

TABLE J.—RETURN SHOWING THE ESTATES OPENED FOR SELECTION DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1913, UNDER THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT, 1908—*continued*.

Land District.	Name of Estate.	Number of Holdings offered for Selection.	Areas opened for Selection.		
			A.	R.	P.
Canterbury— <i>continued</i>	Waimate	34	1,585	3	5*
"	Bourndale	7	1,618	0	0
"	Claremont	11	2,267	0	20
"	Timaunga Extension	7	2,158	1	32
"	Avenel Extension	9	1,849	0	20
"	Mount Nessing	11	34,791	2	0
"	Ashwick	8	25,194	1	0
"	Strathmore	3	1,401	3	20
Otago	Elderslie No. 2	14	1,633	2	14
"	Otanomomo	17	1,280	1	10†
Southland	Maori Hill	10	3,369	0	12‡
Totals	19 estates	242	128,174	0	3

* Excluding an area of 43 acres and 7 perches withheld for workers' dwellings. † Excluding an area of 509 acres 2 roods 31 perches withheld from selection. ‡ Excluding an area of 134 acres 2 roods 27 perches withheld on account of flax rights.

The total number of holdings occupied under the provisions of the Land for Settlements Act now number 5,379, aggregating 1,366,518 acres, from which accrues an annual rental of £329,890. The number of sheep depastured on the lands is estimated at 1,010,000, horses 19,100, cattle and other stock 85,700. The total value of improvements at the date of last inspection was £2,371,366.

The usual table giving the names of the various estates purchased and settled throughout the Dominion, the principal purposes for which the holdings are utilized, and generally the present position and future prospects of these estates, is appended.

TABLE K.—SUMMARY OF THE SETTLEMENTS ESTABLISHED UPON ESTATES ACQUIRED AND DEALT WITH, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT, UP TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1913.

Land District and Name of Settlement.	Selectors.	Residence.	Principal Purpose for which Holdings are utilized.	Progress during Year.	Present Position.	Prospects.
Auckland—						
Bickerstaffe ..	34	28	Grazing	Fair ..	Fair ..	Hopeful.
Cradock Hamlet ..	14	14	Homes, orchard, and poultry ..	" ..	Good ..	Good.
Eccleston No. 2 ..	5	2	Homes	" ..	Fair ..	"
Fencourt ..	41	38	Dairying	Good ..	Excellent ..	Excellent.
Hetana Hamlet ..	88	83	Homes and orchard	Fair ..	Good ..	Good.
Karapiro ..	16	13	Dairying	Satisfactory ..	" ..	"
Kitchener Hamlet ..	12	12	Homes and orchards	Fair ..	" ..	"
Mangawhero ..	20	18	Dairying	Good ..	" ..	"
Mangapouri ..	11	10	"	Satisfactory ..	" ..	"
Matamata ..	226	189	"	Good ..	" ..	"
Methuen Hamlet ..	30	30	Homes, orchard, and poultry ..	Fair ..	" ..	"
Okauia ..	10	10	Dairying	Good ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Opouriao ..	100	83	"	" ..	Excellent ..	Excellent.
Plumer Hamlet ..	17	17	Homes, orchard, and poultry ..	Fair ..	Good ..	Good.
Rangiatea ..	20	19	Dairying	Good ..	" ..	"
Rewi ..	9	8	Grazing	Fair ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Selwyn ..	122	96	"	Satisfactory ..	Good ..	Good.
Tautari ..	40	35	"	Fair ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Teasdale ..	91	82	Homes and businesses	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Waari Hamlet ..	33	32	Homes and orchard	Fair ..	" ..	"
Waimana ..	29	23	Dairying	Good ..	" ..	"
Whiteball ..	16	12	"	Satisfactory ..	" ..	"
Totals ..	984	854				
Hawke's Bay—						
Argyll ..	62	61	Agricultural and pastoral ..	Satisfactory ..	Satisfactory ..	Good.
Clydebank ..	24	21	"	Very fair ..	Very fair ..	"
Elsthorpe ..	49	31	Pastoral	Good ..	Good ..	"
Forest Gate ..	29	27	Agricultural and pastoral ..	" ..	" ..	"
Hatuma ..	76	66	"	" ..	" ..	"
Kanakanaia ..	7	7	Pastoral	" ..	" ..	Very good.
Kumeroa ..	15	14	Pastoral and dairying	Fair ..	Prosperous ..	Good.
Lindsay ..	68	63	Agricultural and pastoral ..	Satisfactory ..	Satisfactory ..	"
Mahora ..	34	31	Agricultural, dairying, and fruit-growing ..	Good ..	Good ..	Very good.