

REPORT on the CONDITION and SETTLEMENT of Estates acquired and dealt with under the Provisions of the Land for Settlements Acts, up to the 31st March, 1908.

Land District and Name of Settlement.	Selectors.	Residences.	Principal Purpose for which Holdings are utilised.	Progress during Year.	Present Position.	Prospects.
Auckland—						
Opouriao ..	93	77	Dairying	Excellent	Very satisfactory	Very best.
Okauia ..	8	7	General farming ..	Nil	Not satisfactory	Gloomy.
Rangiatea ..	20	18	Dairying	Moderate	Satisfactory	Fair.
Karapiro ..	18	11	"	"	"	"
Fencourt ..	37	33	"	Good	Very satisfactory	Very best.
Whitehall ..	11	10	"	Moderate	Satisfactory	Fair.
Bickerstaffe ..	33	24	Cattle raising ..	Fair	"	"
Matamata ..	181	138	Dairying	Good	Very satisfactory	Bright.
Selwyn ..	82	37	Mixed farming ..	Moderate	Satisfactory	Fair.
Mangapouri ..	10	6	Dairying	Good	"	Bright.
Mangawhero ..	17*	15	"	"	"	"
Waimana†	24	..	"	"	"	"
Teasdale†	33	..	"	"	"	"
Rewi ..	..	..	"	"	"	"
Cradook ..	9	9	"	"	"	"
Hetana ..	30	22	"	"	"	"
Kitchener ..	11	10	Hamlets for Workmen's homes	Moderate to good	Satisfactory	Hopeful
Methuen ..	28	22				
Plumer ..	16	16				
Waari ..	8	7	Workers' dwellings	..	Occupied	..
Ellerslie ..	19	19				
Otahuhu ..	5	5	"	"	"	"
	693	486				
Lawry, Eccleston, Carroll, Cadman, and Prescott, purchased for workers' dwellings, have not yet been opened for settlement.						
Hawke's Bay—						
Raureka ..	19	18	Agricultural, dairying, and fruit-culture	Very fair	Prosperous	Good.
Elsthorpe ..	47	27	Pastoral	"	"	"
Waimarie ..	18	16	Agricultural	"	"	"
Pouparae ..	9	9	"	"	"	"
Tomoana ..	13	12	Agricultural, dairying, and fruit-culture	"	"	"
Mahora ..	34	32	Ditto	Very good	"	"
Willows ..	22	14	Agricultural	Very fair	"	"
Hatuma ..	62	59	Agricultural and pastoral	Very good	"	"
Manga-a-toro ..	26	25	Pastoral	Very fair	"	"
Kumeroa ..	15	14	Pastoral and dairying	"	"	"
Argyle ..	62	60	Agricultural and pastoral	Very good	"	"
Wigan ..	17	14	Pastoral	"	"	"
Lindsay ..	66	61	Agricultural and pastoral	"	"	"
Mangatahi ..	23	20	Pastoral	Very fair	"	"
Forest Gate ..	29	25	Agricultural and pastoral	"	"	"
Te Mata†	8	..	"	"	"	"
Pourerere†	5	..	"	"	"	"
Raumati†	20	..	"	"	"	"
Kanakanae†	7	..	"	"	"	"
Te Arai†	51	..	"	"	"	"
	553	406				
Taranaki—						
Tokaora ..	13	14	Dairying	Good	Satisfactory	Good.
Spotawood ..	8	8	Workmen's homes	Not good	Not satisfactory	Not promising
Clandon ..	6	5	Dairying	Good	Satisfactory	Good.
Huinga ..	9	8	"	"	"	"
	36	35				
Wellington—						
Paparangi ..	37	36	Residential sites, dairying, &c.	Good	Prosperous	Very good.
Obakea ..	15	15	Dairying	Very good	"	"
Te Matua ..	13	12	"	"	"	"
Aorangi ..	37	40	Dairying and residential purposes	"	Very prosperous	Excellent.
Langdale ..	31	23	Grazing and cropping	"	"	"
Mangawhata ..	7	8	Dairying	Good	Very satisfactory	Good.
Epuni Hamlet ..	42	42	Residential sites, market gardening, &c.	Fair	Satisfactory	Fair.
Maungaraki ..	20	18	Ditto	"	"	"
Linton ..	5	5	Dairying	Good	Very satisfactory	Very good.
Longbush ..	8	6	Grazing	"	Very prosperous	Excellent.
Tablelands ..	10	9	"	"	"	"
Normandale ..	31	27	Residential, poultry farming, &c.	Fair	Satisfactory	Fair.
Tawaha ..	24	20	Grazing and cropping	Indifferent	Uncertain	Uncertain.
Hikawera ..	5	3	Grazing	Good	Prosperous	Very good.
Mahupuku ..	10	5	"	"	"	"
Dyer ..	35	33	Grazing and cropping	"	"	"
Heretaunga ..	25	25	Workers' dwellings	"	Occupied	"
	355	327				

Hawtrey, Waddington, Halworthy, Holl-Jones, Melling, Wilford, Pitt, and Loughnan, purchased for workers' dwellings, have not been opened for selection.

* Includes 5 selectors who also selected land in Selwyn Settlement.

† New settlements not reported on.

‡ No inspection

of these settlements.