

LANDS SELECTED DURING 1907-8.

The demand for land is still unsatisfied, and this is evidenced not only from the number of applicants during 1907, but the same holds good for those lands opened in 1908, since the passing of "The Land Laws Amendment Act, 1907." The table below sets forth the total selections under every form of tenure; but it is only fair to remark that, for the reasons already referred to, there were practically three months—viz., November, December, and January—during which no lands could be offered for selection, hence the total number of selectors and areas selected do not equal those of 1906-7. Lands disposed of for cash have increased in number and area; the larger area is, however, accounted for by the fact that under a special Act the trustees of the Canterbury Agricultural College were allowed to purchase two considerable pastoral areas of 16,400 acres which intruded into their endowments and could be utilised in conjunction therewith, but were practically inaccessible from the Crown's point of view. Selectors of "settlement" lands (as estates acquired under the Land for Settlements Acts are known) and the area taken up by them exceed, however, those of the previous year by eighty-one tenants and 2,450 acres. The average size of holding (excluding pastoral runs and miscellaneous leases) is 388 acres for each of the 1,589 selectors. It will be noticed in the following table that the renewable-lease tenure appears for the first time, selections under it having been made during February and March last both of ordinary and "settlement" lands, thirty-two selectors and 3,535 acres representing the first period and 151 selectors and 49,100 acres the second period.

TABLE E.—NUMBER OF NEW SELECTORS AND AREA TAKEN UP, FROM 1ST APRIL, 1907, TO 31ST MARCH, 1908, AND REVENUE RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

Nature and Tenure of Lands selected.	Number of Selectors.	Area selected.	Cash received on Past and Current Transactions.
<i>Ordinary Crown Land—</i>			
Town lands sold for cash	160	A. B. P.	£ s. d.
Suburban lands sold for cash	112	102 0 23	
Rural lands sold for cash	114	368 0 23	19,789 7 10*
Perpetual leases made freehold	..	28,005 2 18	
Occupation with right of purchase made freehold	..	..	9,113 7 11
Lease in perpetuity made freehold	..	..	33,037 14 10
Deferred payment instalments	..	..	1,032 0 0
Perpetual leases	..	..	2,221 11 0
Occupation with right of purchase	..	..	3,003 5 3
Lease in perpetuity	854	187,799 0 35	42,875 17 9
Renewable lease	214	63,871 2 5	36,737 12 9
Agricultural lease	17	8,427 1 0	56 11 8
Village settlement, cash	3	83 3 32	27 3 6
.. .. . deferred payment	3	3 0 24	25 10 0
.. .. . perpetual lease	..	..	41 10 0
.. .. . made freehold	..	..	253 3 0
.. .. . occupation with right of purchase	3	2 3 22	248 11 3
.. .. . lease in perpetuity	70	2,300 3 32	11 2 0
.. .. . renewable lease	15	108 1 37	3,977 2 7
Village-homestead special settlements	..	..	1 12 7
Special-settlement associations—	..	..	2,065 5 1
Perpetual lease	..	..	49 0 10
Lease in perpetuity	..	..	6,422 2 4
Improved-farm special settlements	3	410 0 30	4,800 11 4
.. .. . made freehold	..	..	1,632 12 2
Occupation leases, Mining Districts Land Occupation Act	73	3,046 2 22	988 3 7
Small grazing-runs	61	216,600 1 19	30,299 18 3
Pastoral runs	90	572,076 0 12	74,158 8 6
Thermal springs, Rotorua	..	..	2,149 0 7
Miscellaneous leases and licenses	521	134,511 1 24	79,563 16 0†
Miscellaneous	..	..	25,473 1 6
<i>Cheviot Estate—</i>			
Lease in perpetuity	..	..	5,889 12 0
Village-homestead special settlement	..	..	790 10 3
Grazing farms	..	..	7,215 9 9
Pastoral runs	..	..	193 3 8
Miscellaneous leases	2	130 1 0	204 17 2
<i>Land for Settlements Acts—</i>			
Cash	18	43 0 39	685 17 8
Lease in perpetuity	213	84,495 2 13	179,968 17 11
.. .. . (village)	2	0 3 16	325 18 5
Renewable lease	151	67,107 1 29	12,346 19 7
Special-settlement associations (lease in perpetuity)	..	..	147 15 6
Small grazing-runs	3	10,157 0 0	24,192 11 2
Pastoral runs	..	..	121 13 0
Miscellaneous leases	23	2,128 1 16	5,645 5 5
Miscellaneous	..	..	6,292 14 7
Totals	2,225	1,326,780 2 31	624,076 10 2

* Excludes £358 11s. 9d. paid on uncompleted purchase of cash lands.

† Includes sales of timber.