..
Te Puke R.B. ..	46 0 3	..	46 0 3	..	..	..	..	..	46 0 3
Thames C.C. ..	53 15 9	..	53 15 9	..	106	77	..	2 7 6	..
Warkworth R.B. ..	9 11 8	..	9 11 8	..	43	13	..	..	..
Waipa C.C. ..	39 6 6	..	39 6 6	..	..	..	..	..	39 6 6
Waipipi R.B. ..	34 14 8	..	34 14 8	..	..	..	5 2 1	12 0 2	17 12 5
Waipu North R.B. ..	24 7 8	..	24 7 8	..	32	7	..	..	2 10 9
Waikiekie R.B. ..	21 11 8	..	21 11 8	..	..	..	3 7 9	..	18 3 11
Waioa R.B. ..	26 4 9	..	26 4 9	..	..	5	..	1 11 0	21 7 1
Waitoa R.B. ..	30 7 0	..	30 7 0	..	..	..	..	..	30 7 0
Waiuku R.B. ..	3 14 3	..	3 14 3	..	..	..	..	..	3 14 3
Waitemata C.C. ..	42 9 6	..	42 9 6	..	..	..	2 16 10	1 5 5	38 7 3
Whangaroa C.C. ..	14 12 0	..	14 12 0	..	..	8	1 14 6	..	4 9 0
Wharebine R.B. ..	0 9 3	..	0 9 3	..	..	..	..	..	0 9 3
Whangamarino R.B.	126 7 1	..	126 7 1	..	6	19	3 3 0	9 7 4	101 5 10
Whakatane C.C. ..	411 16 2	19 13 8	431 9 10	12	389	402	15 0 0	..	307 9 4
Whangarei C.C. ..	347 2 7	..	347 2 7	..	120	261	49 0 9	24 10 6	95 5 7
Totals ..	4,540 13 9	48 7 3	4,589 1 0	485	1650	2164	110 13 6	169 18 5	2,107 3 1

STATEMENT No. 2.—HAWKE'S BAY.

Waipawa C.C. ..	1,372 3 4	..	1,372 3 4	..	..	171	..	8 2 7	301 15 1
Hawke's Bay C.C. ..	31 17 0	3 15 0	35 12 0	5	..	15	..	..	14 11 6
Cook C.C. ..	551 3 1	132 1 4	683 4 5	65	..	702	9 14 3	8 9 9	189 11 5
Wairoa C.C. ..	163 6 0	38 2 6	201 8 6	..	..	85	..	..	23 5 8
Waipatu C.C. ..	237 17 11	15 2 3	253 0 2	..	..	249	..	3 16 8	3 1 8
Weber C.C. ..	160 19 7	..	160 19 7	34	..	103	..	..	27 10 6
Woodville C.C. ..	No proposals.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Opotiki C.C. ..	No proposals.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Patangata C.C. ..	No proposals.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ngatapa R.B. ..	200 1 9	..	200 1 9	..	..	..	..	..	107 14 5
Waimata R.B. ..	53 15 3	..	53 15 3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Norsewood R.B. ..	26 15 8	..	26 15 8	..	..	..	..	..	26 15 8
Te Arai R.B. ..	49 6 11	..	49 6 11	..	..	..	..	..	..
Patutahi R.B. ..	3 5 8	..	3 5 8	..	..	..	..	..	3 5 8
Totals ..	2,850 12 2	189 1 1	3,039 13 3	104	..	1325	9 14 3	20 9 0	697 11 1

Table 42.—Showing PAYMENTS to LOCAL BODIES, &c.—continued.

Local Bodies.	“Thirds,” Deferred- payment, Perpetual-lease, Occupation- with-right-of purchase, and Lease-in-per- petuity Lands.	“Fourth,” Small Grazing- runs.	Total Payments.	Length, Locality, Description, and Particulars of Work authorised by Land Board.					
				Bush- clearing.	Scrub- clearing.	For- mation.	Bridges.	Culverts.	Main- tenance

STATEMENT No. 3.—TARANAKI.									
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Clifton C.C.	657	17	9	11	19	1	669	16	10
Egmont C.C.	17	7	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hawera C.C.	791	19	6	1	5	8	793	5	2
Manganui R.B.	98	16	6	..	..	..	98	16	6
Moa R.B.	30	15	9	..	..	..	30	15	9
Motoroa R.B.	2	4	6	..	..	..	2	4	6
Oakura R.B.	8	11	3	..	..	..	8	11	3
Okato R.B.	131	3	4	..	..	..	131	3	4
Parihaka R.B.	28	9	8	..	..	..	28	9	8
Patea C.C.	146	12	6	..	..	..	146	12	6
Patea East R.B.	12	7	1	13	6	10	25	13	11
Patea West R.B.	7	15	7	..	..	..	7	15	7
Stratford C.C.	1,067	6	2	..	..	..	1,067	6	2
Waimate R.B.	45	9	10	..	..	..	45	9	10
Wairoa R.B.	20	18	10	..	..	..	20	18	10
Waiwakaiho R.B.	35	5	6	..	..	..	35	5	6
Totals	3,103	1	3	26	11	7	3,129	12	10

Also interest on loans, £799 13s. 3d.

STATEMENT No. 4.—WELLINGTON.									
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Akitio C.C.	1,563	8	0	4	14	7	1,568	2	7
Castlepoint C.C.	1	0	8	..	..	..	1	0	8
Eketahuna C.C.	235	13	7	..	..	..	235	13	7
Featherston C.C.	37	11	3	6	14	8	44	5	11
Horowhenua C.C.	101	16	10	..	..	..	101	16	10
Hunterville T.B.	3	15	6	..	..	..	3	15	6
Kairanga C.C.	55	9	3	..	..	..	55	9	3
Kiwhitea C.C.	921	0	0	..	..	..	921	0	0
Masterton C.C.	667	2	3	33	3	2	700	5	5
Mauriceville C.C.	70	12	5	14	9	9	85	2	2
Pahiatua C.C.	244	18	0	..	..	..	244	18	0
Pohangina C.C.	307	14	8	..	..	..	307	14	8
Rangitikei C.C.	1,605	19	0	..	..	..	1,605	19	0
Upper Wangaehu R.B.	285	14	3	..	..	..	285	14	3
Waimarino C.C.	197	12	8	..	..	..	197	12	8
Wairarapa South C.C.	61	19	5	4	19	1	66	18	6
Waitotara C.C.	57	4	9	..	..	..	57	4	9
Waitotara-Momohaki R.B.	4	4	9	..	..	..	4	4	9
Totals	6,422	17	3	64	1	3	6,486	18	6

NOTE.—The payments of “thirds” and “fourths” include the amounts under “Certificates of Hypothecation.”

STATEMENT No. 5.—NELSON.									
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Stoke R.B.	52	8	6	..	..	..	52	8	6
Inangahua C.C.	60	9	2	..	..	..	60	9	2
Buller C.C.	37	10	2	..	..	..	37	10	2
Upper Moutere R.B.	23	10	8	..	..	..	23	10	8
Dovedale R.B.	12	16	0	..	..	..	12	16	0
Suburban North R.B.	6	3	0	5	0	0	11	3	0
Waimea West R.B.	6	14	2	..	..	..	6	14	2
Takaka C.C.	112	16	1	..	..	..	112	16	1
Collingwood C.C.	95	14	0	..	..	..	95	14	0
Totals	408	1	9	5	0	0	413	1	9

STATEMENT No. 6.—MARLBOROUGH.									
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Pelorus R.B.	68	0	10	10	17	7	78	18	5
Picton R.B.	76	3	10	9	10	10	85	14	8
Awatere R.B.	..	..	..	100	0	4	100	0	4
Kaikoura C.C.	313	0	11	230	5	3	543	6	2
Totals	457	5	7	350	14	0	807	19	7

Table 42.—Showing PAYMENTS to LOCAL BODIES, &c.—continued.

Local Bodies.	"Thirds," Deferred- payment, Per- petual-lease, Occupation- with-right-of- purchase, and Lease-in-per- petuity Lands.	"Fourth," Small Grazing- runs.	Total Payments.	Length, Locality, Description, and Particulars of Work authorised by Land Board.					
				Bush- clearing.	Scrub- clearing.	Formation.	Bridges.	Culverts.	Main- tenance.

STATEMENT No. 7.—WESTLAND.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Ch.	Ch.	Ch.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Westland C.C. ..	404 5 1	..	404 5 1	..	..	..	..	..	404 5 1
Totals ..	404 5 1	..	404 5 1	..	..	..	..	..	404 5 1

STATEMENT No. 8.—CANTERBURY.

Anama R.B. ..	29 9 9	24 4 8	53 14 5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arowhenua T.B. ..	9 8 8	..	9 8 8	..	..	15	..	3 8 8	..
Ashley, R.B. ..	1 15 0	..	1 15 0	..	..	..	..	..	1 15 0
Cheviot C.C. ..	120 4 6	..	120 4 6	..	..	18	..	37 7 0	1 2 0
Coldstream R.B. ..	15 3 10	..	15 3 10	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ellesmere R.B. ..	1 9 5	..	1 9 5	..	..	10	..	..	1 19 0
Geraldine R.B. ..	108 19 11	..	108 19 11	..	..	77	..	..	99 2 0
Hampstead T.B. ..	3 9 4	..	3 9 4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kowai R.B. ..	1 3 0	..	1 3 0	..	..	..	0 3 0	..	1 0 0
Levels C.C. ..	22 13 7	..	22 13 7	..	..	38	..	..	18 8 3
Mackenzie C.C. ..	269 18 11	136 12 6	406 11 5	..	..	216	119 14 6	25 19 6	185 8 2
Mount Herbert C.C. ..	0 13 4	..	0 13 4	..	..	..	..	0 13 4	..
Mount Hutt R.B. ..	14 12 4	..	14 12 4	..	..	..	..	0 7 0	19 5 0
Mount Peel R.B. ..	74 4 10	..	74 4 10	..	..	..	202 18 1	5 1 6	6 18 8
Mount Somers R.B. ..	5 2 10	20 3 6	25 6 4	..	..	..	..	..	5 9 9
Oxford R.B. ..	195 8 4	49 16 9	245 5 1	..	120	..	..	..	246 10 7
Rakaia R.B. ..	74 18 5	..	74 18 5	..	..	..	..	..	170 7 3
Rangitata R.B. ..	149 4 5	..	149 4 5	..	..	411	..	10 16 5	146 14 11
South Rakaia R.B. ..	8 0 8	..	8 0 8	..	..	..	..	..	4 7 6
Springs R.B. ..	2 18 2	..	2 18 2	..	..	..	..	..	1 19 4
Templeton, R.B. ..	12 6 1	..	12 6 1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Temuka R.B. ..	39 11 2	..	39 11 2	..	..	220	..	..	96 16 9
Upper Ashburton R.B. ..	84 15 10	..	84 15 10	..	..	..	..	..	46 9 6
Waipara R.B. ..	36 8 3	301 5 0	337 13 3	..	..	36	..	27 3 10	68 13 2
Wakanui R.B. ..	27 18 10	..	27 18 10	..	..	..	..	..	94 6 10
Totals ..	1,309 19 5	532 2 5	1,842 1 10	..	120	1041	322 15 7	110 17 3	1,216 13 8

STATEMENT No. 9.—OTAGO.

Taieri C.C. ..	86 17 2	337 10 11	424 8 1	..	..	155	..	9 15 3	39 19 2
Maniototo C.C. ..	888 10 1	676 8 0	1,564 18 1	..	..	2309	..	215 19 7	139 9 8
Vincent C.C. ..	208 1 1	145 9 7	353 10 8	..	..	365	..	..	..
Waitaki C.C. ..	46 5 0	126 13 5	172 18 5	..	..	32	..	..	108 5 1
Waihemo C.C. ..	79 18 5	247 1 11	327 0 4	..	..	..	..	..	221 6 7
Waikouaiti C.C. ..	3 10 10	274 18 10	278 9 8	..	..	172	6 7 6	21 7 3	73 18 1
Clutha C.C. ..	428 12 1	4 8 0	433 0 1	300	40	1380	1 7 0	..	376 5 10
Bruce C.C. ..	16 6 11	3 8 11	19 15 10	..	..	..	..	3 8 11	13 1 3
Tuapeka C.C. ..	130 3 10	185 3 0	315 6 10	..	..	..	..	3 7 4	266 19 5
Lake C.C. ..	31 9 0	..	31 9 0	..	..	18	..	10 15 4	10 10 5
Southland C.C. ..	2 16 5	..	2 16 5	..	..	3½	..	..	0 16 9
Totals ..	1,922 10 10	2,001 2 7	3,923 13 5	300	40	4434½	7 14 6	264 13 8	1,250 12 3

STATEMENT No. 10.—SOUTHLAND.

Southland C.C. ..	941 18 7	10 0 2	951 18 9	10	10	120	50 0 0	30 0 0	531 18 9
Wallace C.C. ..	599 11 10	174 3 1	773 14 11	23	..	385	119 9 10	12 10 0	247 12 10
Lake C.C. ..	35 6 10	..	35 6 10	..	..	71	..	5 8 1	3 9 0
Stewart Island C.C. ..	18 7 11	..	18 7 11	..	..	..	..	..	18 7 11
Invercargill R.B. ..	92 12 0	..	92 12 0	..	..	20	..	15 0 0	67 12 0
Totals ..	1,687 17 2	184 3 3	1,872 0 5	33	10	596	169 9 10	62 18 1	869 0 6

Table 43.—STATEMENT showing the BLOCKS of LAND which have been proclaimed under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Act, 1891," and "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," and the Report of the Surveyor-General on the Value of such Blocks, and on the Necessary Works, and the Estimated Cost of the Works, and on the Moneys expended in respect of such Blocks out of Moneys borrowed under the said Acts.

Name of Block.	Area of Block.	Gazetted.			Surveyor-General's Report.			Expenditure.		
		No.	Page.	Date.	Valuation of Block.	Works required to open up such Block.	Estimated Cost proposed to be borrowed.	To Mar. 31, 1905. *	From April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906.	Total to March 31, 1906.
1891-92.										
Ahuroa	Acres. 4,000	23	479	18 Mar., 1892	£ 2,500	Road-works	£ 500	£ 497	..	£ s. d. 497 2 5
East Puketoi	83,500	"	"	"	83,500	"	19,375	19,375	..	19,375 0 0
Mangamingi	6,629	15	336	18 Feb. "	9,040	"	4,286	4,286	..	4,286 0 0
Manganuiwae	4,599	23	479	18 Mar.,	1,745	"	500	500	..	500 0 0
Mareretu	5,000	77	2,113	1 Oct., 1903	"	"	"	"	..	"
Maruwhenua	"	23	479	18 Mar., 1892	2,500	"	395	395	..	395 0 0
Maruwhenua	49,116	"	"	"	72,246	"	7,000	7,000	..	7,000 0 0
Maungataniwha	4,000	15	336	18 Feb., "	1,500	"	500	499	..	499 1 6
Motatau	"	23	479	18 Mar., "	"	"	"	"	..	"
Motu	5,803	24	885	2 April, 1903	2,349	"	600	599	..	598 10 7
Mount Baker	33,045	23	479	18 Mar., 1892	16,773	"	2,475	2,475	..	2,475 0 0
North-east Puketoi	9,200	15	336	18 Feb., "	9,600	"	2,487	2,487	..	2,487 0 0
Oroua-Coal Creek	13,300	"	"	"	16,455	"	3,990	3,990	..	3,990 0 0
Takahue	6,000	"	"	"	6,440	"	1,050	1,050	..	1,050 0 0
Tauhoa, Sections 184 to 201	1,900	23	479	18 Mar., "	712	"	300	300	..	300 0 0
Waimarino	4,069	15	336	18 Feb., "	1,675	"	449	447	..	447 3 0
Waoku	20,900	"	"	"	16,880	"	7,837	7,836	..	7,835 10 6
Waoku	20,000	74	1298	22 Sept., "	10,000	"	2,000	"	240 0 0	2,240 0 0
Waoku	2,543	17	301	9 Mar., 1893	1,462	"	395	"	"	"
Woodlands, Blocks II, V, VI, VIII	13,400	15	336	18 Feb., 1892	11,225	"	4,950	4,950	..	4,950 0 0
1892-93.										
Akaaka Swamp	2,935	72	1273	15 Sept., 1892	2,093	Drainage ..	920	917	..	916 12 1
Glenomaru, Blocks III, IV, V, VII, IX, X	1,495	95	1606	8 Dec., "	946	Road-works	237	237	..	237 0 0
Hautapu-Ruahine	19,804	13	246	23 Feb., 1893	"	"	6,931	6,932	..	6,931 12 3
Huiroa	6,433	74	1297	22 Sept., 1892	22,154	"	2,093	2,093	..	2,093 0 0
Kaimanuka	9,987	72	1273	15 Sept., "	5,318	"	2,665	2,665	..	2,665 0 0
Kakariki	5,000	"	"	"	5,350	"	2,665	2,665	..	2,665 0 0
Liberal	5,000	23	413	30 Mar., 1893	5,786	"	1,562	1,562	..	1,562 0 0
Lillburn, Monowai, and Alton	2,800	88	1388	20 Oct., 1892	2,500	"	400	400	..	400 0 0
Longwood, Blocks XVI and I	30,745	"	"	"	23,059	"	8,000	8,000	..	8,000 0 0
Maioro Swamp	5,659	90	1529	11 Nov., "	2,829	"	1,400	1,400	..	1,400 0 0
Mangaehu	722	80	1365	13 Oct., "	451	Drainage ..	225	225	..	225 0 0
Milsom	492	72	1273	15 Sept., "	604	Road-works	301	301	..	301 0 0
Mokoreta	6,686	21	374	23 Mar., 1893	6,238	"	1,750	1,750	..	1,750 0 0
Momohaki	7,400	23	411	30 Mar., "	3,700	"	1,850	493	..	492 13 2
Ngatimarua, Blocks V, IX	526	72	1274	15 Sept., 1892	440	"	156	156	..	156 0 0
Nuhaka North	4,565	23	412	30 Mar., 1893	4,745	"	1,940	1,940	..	1,940 0 0
Opuawhanga No. 1	9,549	80	1365	13 Oct., 1892	4,632	"	568	568	..	568 0 0
Otaou	4,815	23	412	30 Mar., 1893	1,917	"	500	500	..	500 0 0
Oxford	18,510	77	2114	1 Oct., 1903	"	"	"	"	..	"
Paterson, Block I	18,510	71	1255	8 Sept., 1892	6,941	"	2,350	2,350	..	2,350 0 0
Rankleburn, Block VI	4,000	4	23	12 Jan., 1893	3,550	"	1,200	1,200	..	1,200 0 0
Ruaapekapeka	633	23	411	30 Mar., "	317	"	158	158	..	158 0 0
Tanner	544	13	246	23 Feb., "	409	"	136	136	..	136 0 0
Tautuku, Block I	10,355	102	1744	29 Dec., 1892	3,982	"	500	495	..	494 13 4
Tuapeka West, Blocks I, II, III, IV, VII, VIII	5,200	78	1361	10 Oct., "	5,950	"	1,780	1,780	..	1,780 0 0
Upper Waitara	3,850	77	1346	6 Oct., "	2,800	"	555	555	..	555 0 0
Waiau	840	13	246	23 Feb., 1893	1,914	"	126	126	..	126 0 0
Waikawa	8,961	102	1742	29 Dec., 1892	1,681	"	367	367	..	367 0 0
Waikawa-Otara	6,000	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	..	"
Waikawa-Otara	31,000	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	..	"
Waikawa-Otara Extension	1,647 of 3,466	67	1919	11 Aug., 1904	664	"	199	..	..	..
Waimate Reserve No. 1126	634	72	1273	15 Sept., 1892	6,269	"	300	300	..	300 0 0
Waimate Reserve No. 1128	516	"	"	"	7,268	"	25	25	..	25 0 0
Waimate Reserve No. 1178	157	"	"	"	2,193	"	25	25	..	25 0 0
Waiwera	3,900	23	413	30 Mar., 1893	4,101	"	1,460	1,460	..	1,460 0 0
Woodlands, Blocks VII, X, XI	1,693	74	1297	22 Sept., 1892	1,384	"	307	307	..	307 0 0
1893-94.										
Autawa	4,725	21	393	23 Mar., 1893	4,276	Road-works	1,153	1,153	..	1,153 0 0
Catlin's, Block II	196	13	246	23 Feb., "	196	"	50	50	..	50 0 0
Glenomaru, Block VI	25	62	1211	10 Aug., "	80	"	25	25	..	25 0 0
Hautapu, Blocks XI, XIV, XV	6,188	92	1567	24 Nov., 1892	5,469	"	1,573	1,567	..	1,567 0 0
Kaimarama	3,182	71	1372	21 Sept., 1893	1,580	"	318	318	..	318 0 0
Lepperton	2,775	83	1383	20 Oct., 1892	2,998	"	966	966	..	966 0 0
Mangaere	7,432	30	526	27 April, 1893	9,485	"	4,144	4,144	..	4,144 0 0
Mangaokahu	2,325	54	1047	6 July, "	1,163	"	233	232	..	232 0 0
Carried forward	534,450	..	..	..	458,155	..	119,192	116,951	240 0 0	117,188 15 9

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Brought forward	Acres. 534,450	..	..	..	£ 458,155	..	£ 119,192	£ 116,951	£ s. d. 240 0 0	£ s. d. 117,188 15 9
1893-94— <i>continued.</i>										
Mangoira-Coal Creek	6,500	74	1297	22 Sept., 1892	8,204	Road-works	2,031	2,030	..	2,030 0 0
Nuhaka No. 2	777	68	1324	7 Sept., 1893	486	"	58	58	..	58 0 0
Omahine, Block I	455	8	152	2 Feb., "	341	"	114	114	..	114 0 0
Opaku-Kapara	18,620	4	26	12 Jan., "	10,455	"	2,793	2,793	..	2,793 0 0
Opuawhanga-Whangarei No. 1	5,140	34	571	1 May, "	2,300	"	500	500	..	500 0 0
		16	528	23 Feb., 1905		"				
Oteramika	6,253	71	1377	21 Sept., 1893	2,006	"	625	120	124 9 7	244 10 7
Pohui	4,306	90	1521	11 Nov., 1892	3,655	"	538	538	..	538 0 0
Stirling	4,770	28	539	31 Mar., "	6,678	"	1,193	1,192	..	1,192 0 0
Swinburn	1,790	40	656	18 May, 1893	1,610	"	288	288	..	288 0 0
Tahaukupu	2,817	13	245	23 Feb., "	2,256	"	675	675	..	675 0 0
Tararua	3,993	19	340	16 Mar., "	4,592	"	998	998	..	998 0 0
Tauhoa-Komokoriki	2,650	35	573	4 May, "	1,000	"	325	325	..	325 0 0
Taupiri	9,200	45	860	8 June, "	3,910	"	920	562	60 9 0	622 17 1
Tauwharetoi	9,404	68	1324	7 Sept., "	4,975	"	1,175	1,169	..	1,169 0 0
Umataoroa	1,461	49	939	22 June, "	956	"	100	100	..	100 0 0
Waipoua	58,200	74	1419	5 Oct., "	29,100	"	5,800	5,799	..	5,799 5 5
Wellington Fruit-growers' Association	2,608	72	1274	15 Sept., 1892	8,543	"	1,304	1,313	..	1,313 0 0
Woodville	254	49	939	22 June, 1893	286	"	25	25	..	25 0 0
1894-95.										
Egmont, Block VI	1,683	57	1163	26 July, 1894	1,721	Road-works	421	421	..	421 0 0
Gimmerburn	8,682	24	481	29 Mar., "	6,152	"	1,032	1,032	..	1,032 0 0
Hall	3,175	19	340	16 Mar., 1893	4,871	"	794	794	..	794 0 0
Hautapu No. 2	6,856	65	1272	24 Aug., 1894	8,860	"	1,714	1,714	..	1,713 15 10
Horopito	2,000	72	1505	2 Oct., "	1,972	"	500	531	..	531 9 5
Invercargill Hundred	1,403	"	1273	15 Sept., 1892	1,840	"	400	331	50 18 9	382 8 0
Kaitangiwhenua Special Settlement	7,747	1	4	7 Jan., 1904	4,209	"	1,491	1,375	72 17 8	1,447 17 8
Lauder-Blackstone	3,809	24	481	29 Mar., 1894	3,608	"	476	476	..	476 0 0
Lauder-Tiger Hill	28,823	"	"	"	22,112	"	1,000	1,000	..	1,000 0 0
Lower Wanaka	3,368	34	714	10 May, "	1,250	"	101	101	..	101 0 0
Maniototo	277	24	481	29 Mar., "	245	"	104	100	..	100 0 0
Mecalickstone	6,011	19	339	16 Mar., 1893	4,834	"	1,503	1,503	..	1,503 0 0
Momahaki Village Settlement	824	7	181	25 Jan., 1894	6,311	"	1,860	1,860	..	1,860 0 0
Okoke	13,893	51	1049	5 July, "	9,577	"	2,369	2,367	..	2,366 11 1
Pakiri	1,125	85	2335	5 Nov., 1903	1,607	"	369	369	..	369 0 0
Palmerston North Knights of Labour	10,995	28	539	31 Mar., 1892	12,222	"	2,749	2,749	..	2,749 0 0
Pohouiatane	27,754	19	340	16 Mar., 1893	26,476	"	6,959	6,958	..	6,958 6 0
Ruahine	4,800	61	1291	16 Aug., 1894	2,235	"	840	824	..	824 1 9
Salisbury and Delaware	13,392	28	539	31 Mar., 1892	14,257	"	3,348	3,348	..	3,348 0 0
Sommerville	8,566	"	"	"	9,085	"	2,142	2,142	..	2,142 0 0
Waiotahi	6,050	71	2073	25 Aug., 1904	2,269	"	756	751	..	750 13 9
Wanganui	6,222	19	340	16 Mar., 1893	6,046	"	1,556	1,556	..	1,556 0 0
1895-96.										
Ackers	351	68	1327	7 Sept., 1893	702	Road-works	220	217	..	216 16 3
Avoca	3,668	24	482	29 Mar., 1894	1,834	"	458	458	..	458 0 0
Blackstone	22,535	10	233	7 Feb., 1895	24,748	"	500	500	..	500 0 0
Clifton No. 1	4,650	28	539	31 Mar., 1892	4,081	"	1,163	1,163	..	1,163 0 0
Dannevirke Centennial	11,022	19	340	16 Mar., 1893	5,233	"	2,494	2,200	294 0 0	2,493 19 10
Eltham	3,200	"	"	"	3,150	"	800	800	..	800 0 0
Gatton	3,800	"	"	"	3,860	"	950	950	..	950 0 0
Hikurangi No. 2	4,115	82	1663	16 Nov., 1894	3,217	"	520	497	..	497 5 5
Hokonui	404	39	1,021	30 Jan., 1896	253	"	95	85	..	85 7 10
Kaiparoro	9,409	60	1245	15 Aug., 1895	6,414	"	1,174	1,174	..	1,174 0 0
Kaitangata	7,105	89	1863	5 Dec., "	4,215	"	884	881	2 18 1	884 0 0
Kaitangiwhenua No. 2	33,430	27	510	5 April, 1894	15,667	"	6,393	5,770	541 19 11	6,311 11 11
Kaitieke	45,500	12	233	14 Feb., 1895	41,700	"	11,375	5,817	2,065 14 4	7,882 12 0
Karioi-Alexandra	13,300	10	(269) 270	13 Feb., 1896	4,987	"	1,662	1,662	..	1,661 14 6
Kaupokonui	230	62	1215	10 Aug., 1893	230	"	58	58	..	58 0 0
Kawhatau	5,700	94	1951	21 Dec., 1894	6,588	"	1,425	1,425	..	1,425 0 0
Llewellyn	4,594	15	397	9 Mar., 1896	3,445	"	862	862	..	862 0 0
Malton Farm Homestead	1,208	80	1637	8 Oct., 1894	944	"	302	302	..	302 0 0
Manganui and Ruapehu	7,350	46	958	21 June, "	6,337	"	1,838	1,838	..	1,838 0 0
Manganui-Egmont	2,833	72	1510	4 Oct., "	3,597	"	894	894	..	894 0 0
Maniototo No. 2	6,916	10	233	7 Feb., 1895	5,911	"	907	550	50 0 0	600 0 0
Maniototo No. 3	6,295	12	284	14 Feb., "	6,001	"	300	183	117 7 6	300 0 0
Naseby, No. 2	2,444	10	234	7 Feb., "	2,038	"	313	313	..	313 0 0
Carried forward	1,044,162	..	..	..	856,409	..	206,225	195,951	3,620 14 10	199,570 0 1

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Brought forward	Acres. 1,044,162	..	..	..	£ 856,409	..	£ 206,225	£ 195,951	£ s. d. 3. 620 14 10	£ s. d. 199,570 0 1
1895-96—continued.										
Ngunguru	6,216	{ 46	973	20 June, 1895	3,417	Road-works	772	772	..	772 0 0
Pohangina	4,722	{ 16	529	23 Feb., 1905			1,181	1,181	..	1,181 0 0
Puketoi-Aohanga	1,277	{ 28	539	31 Mar., 1892	4,250	"	319	319	..	319 0 0
Puniwhakau	10,695	{ 92	1933	19 Dec., 1895	1,027	"	1,926	1,926	..	1,926 0 0
Rangiwahakaoma	10,005	{ 19	340	16 Mar., 1893	7,604	"	1,421	1,421	..	1,421 0 0
Ross	1,912	{ 72	1501	4 Oct., 1894	4,428	"	478	476	..	476 2 6
Ruakituri	4,855	{ 34	760	9 May, 1895	2,564	"	364	364	..	364 0 0
Marlborough	4,670	{ 939	21 June, 1894	4,624	"	"	467	467	..	467 0 0
Ruapuna	847	{ 955	"	"	2,043	"	106	75	..	75 0 0
Takahue and Whangape	12,200	{ 80	1640	8 Nov., "	1,270	"	1,800	1,800	..	1,800 0 0
Terrace End	11,118	{ 89	1864	5 Dec., 1895	4,270	"	2,173	2,173	..	2,173 0 0
Umutoi	2,200	{ 60	1245	15 Aug., "	8,950	"	550	550	..	550 0 0
Waiawa	20,000	{ 28	539	31 Mar., 1892	1,675	"	2,500	2,500	..	2,499 19 0
Waimana	15,986	{ 5	94	27 Jan., 1896	8,000	"	2,000	2,000	..	2,000 0 0
Whakarara, Section 14, Block XIII	508	{ 46	973	20 June, 1895	5,994	"	38	38	..	38 0 0
		{ 16	342	1 Mar., 1894	406	"				
1896-97.										
Auckland Special Settlement	8,995	78	1665	24 Oct., 1895	3,698	Road-works	899	898	..	898 0 1
Catlin's (Blocks IV, V, VI, VII)	8,580	16	530	23 Feb., 1905	3,828	"	1,057	1,057	..	1,056 17 9
Gladstone	7,597	24	482	28 Mar., 1894	5,822	"	1,899	1,898	..	1,898 8 3
Karioi Parish	550	33	665	3 May, "	206	"	55	55	..	55 0 0
Maungataniwha No. 2	1,220	47	955	18 June, 1896	487	"	120	120	..	119 19 9
Maropiu	5,350	24	667	11 Mar., 1897	2,675	"	656	632	8 15 6	640 14 0
Ohinewairua	7,462	11	242	28 Jan., "	7,491	"	1,865	1,864	..	1,864 1 3
Patua	9,692	24	667	11 Mar., "	6,542	"	1,636	1,636	..	1,635 19 10
Rawhitiroa	{ 736 of 32,746	1	5	7 Jan., "	3,680	"	46	46	..	46 0 0
Te Mara	{ 3,549 of 18,700	56	1092	13 July, 1893	2,384	"	436	428	..	427 16 3
Te Ngaue	1,470	54	1106	16 July, 1896	1,286	"	367	345	22 6 6	367 0 0
Whenuakura	10,927	{ 19	340	16 Mar., 1893	5,652	"	1,690	1,638	52 5 7	1,690 0 0
		{ 4	57	10 Jan., 1901						
1897-98.										
Hundalee	38,329	{ 30	773	1 April, 1897	24,540	Road-works	7,500	7,500	..	7,500 0 0
Huiarau	7,750	{ 97	2081	18 Nov., "			1,000	548	91 13 7	639 6 4
Kaiparoro No. 2	400	{ 1901	773	1 April, "	150	"	50	50	..	50 0 0
Makahu	6,551	{ 1902	1361	27 Aug., 1896	6,180	"	1,468	1,468	..	1,468 0 0
Maungaru	4,368	20	494	24 Mar., 1898	2,184	"	460	460	..	460 0 0
Paekotare	890	"	"	"	356	"	80	76	..	75 14 6
Taumata	3,423	"	495	"	2,188	"	428	428	..	428 0 0
Waikawa, Block II	307	90	1901	21 Oct., 1897	643	"	186	..	..	..
Waikiekie	600	78	1698	15 Oct., 1896	788	"	150	150	..	150 0 0
1898-99.										
Awaroa No. 2	3,767	20	495	24 Mar., 1898	2,269	Road-works	400	400	..	400 0 0
Hautapu-Ruahine No. 2	16,771	87	1841	28 Nov., 1895	11,152	"	4,192	3,569	622 19 1	4,192 0 0
Hauturu	61,944	1	1	5 Jan., 1899	26,978	"	10,000	10,000	..	9,999 12 7
(additional)	2,346	31	750	28 Mar., 1901	2,468	"	889	..	..	..
Hurimoana	3,190	79	1774	3 Nov., 1898	2,981	"	797	797	..	797 0 0
Kaipikari	4,273	"	1775	"	2,136	"	582	582	..	582 0 0
Kauaeranga	3,556	91	2021	20 Dec., "	1,770	"	445	299	..	298 16 9
Kawhia	4,927	70	1498	22 Sept., "	2,819	"	616	454	60 5 1	513 18 9
Kaikokopu	7,397	16	435	23 Feb., 1899	2,774	"	739	729	9 12 0	738 18 2
Kohuratahi	3,548	79	1774	3 Nov., 1898	3,019	"	738	738	..	738 0 0
Kohumaru	4,880	83	1846	17 Nov., "	1,700	"	600	185	15 4 0	199 17 1
Mamaku	7,684	24	564	7 April, "	3,842	"	700	700	..	700 0 0
Mangakahia	10,191	20	495	24 Mar., "	4,548	"	2,000	833	..	833 9 1
Mareikura No. 1	950	77	1716	27 Oct., "	493	"	120	120	..	120 0 0
Mareikura No. 2	584	79	1773	3 Nov., "	292	"	70	70	..	70 0 0
Makotuku, Block III	1,608	1	4	7 Jan., 1904	1,860	"	402	367	35 4 3	402 0 0
Marco	6,467	13	382	16 Feb., 1899	4,040	"	1,027	1,027	..	1,027 0 0
Marton No. 3	9,078	79	2162	8 Oct., 1903	8,050	"	2,270	2,259	10 19 5	2,270 0 0
Naseby, Maniototo, and Gim-merburn	5,277	"	1774	3 Nov., 1898	3,677	"	910	839	70 11 10	910 0 0
Carried forward	1,438,557	..	..	..	1,087,274	..	271,865	257,278	4,620 11 8	261,895 12 9

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Brought forward ..	Acres. 1,438,557	..	..	..	£ 1,087,274	..	£ 271,865	£ 257,278	£ s. d. 4,620 11 8	£ s. d. 261,895 12 9
1898-99— <i>continued.</i>										
Ngapaeruru ..	44,816	86	1914	1 Dec., 1898	26,370	Road-works	11,000	11,000	..	11,000 0 0
Ngapaeruru No. 2 ..	15,500	20	548	15 Mar., 1900	6,200	"	1,550	1,547	..	1,547 8 1
Okohiriki ..	2,405	91	640	20 Dec., 1898	1,327	"	601	600	..	600 0 0
Onslow ..	10,000	34	1845	28 April, 1892	3,360	"	1,000	392	233 19 4	625 14 0
Otakai ..	2,508	83	1856	17 Nov., 1898	1,254	"	100	99	..	99 1 0
Opanake ..	5,720	70	563	4 Sept., 1902	2,288	"	858	858	..	858 0 0
Opuatea No. 1 ..	8,030	24	254	7 April, 1898	2,735	"	1,000	775	24 6 10	799 8 5
Opuatea No. 2 ..	4,337	88	1847	17 Nov., 1898	1,976	"	600	600	..	600 0 0
Opuatea No. 3 ..	24,800	"	1846	"	16,675	"	4,169	4,169	..	4,169 0 0
Puhipuhi ..	1,856	91	2022	20 Dec., "	791	"	186	180	..	179 11 0
Puriri ..	11,379	87	1841	28 Nov., 1895	11,957	"	2,844	2,844	..	2,844 0 0
Pukeokahu ..	5,609	10	283	13 Feb., 1896	3,229	"	799	799	..	799 0 0
Rimuputa ..	8,600	77	1715	27 Oct., 1898	3,440	"	1,000	994	6 2 7	1,000 0 0
Te Puroa ..	11,653	83	1846	17 Nov., "	20,712	Drains and roads	9,073	8,389	1,145 19 8	9,534 18 10
Tokatoka ..	4,090 of	88	911	26 May, "	10,226	Tramway and road-works	1,200	3,230	127 19 11	3,214 19 11
Upper Makohine ..	12,096	"	"	"	15,851	Road-works	3,230	480	..	478 14 11
Umurua ..	14,201	24	564	7 April, "	2,433	"	480	479	..	478 14 11
Waimatanui ..	4,866	20	496	24 Mar., "	8,000	"	3,076	2,696	73 19 6	2,769 14 6
Waipu ..	20,000	65	1398	1 Sept., "	2,540	"	790	790	..	790 0 0
1899-1900.										
Kaitao ..	9,436	30	729	6 April, 1899	5,676	Road-works	2,500	2,000	..	2,000 0 0
Kinohaku West ..	73,795	100	2198	1 Dec., "	55,346	"	19,224	10,413	887 6 7	11,300 2 6
Kuraiti ..	4,465	14	360	15 Feb., 1900	1,855	"	617	617	..	617 0 0
Mataro ..	1,486	42	953	18 May, 1899	668	"	260	100	160 3 7	260 0 0
Mauku ..	1,893	91	2031	2 Nov., "	1,136	"	284	284	..	284 0 0
Mangakahia No. 2 ..	1,109	"	2032	"	671	"	111	111	..	111 0 0
Mangorewa-Kaharoa ..	23,987	"	"	"	9,997	"	3,552	2,251	9 4 0	2,260 2 5
Oraukura ..	4,456	78	1803	21 Sept., "	6,691	"	1,114	1,114	..	1,114 0 0
Pakeho ..	9,613	91	2032	2 Nov., "	5,720	"	1,800	1,794	..	1,793 10 9
Piko ..	10,276	43	1009	25 May, "	6,928	"	1,784	1,782	..	1,782 7 9
Pine Valley ..	19,744	68	1477	10 Aug., "	7,452	"	1,863	1,189	..	1,188 15 7
Pirongia West ..	16,960	14	361	15 Feb., 1900	10,874	"	2,121	1,909	174 17 0	2,083 9 8
Poarangi ..	3,835	"	"	"	2,419	"	550	550	..	550 0 0
Putikituna ..	4,229	"	360	"	2,664	"	789	789	..	789 0 0
Puketarata ..	5,347	1	1	4 Jan., "	2,177	"	535	533	..	532 11 7
Puketarata No. 2 ..	3,027	104	2261	14 Dec., 1899	1,487	"	378	378	..	377 19 4
Putiki ..	6,595	64	1358	27 July, "	3,620	"	1,144	1,143	..	1,143 7 2
Tangihua ..	4,660	104	2261	14 Dec., "	2,106	"	466	466	..	466 0 0
1900-1.										
Kaiwaka, Blocks IV, VIII, XI ..	4,789	4	56	10 Jan., 1901	1,768	Road-works	598	598	..	598 0 0
Makino ..	8,608	24	521	28 Feb., "	3,787	"	1,860	25	48 7 4	73 0 4
Mangapoike ..	14,627	"	"	"	8,260	"	1,834	796	1,031 13 10	1,827 18 2
Mangatoro, Block I ..	1,700	38	857	3 May, 1900	1,329	"	425	223	201 11 0	424 19 5
Moki ..	8,734	99	2178	6 Dec., "	4,708	"	1,822	1,822	..	1,822 0 0
Ngamatea-Maungakaretu ..	8,315	4	55	10 Jan., 1901	6,491	"	2,078	2,078	..	2,078 0 0
Ngaurukehu ..	1,092	"	55	"	1,092	"	409	409	..	408 19 2
Nuhaka No. 3 ..	4,138	24	522	28 Feb., "	5,351	"	1,034	708	323 3 4	1,030 18 5
Ohinewairua, Block XIII ..	876	4	55-6	10 Jan., "	2,734	"	481	481	..	481 0 0
Ohinewairua-Pukeokahu ..	9,785	"	56	"	9,330	"	2,935	1,402	939 10 9	2,341 19 11
Tauakira ..	20,736	72	1522	16 Aug., 1900	16,551	"	2,592	2,584	8 2 7	2,592 0 0
Te Ruanui ..	1,545	4	55	10 Jan., 1901	4,256	"	386	386	..	386 0 0
Tiriraukawa-Hautapu ..	5,622	"	56	"	5,250	"	1,686	1,686	..	1,686 0 0
Waikekeho ..	590	72	1522	16 Aug., 1900	1,178	"	419	419	..	418 16 9
Waingarara ..	1,634	78	1666	6 Sept., "	1,111	"	373	373	..	372 16 4
Wharepuhunga ..	28,999	18	335	7 Feb., 1901	10,163	"	2,828	..	..	..
Whatitiri No. 1 ..	5,628	45	1137	18 May, 1905	4,830	"	844	843	..	843 6 2
1901-2.										
Kinohaku West No. 2 ..	23,004	72	1572	1 Aug., 1901	7,589	Road-works	5,753	3,750	148 11 2	3,898 11 2
Mangatawa ..	6,804	2	3	9 Jan., 1902	3,796	"	1,270	1,270	..	1,269 19 8
Mahoenui ..	6,471	73	1602	8 Aug., 1901	5,366	"	990	978	12 5 6	989 19 5
Owai ..	3,400	"	1602	"	1,020	"	340	340	..	340 0 0
Pakanae ..	992	"	1601	"	291	"	124	85	7 7 0	92 2 6
Carried forward ..	2,018,279	..	..	..	1,462,376	..	385,594	346,255	10,185 3 2	356,434 17 7

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Name of Block.	Area of Block.	Gazetted.			Surveyor-General's Report.			Expenditure.		
		No.	Page.	Date.	Valuation of Block.	Works required to open up such Block.	Estimated Cost proposed to be borrowed.	To Mar. 31, 1905.	From April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906.	Total to March 31, 1906.
Brought forward	Acres.				£		£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1901-2— <i>continued.</i>	2,018,279	..	..	..	1,462,376	..	385,594	346,255	10,185 3 2	356,434 17 7
Parahaki ..	1,935	73	1601	8 Aug., 1901	569	Road-works	193	11	..	10 15 0
Stag and Spey ..	12,246	34	821	4 April, "	11,148	"	2,787	2,787	..	2,787 0 0
Tahora ..	2,311	90	1977	17 Oct., "	1,422	"	471	471	..	471 0 0
Tahora No. 2 South ..	43,037	24	522	28 Feb., "	16,139	"	4,304	..	..	..
Tahora No. 2 North ..	6450 of 62,699	"	"	"	4,291	"	1,612	..	..	..
Tangitu ..	11,805	90	1977	17 Oct., "	7,463	"	2,140	2,140	..	2,140 0 0
Te Kuiti ..	3,506	70	1498	25 July, "	2,927	"	777	776	..	776 7 0
Tokatoka No. 2 ..	1,966	73	1601	8 Aug., "	3,441	"	1,474	1,323	151 8 4	1,473 19 4
Waipapa ..	49,410	2	4	9 Jan., 1902	17,662	"	1,766	1,764	..	1,764 0 0
Waitaha ..	4,270	52	1160	23 May, 1901	5,362	"	1,341	1,342	..	1,341 10 6
Whangaingatakupu ..	975	73	1602	8 Aug., "	342	"	170	170	..	169 18 4
Wharekopae-Tahora No. 2 ..	14,401	24	522	28 Feb., "	11,869	"	1,440	1,432	..	1,431 18 0
Whareorino ..	20,583	73	1602	8 Aug., "	12,349	"	5,776	982	..	982 8 3
1902-3.										
Eao ..	17,218	77	2191	2 Oct., 1902	13,890	Road-works	6,361	1,571	2,588 11 2	4,159 13 1
Kiochio ..	4,349	66	1726	21 Aug., "	3,812	"	545	463	81 11 7	545 0 0
Mangaowata ..	10,501	77	2191	2 Oct., "	6,577	"	2,140	895	96 2 8	990 15 6
Mangaroa ..	4,969	"	2192	"	4,560	Roads and bridges	1,225	1,190	10 7 6	1,200 1 8
Mimi-iti ..	597	"	2189	"	969	Road-works	150	..	..	..
Mowhanau Village Settlement	380	7	255	29 Jan., 1903	5,320	"	380	378	..	378 7 9
Okohiriki No. 1E ..	2,626	70	1858	4 Sept., 1902	1,050	"	260	247	12 1 0	259 2 3
Pareokawa ..	7,645	96	2148	7 Nov., 1901	3,557	"	950	825	119 1 7	944 8 7
Patupuremu ..	17,966	77	2190-1	2 Oct., 1902	8,160	"	3,580	2,602	831 8 8	3,433 14 7
Puketarata No. 3 ..	2,370	65	1702	14 Aug., "	2,371	"	296	296	..	295 19 4
Rerekapa-Moanatairi ..	21,375	77	2189	2 Oct., "	12,182	Roads and bridges	5,835	2,628	1,510 10 5	4,138 16 1
Taurangi ..	21,500	30	2191	"	12,976	Ditto ..	5,865	2,441	2,182 9 0	4,623 15 1
Tinline ..	1,650	18	527	6 Mar., 1902	805	Road-works	201	201	..	200 18 6
Tirangi ..	8,098	77	2192	2 Oct., "	3,563	"	1,620	1,006	505 4 10	1,510 19 6
Tumu-Kaituna ..	3,187	12	495	19 Feb., 1903	2,550	Drainage-works and bridges over drains	1,275	1,274	..	1,274 7 7
Vera ..	2,575	77	2189	2 Oct., 1902	1,573	Road-works	320	320	..	320 0 0
Waikaka ..	4,016	"	2190	"	3,254	Roads and bridges	960	946	..	945 12 3
Waitangata ..	10,628	"	"	"	8,683	Road-works	2,575	2,210	192 1 0	2,402 7 0
1903-4										
Bartlett's Creek ..	4,481	46	1357	11 June, 1903	1,617	Road-works	404	..	..	..
Huehue ..	4,134	59	1620	23 July, "	2,911	"	827	826	0 13 0	826 7 9
Maukoro ..	9,978	54	1517	2 July, "	5,729	"	1,496	567	928 17 8	1,495 19 7
Moanui ..	24,865	59	1620	23 July, "	14,000	"	3,108	492	508 8 2	1,000 13 1
Ngutunui ..	1,657	54	1518	2 July, "	1,053	"	210	..	..	..
Otanake Special Settlement	7,253	62	1727	6 Aug., "	5,440	"	1,813	1,024	12 16 10	1,037 3 0
Oumauku ..	9,770	77	2114	1 Oct., "	2,931	"	1,465	528	581 10 4	1,109 18 10
Ouruwhero ..	2,615	49	1433	25 June, "	2,347	"	680	328	309 16 0	637 14 10
Pukenui ..	1,600	77	2113	1 Oct., "	1,200	"	240	155	..	154 12 11
Raetea ..	686	5	152	21 Jan., 1904	349	"	137	..	..	..
Raupiu ..	,080	49	1433	25 June, 1903	2,457	"	385	234	26 12 7	260 4 10
Taihape Village Settlement	117	1	3, 4	7 Jan., 1904	278	"	117	116	1 5 0	117 0 0
Extension										
Taumata-Whakauma ..	3,269	62	1727	6 Aug., 1903	2,100	"	817	815	..	815 6 2
Te Kauri ..	3,570	14	544	18 Feb., 1904	2,616	Roads and bridges	916	..	..	..
Tokatoka No. 3 ..	448	"	"	"	1,120	Roads and drains	448	394	43 1 1	437 2 11
Tuahu ..	16,759	67	1859	27 Aug., 1903	6,288	Road-works	2,352	..	1,178 13 9	1,178 13 9
Waitahaia ..	14,380	52	1619	23 July, "	8,462	"	2,990	121	1,096 6 3	1,216 19 9
Waro ..	11,244	"	1620	"	6,678	"	3,210	1,367	1,730 6 1	3,097 8 5
Whakapaupakihi ..	14,379	"	1619	"	12,498	"	1,798	1,629	168 11 7	1,797 18 8
1904-5.										
Aorangi ..	3,807	75	2153	8 Sept., 1904	2,631	Road-works	1,160	..	..	..
Kawaka ..	3,420	34	1152	28 April, "	1,332	"	584	160	265 4 10	425 5 4
Ketetangariki ..	1,070	16	529	23 Feb., 1905	663	"	263	..	..	..
Kopua ..	4,263	73	2109	1 Sept., 1904	2,264	"	894	..	..	..
Kuri ..	13,989	75	2153	8 Sept., "	4,921	"	1,985	1	918 15 3	919 7 3
Carried forward	2,493,658	..	..	..	1,745,097	..	472,787	387,703	26,236 19 4	413,935 9 10

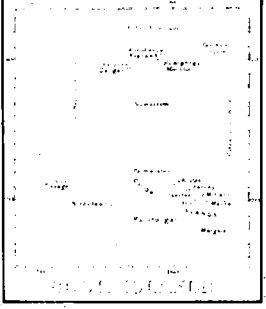
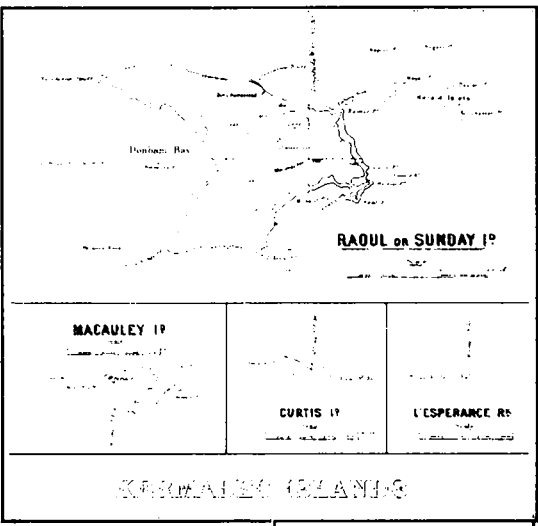
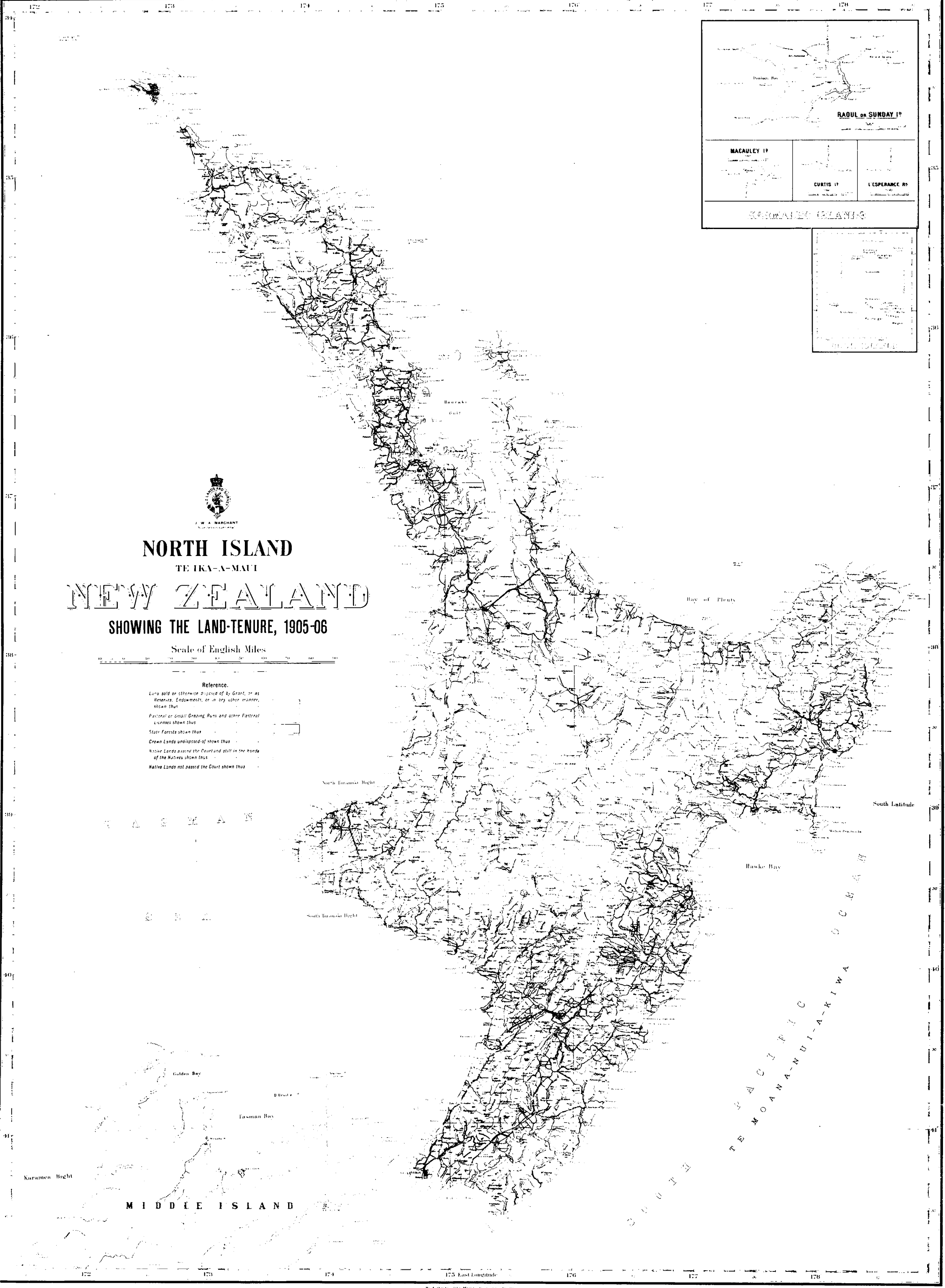
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Name of Block.	Area of Block.	Gazetted.			Surveyor-General's Report.			Expenditure.		
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Brought forward ..	Acres. 2,493,658	..	..	..	£ 1,745,097	..	£ 472,787	£ 387,703	£ s. d. 26,236 19 4	£ s. d. 413,935 9 10
1904-5— <i>continued.</i>										
Longwood ..	2,830	16	529	23 Feb., 1905	1,322	Road-works	330	..	..	..
Maben ..	4,650	65	1871	4 Aug., 1904	2,341	"	900	..	900 0 0	900 0 0
Maire ..	2,659	81	2343	6 Oct., "	931	"	399	..	200 14 4	200 14 4
Mangawhara ..	9,669	73	2109	1 Sept., "	6,073	"	2,416	..	370 10 8	370 10 8
Moeatoa ..	2,930	68	1959	18 Aug., "	2,322	"	733	..	..	..
Mokau-Ohura ..	41,475	30	1007	14 April, "	27,175	"	12,595	304	4,913 12 1	5,217 9 1
Ngarua ..	3,461	97	2879	8 Dec., "	2,153	"	849	..	707 1 1	707 1 1
Omanawa ..	3,380	90	2694	10 Nov., "	2,047	"	845	..	844 0 0	844 0 0
Omanawake ..	5,094	75	2154	8 Sept., "	2,135	"	637	..	..	..
Otaenga ..	1,630	81	2343	6 Oct., "	1,019	"	326	..	..	..
Otupo ..	463	16	528	23 Feb., 1905	231	"	115	..	..	..
Pukemiro ..	1,111	68	1959	18 Aug., 1904	450	"	167	..	..	..
Te Puhi ..	4,505	73	2109	1 Sept., "	4,352	"	1,689	..	34 1 2	34 1 2
Te Rerenga ..	7,991	97	2880	8 Dec., "	4,730	"	1,599	..	795 10 6	795 10 6
Turoto ..	1,783	97	2879	"	1,689	"	539	..	..	..
Waiarara ..	16,797	81	2343	6 Oct., "	9,163	"	4,010	..	1,649 3 3	1,649 3 3
Waiharakeke ..	2,116	27	758	23 Mar., 1905	1,979	"	318	..	..	..
Wairere ..	1,930	79	2299	29 Sept., 1904	1,641	"	488	..	..	..
1905-6.										
Alton No. 2 ..	2,722	21	831	22 Mar., 1906	1,269	Road-works	317	..	..	..
Awarua 1B ..	18,291	104	2723	23 Nov., 1905	16,132	Roads and Bridges	6,610	..	..	..
Brewerton ..	3,757	107	2815	7 Dec., "	939	Road-works	197	..	..	..
Brighton ..	29,124	86	2323	28 Sept., "	11,457	"	3,348	..	..	..
Heaphy ..	13,030	109	2862	14 Dec., "	4,029	"	1,344	..	..	..
Hillend ..	856	112	2950	21 Dec., "	433	"	108	..	..	..
Hokonui No. 2 ..	1,181	81	2182	7 Sept., "	714	"	152	..	..	..
Hope ..	3,311	99	2638	16 Nov., "	828	"	248	..	..	..
Inangahua ..	3,184	90	2423	19 Oct., "	1,658	"	781	..	..	..
Kongahu ..	15,794	90	2424	"	6,152	"	2,735	..	..	..
Kururau ..	11,808	86	2323	28 Sept., "	7,567	"	3,490	..	40 8 10	40 8 10
Lora ..	2,913	73	1884	3 Aug., "	1,330	"	332	..	..	..
Mabel ..	343	"	1883	"	231	"	58	..	..	..
Manawabe ..	43,248	83	2221	14 Sept., "	25,909	"	6,190	..	22 12 4	22 12 4
Mangamahoe ..	344	56	1447	15 June, "	356	"	112	..	..	..
Mangatoro 1A No. 1 ..	5,017	60	1537	29 June, "	32,104	"	1,348	..	109 1 3	109 1 3
Maruia ..	22,554	90	2122	19 Oct., "	7,652	"	3,164	..	..	..
Matiri ..	11,231	"	2423	"	4,240	"	1,487	..	..	..
Matiri East ..	9,361	{ 3	80	18 Jan., 1906	2,819	{ Roads and Bridges	701	..	..	..
		{ 17	649	1 Mar., "						
Maungakaretu ..	508	7	273	1 Feb., "	571	Road-works	254	..	..	..
Mokihinui ..	7,944	90	2425	19 Oct., 1905	2,935	"	1,133	..	..	..
Mount Arthur ..	4,350	"	2423	"	1,087	"	326	..	..	..
Oamaru No. 1 ..	15,027	17	648	1 Mar., 1906	9,864	"	3,734	..	..	..
Oparara ..	19,635	99	2638	16 Nov., 1905	7,076	"	2,699	..	..	..
Orikaka ..	20,052	95	2528	2 Nov., "	5,184	"	2,506	..	..	..
Otapiri ..	616	73	1883	3 Aug., "	313	"	78	..	..	..
Otumahana ..	20,824	90	2424	19 Oct., "	6,069	"	2,603	..	..	..
Owen ..	5,233	95	2528	2 Nov., "	1,538	"	623	..	..	..
Owen East ..	7,707	109	2862	14 Dec., "	2,473	"	549	..	29 9 10	29 9 10
Papamoa No. 2 ..	1,443	7	273	1 Feb., 1906	715	"	180	..	..	..
Rainy River ..	9,635	95	2528	2 Nov., 1905	2,700	"	726	..	..	..
Rotokakahi ..	4,022	99	2638	16 Nov., "	3,571	"	1,207	..	..	..
Roto Ngaro ..	14,841	112	2949	21 Dec., "	4,655	"	2,225	..	16 5 0	16 5 0
Tadmor ..	2,109	14	592	22 Feb., 1906	537	"	116	..	..	..
Taeore ..	340	55	1428	8 June, 1905	136	"	68	..	..	..
Tamaki ..	3,443	{ 41	1042	4 May, "	48,345	"	3,440	..	1,601 9 8	1,601 9 8
		{ 83	2222	14 Sept., "						
Taonui-Maraetaua-Pukewhaka	9,799	49	1186	25 May, "	8,893	"	2,450	..	..	..
Taumata ..	8,080	84	2261	21 Sept., "	3,760	"	1,616	..	..	..
Te Pahu ..	3,228	3	80	18 Jan., 1906	1,711	"	491	..	..	..
Totaranui ..	7,546	{ 99	2639	16 Nov., 1905	2,037	"	566	..	..	..
		{ 17	649	1 Mar., 1906						
Waiau, Blocks XIII and XIV, Waiau Survey District	5,799	83	2221	14 Sept., 1905	2,197	"	732	..	4 7 6	4 7 6
Waikawa No. 1 ..	1,194	84	2260	21 Sept., "	838	"	331	..	..	..
Wareatea ..	829	112	2950	21 Dec., "	326	"	163	..	..	..
Westport ..	2,276	104	2723	23 Nov., "	791	"	332	..	..	..
Winton ..	2,023	77	2019	24 Aug., "	1,515	"	379	..	325 18 6	325 18 6
Totals ..	2,984,784	..	..	..	2,062,506	..	563,986	388,007	38,801 5 4	426,803 12 10

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State Forests shown thus
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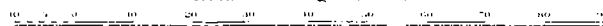
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South Latitude

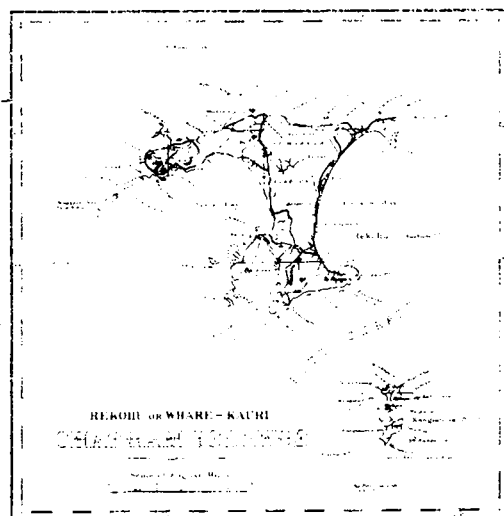
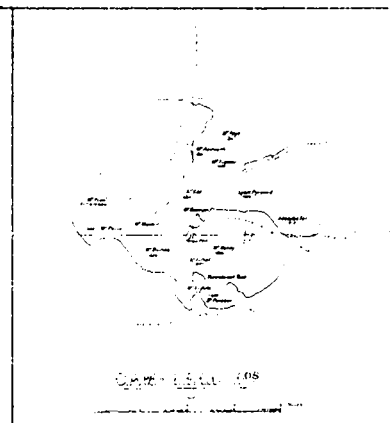
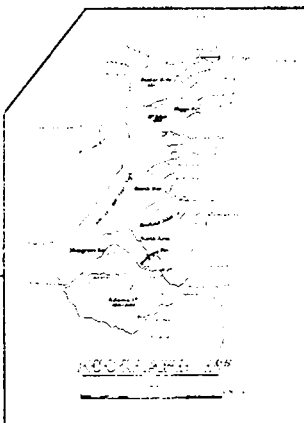
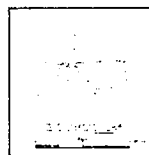
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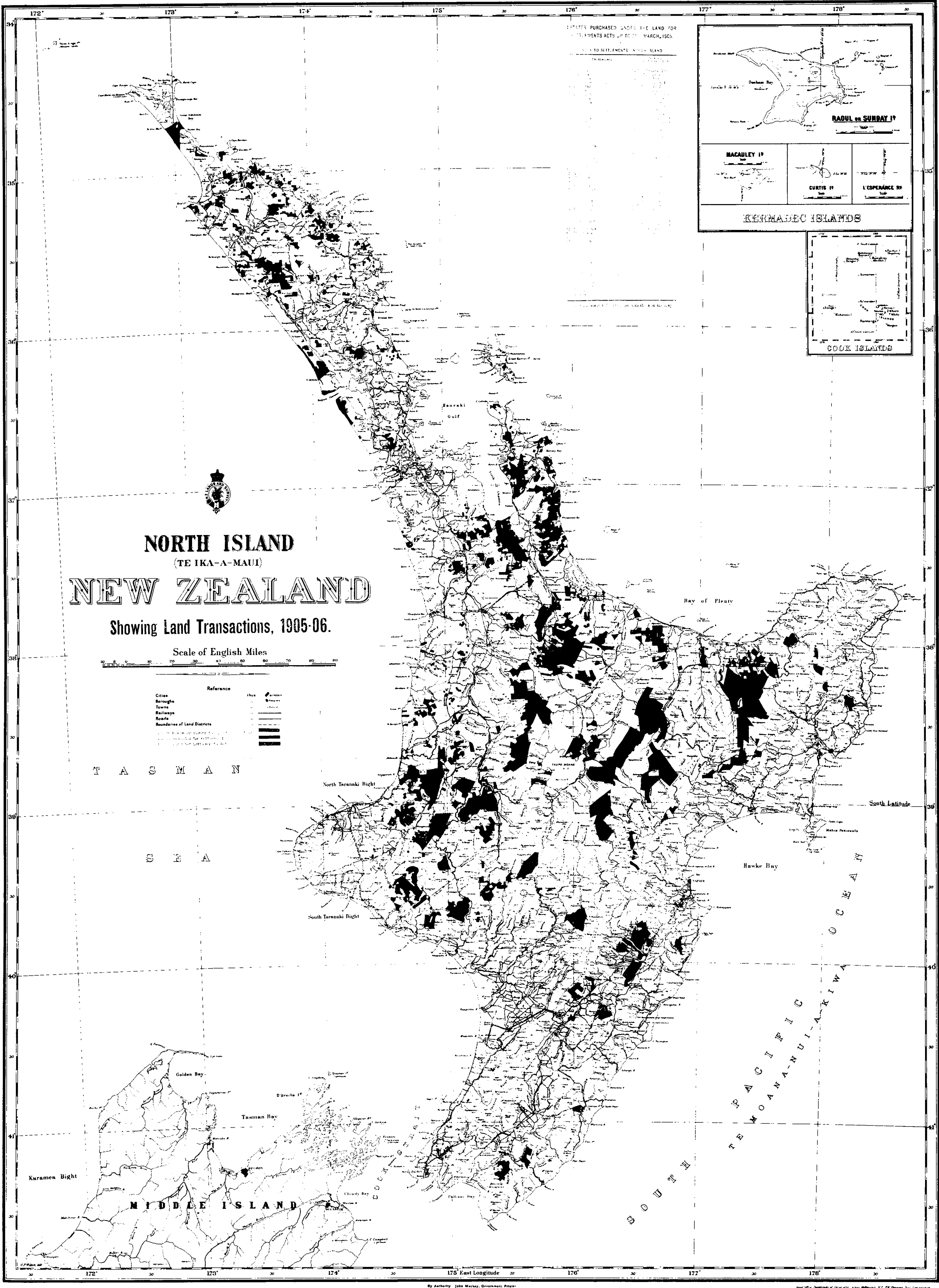
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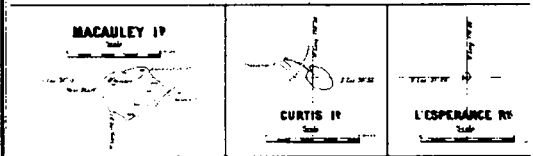
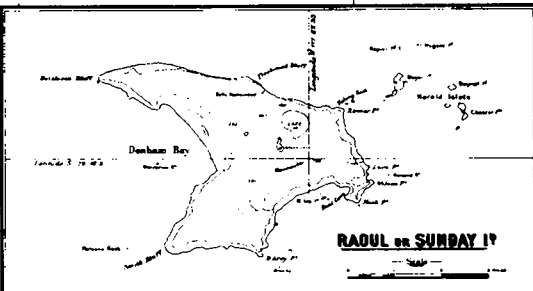
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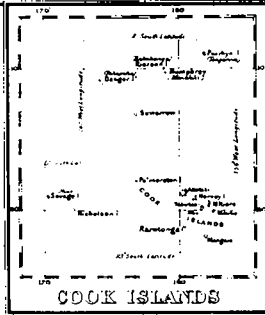


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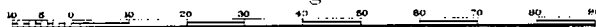


NORTH ISLAND (TE IKA-A-MAUI)

NEW ZEALAND

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Scale of English Miles



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North Taranaki Bight

South Taranaki Bight

Bay of Plenty

Hawke Bay

South Latitude

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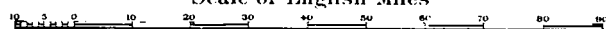
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MIDDLE ISLAND

MIDDLE ISLAND (TE WAI-POUNAMU) NEW ZEALAND

Showing Land Transactions, 1905-06.

Scale of English Miles



Reference

Cities
Boroughs
Towns and villages
Railways and stations
Roads
Boundaries of Land Districts

Lands taken up during the year
Lands available for settlement
under Land for Settlements Act

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SETTLEMENTS ACTS UP TO 31st MARCH 1905

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The numbers in italics correspond with those on the map.

Stewart Island

