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ANNUAL REPORT.

The Under-Secretary for Lands to the Hon. the Minister of Lands.

SIR,--

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 2nd June, 1913.

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report of the Department for the year ended 31st March, 1913.

I have, &c.,

JOHN STRAUCHON

The Hon. W. F. Massey, Minister of Lands.

Under-Secretary for Lands.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEY, 1912-13.

In submitting my annual report upon the work of the Department during the past year I desire first to refer to the Land Laws Amendment Act passed last session. This Act made important changes in our land law in several directions, the principal being—

- (a.) Permitting a tenant holding a lease-in-perpetuity section, upon ordinary Crown lands, to acquire the freehold;
- (b.) Granting a similar privilege to the holder of a renewable lease upon land-for-settlements lands;
- (c.) Enacting that all moneys accruing from the sale of any Crown lands shall be paid into the Land for Settlements Account, and not into the Consolidated Fund as has been the practice hitherto;
- (d.) Enabling a tenant who is unable from some sufficient cause to pay his rent to obtain a postponement upon certain conditions;
- (e.) Providing for the settlement of land in kauri-gum districts.

Few transactions under the amending Act are recorded in the tables attached to this report, as more than seven months of the financial year had passed when the Act became law.

The necessary regulations under the Act in regard to the purchase of lease-in-perpetuity holdings were gazetted on the 20th March last, and those dealing with land-for-settlement renewable-lease holdings on the 1st May last.

The regulations fixing the conditions in respect of the settlement of lands in kauri-gum districts appeared in the Gazette on the 20th March last.

The provision for moneys received from the sale of lands being paid into the Land for Settlements Account did not affect last year's receipts in any way, as the section of the Act only came into operation at the beginning of the current year. It has been estimated that the amount that will be received from the sale of lands and paid into the Land for Settlements Account this year will reduce the moneys credited to territorial revenue by £79,000.

The transactions that were completed before the close of the year in regard to freeholds on ordinary Crown land amounted to seventy-nine purchasers, with an area of 11,633 acres 1 rood 37 perches. In addition to this there were six tenants who changed to deferred-payment conditions, the area being 154 acres 2 roods 23 perches.

A considerable number of applications for the purchase of the fee-simple were received from renewable-lease tenants of land-for-settlement holdings, but no transactions were completed up to the 31st March, 1913.

CROWN LANDS OPENED FOR SELECTION.

The area opened for selection during the year aggregated under all tenures 337,503 acres. The table following shows the areas opened under each system for the several land districts. It will be gathered from the table that 114,124 acres were opened on the optional system, 166,945 on renewable lease, 43,604 as small grazing-runs, and only 9,345 as pastoral runs. The area opened this year shows a falling-off from last year's total, but this is accounted for to a large extent by the withdrawal of pastoral runs totalling 217,743 acres, the disposal of which is being held over pending proposed legislation with a view to improving the tenure. So far as settlement lands are concerned, this falling-off occurred during the first nine months of the year, as for that period the area offered was 107,992 acres, whilst the figures for the last quarter alone were 218,184 acres. This increase in the area opened during the last three months of the year was mainly due to extra assistance having been provided for the necessary survey work, and to the carrying-out of your instructions in July last that lands suitable for settlement should be surveyed and made available as early as possible.

The future demand for land cannot be adequately met from the areas at present belonging to the State. From the tables published it will be observed that there are only some 4,500,000 acres remaining for subdivision and settlement. When, however, it is realized that the first-class land in this 4,500,000 acres is not more than 100,000 acres it will easily be understood that little provision can be made out of this area for the small settler or the settler who desires a small holding.

During past years the better-class lands have been dealt with by the Department, and we have now reached the stage when only the small quantity of good land referred to above remains. Of course, the second- and lower-grade lands will be treated and opened in suitable holdings according to the nature of the country, but it should be understood that the expense of providing access will be greater in proportion than hitherto owing to the rougher character of the lands. Naturally, therefore, future annual reports will give figures showing a diminishing acreage of settlement lands taken from the ordinary Crown lands of the Dominion.

TABLE A.—LAND OPENED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1913.

			Renewab	le Lease.			Lease		Small G rui		Pastora	l Runs.	
	Optional System.	Ordinary Crown Land.	National- endow- ment Land.	Cheviot Estate.	Land for Settle- ments.		by Auc- tion and Appli- cation.	Village Allot- ments.	Ordinary Crown Land,	National- endow- ment Land.	Ordinary Crown Land.	National- endow- ment Land.	Totai.
Auckland Hawke's Bay	Acres. 41,943 13,034	Acres. 2,179	Acres. 16,759	Acres.	Acres. 422 26,481	Acres. 672* 211	Acres. 1,057 451	Acres.	Acres. 4,272	Acres. 6,290	Acres. 710†	Acres.	Acres. 74,304 40,17
Faranaki Wellington	22,325 8,542	·· ·· 4	1,541 981	•••	239	152 19	85	109	••		••	••	24,018 9,979
Nelson Marlborough	1,214 10,131	1,602	516		15	20	 343	9	••		1,590	••	3,34 11,73
Westland Canterbury Otago	1,787	1,714	3,282 ·· 144	63 4	96,196 4,077	63 94	343	21	8,300	13,120 11,622	445	6,600	5,36 $117,05$ $27,64$
Southland	15,148 114,124	5,188	23,223	634	3,369	132 1,363	1,982	140	12,572	31,032	2,745	6,600	23,88

^{*} Includes 13 acres land for settlements.

LANDS SELECTED DURING THE YEAR.

The Crown lands selected during the year under all tenures totalled 968,925 acres by 2,159 selectors. The principal selections were under the occupation-with-right-of-purchase and renewable-lease tenures. As an indication of the popularity of the former tenure it might be mentioned that out of an area of 114,834 acres disposed of in 391 holdings under the optional system, 336 holdings, aggregating 102,217 acres, were taken up under the occupation-with-right-of-purchase tenure. Of the selections under renewable lease the 301 holdings under the Land for Settlements Act, aggregating 130,961 acres, were the most important. These for the most part comprise the nineteen new settlements disposed of during the year and referred to in the paragraph under the heading of "Lands purchased and dealt with under the Land for Settlements Act."

[‡] Hauraki pastoral leases.

The usual tables showing the selections during the year and the total area held under lease and license arranged under the different tenures are attached hereto:—

TABLE B .- RETURN SHOWING SELECTIONS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1913.

	Tenure.					Number.	Area taker	n up.
Ordinary Crown Lands,—	-							
Cash lands						331	A. 4 579	B. I
	. 1	• •	* * *	• •	• •		4,573	
Occupation with right of p	urcnase	• •	• •	• •	•••	35 9	104,766	2 12
	• • .	• •			• •	16	$3,\!413$	3 39
Mining districts land-occup	ation lea	ises				36	773	1 11
Village settlement, cash						1	1	0 8
	ole lease					10	81	1 38
Improved-farm special sett		••		• •		3	168	0 (
Small grazing-runs	10111CITU	••		••	• •	9		0 (
	••	• •	••	• •	• •		007.001	1 0
Pastoral runs	••	• • •	••.	· · ·	• •	26	297,921	1 24
Pastoral licenses in mining	districts	s under	: special r	egulations	• • •	72	18,583	2 6
Miscellaneous leases	••	••	••	••	• •	50 9	110,925	0 3
Totals			• •			1,363	541,207	1 22
7 . 77								
heviot Estate,— Cash lands						1	5	0 (
T) 11 1	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	12	633	
	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •			
Miscellaneous leases	• •	••	• •	• •	• •	8	95	2 18
${\bf Totals} \qquad . \ .$	• •		• •	• •		21	734	2
and for Settlements,—								
Cash lands						19	46	2 7
Renewable lease	• •	• •		• •		301	130,961	$\bar{1} \ 24$
	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •			
Miscellaneous leases	••	• •	• •	• •	••	35	4,510	1 35
Totals	••	· ·	. • •	• •		355	135,518	1 26
Vational-endowment Lands,—								
Renewable lease						237	72,493	2 14
Village renewable lease						9	21	1 13
		• •	• • •	. • •	• •	10		$\frac{1}{3}$
Small grazing-runs	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •		37,748	
Pastoral runs		• • •	• • •	• •	• •	7	93,240	0 (
Pastoral licenses in mining	districts	under	special r	egulations	• •	49	10,022	2 12
Miscellaneous leases	••	•••	• •	• •	••	96	77,380	2 14
Totals	••	••	• •			408	290,907	0 4
Thermal Springs, Rotorua				• •		12	557	3 33
Grand totals		• •			••	2,159	968,925	1 12
)nimany advantian and a								
rimary-education endowments		• •	••	• •	•••	93	6,645	0 17
econdary-education endowme			• •	• •	• • •	43	185	3 3
Primary-education endowment	(cash s	ales)				6	15	2 29
Other endowment lands	(COOLE NO	~~~,	• •			•	10	`

TABLE C.—RETURN SHOWING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SELECTORS, WITH THE AREA HELD AND THE ANNUAL RENTAL PAYABLE, AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1913. Norm.—Further details of the selectors under the various tenures are given in Table 27.

		₹		22				7 ·		•
		Ordinary Crown Lands.	ands.		Chevior Estate.	oj l		Land for Settlements.	lements.	
Tenure.	Selectors.	Area held.	Yearly Bental or Instalment payable.	Selectors.	Area held.	Yearly Rental payable.	Selectors.	Area held.	Ā	Yearly Bental payable.
,		ا د			A. B. P.	.s. d.		A. B.	A;	£ s. d.
Deferred payment (all classes)	22 §	2,668 2	9 46	:	:	:	:	:		:
Occupation with right of ourchase (all classes)	5.791	- ۳	109.984 8	: :	: :	: :	: :	; ;		: :
Lease in perpetuity (all classes)	7,225	1,608,655 3 4	60,163 12 1	210 2	26,865 3 25	7,294 5 10		665,651 3	35	193,083 4 9
Lease in perpetuity freehold (deferred payment) Renewable lease (all elesses)	9 68	× -	30	:	644 2 26	7	345	484 783 9	96	1 81 170 801
Mining districts land-occupation leases	651	23,749 0 33	1,245 0	:	٠.	٠.	910,1			
Agricultural lease	17	<u></u> (283		,		• • •			,
Small grazing-runs Pastoral runs	252 441	461,412 2 2 8 6.980,983 2 32		34	45,021 1 32 1,642 0 0	6,424 3 2 193 3 8		203,322 2 1,739 3	13 13	26,709 13 0 174 16 0
Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations Miscellaneous leases	408		2,164 17 19,301 17	. 52	1,181 2 8	250 12 8	266	11,234 1	12	2,231 19 9
Totals	20,166	11,773,640 1	5 262,119 9 9	310	75,355 3 21	14,658 6 8	5,382	1,366,732 1	21 33	330,241 11 7
		- N _s	National endowment Land	ġ.				Totals.	-	
Tenure	1				i -	2				
		Selectors.	Area held.	Yearly Rental payable.		Total number of Selectors.	Total Area held	a beld.	rotai rea Instalme	Total rearly Kental or Instalment payable.
			A. B. P.	ધ્ય	s. d.		A.		ઝ	ь. 8.
Deferred payment (all classes)	:	:	:	:		42.	2,668	6, 6,	•	-
Perpetual lease (all classes)	:	:	•	•		739	72,226	٦ ،	2,949	49 10 10 84 8 11
Lease in Derretuity (all classes)	•		•	: :		11.087		0 01	260.541	- 0 63
Lease in perpetuity freehold (deferred payment)	: :	: :	: :	: :		9	154	থ		91
Renewable lease (all classes)	:	1,743	451,218 2 17	19,209 1	Н	3,421	964,761	C 7	130,885	14
Mining districts land-occupation leases	:	-	0	-	0 0	652	23,761		1,246	O I
Agricultural lease Small grazing-runs	•	: 22	c:	32,372		914	2,425,229	- 01	86.464	- [-
Pastoral runs	: :					645	10,808,015	_	76,865	0
Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations Miscellaneous leases	: ;	294 593		_	4 6 7 6	70 2 5,203	153,113 $959,145$	3 2 28 2 29	3,459 $24,082$	59 1 10 82 2 6
Totals			8 394 808 9 98	80 558 1	13 10	106 06	19.540.337	7 0 39	696 578	78 1 10
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	:		1	2	- 1	103,601	00,000,00	>	6,000	٠
Thermal springs	:	·	:	:		331	4,057	7 1 33	2,252	52 15 6
Grand totals	:	:		:		29,532	19,544,394	4 2 25	698,830	30 17 4
Educational endowments (Education Reserves Acts) Other endowments	:	:	•	:		3,382	772,353	3 1 3	72,032	32 3 1 28 5 0
	:	•	•	:		200	10,000	1	1,01	•
									i	

NATIONAL-ENDOWMENT AREA.

The total area of national-endowment land held under lease or license at the close of the year was 6,324,608 acres, at a yearly rental of £89,559. The area within this endowment is now 8,551,250 acres, in terms of section 258 of the Land Act, 1908. This area is constantly being added to by selections of ordinary Crown land under the renewable-lease tenure, and by conversions from the other tenures to renewable lease.

IMPROVED-FARM SETTLEMENTS.

The area of Crown land that has been dealt with under this system of land-settlement is 115,941 acres. Of this area, 8,169 acres has been acquired in fee-simple by 94 settlers under the right of purchase conferred by their leases. The balance—viz., 107,772 acres—is at present held by 803 settlers.

The reports of the various Commissioners of Crown Lands, published in Appendix I, go to show that very satisfactory progress is being made on the settlements recently established, many of the settlers having commenced dairying operations, the Government supplying stock where necessary upon suitable terms of repayment.

INSPECTIONS BY CROWN LANDS RANGERS.

During the past year the holdings of 9,096 Crown tenants were inspected by the Rangers on the staff of the Department, the area covered by such inspections being, as shown in the table following, 3,910,178 acres. The improvements actually effected by these tenants were found to be well in advance of the requirements laid down by law, and the defaulters were not above the average of former years.

Table D .- Return of Number of Inspections made by the Rangers for the Year ended 31st March, 1913.

				Value	of Ir	nprovements.		,	Numbe	er of Defa	ulters.	
District.	Number of Pro- perties visited.	Area.		Required	•	Actually	made.	For Deficient Improve- ments only.	For Non-resi- dence only.	For Non-residence and Improvements.	For other Reasons.	Total.
Auckland Hawke's Bay Paranaki Wellington Welson Welson Westland Canterbury Otago Totals	1,168 484	A. 299,383 336,078 112,176 403,085 289,061 313,165 24,673 1,367,611 686,781 78,161 3,910,178	R. P. 2 26 0 8 2 1 0 0 0 0 3 39 3 15 0 15 2 26 1 38	£ 8 178,205 10 241,991 19 51,569 0 74,086 0 138,627 15 18,719 10 411,664 17 226,451 3 77,735 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 6 6 1 2 2 3 10	£ 421,926 714,259 149,006 204,921 132,758 322,447 84,593 719 499 401,326 129,384	1 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 10 6	48 10 24 50 73 8 17 103 161 26	117 42 7 43 96 27 39 9 58 11	107 1 2 48 3 5 16	 26 	272 52 32 95 217 35 60 143 219 53

REVENUE.

The sum collected during the year amounted to £912,028 17s. 2d. The amount received in each land district was as follows:—

TABLE E.—RETURN OF GROSS REVENUE RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1913.

	La	nd Distr	ict.		Amount received.	
			,		e 1	
	Auckland				${f \pounds} {f s.} {f d.} \ 156.947 {f 6} {f 11}$	
	Hawke's Bay		••		121,153 11 6	
	Taranaki	• •	• •		48,252 14 6	
•	Wellington				111,098 11 7	
	\mathbf{Nelson}				·34,101 15 7	
	Marlborough			•• i	36,895 12 0	
	Westland				21,886 18 2	
	Canterbury				202,256 13 11	
	Otago				$126,545 \ 11 \ 4$	
	Southland		• •]	52,890 1 8	
•	Total		• •		912,028 17 2	

The amount received during the last decade is appended for comparison:-

TABLE F.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT SHOWING THE GROSS REVENUE RECEIVED EACH YEAR DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS.

	Year	ended 31s	t March.		Amount received.	
					£ s. d.	•
1904					497,211 3 11	
1905					508,920 0 0	
1906			• •		549,628 19 2	
1907					578,233 0 7	
1908					658,794 11 5	
1909					696, 3 75 3 5	
1910					674,907 6 5	
1911					784,843 5 5	
1912	• •	••			893,058 14 9	
1913	• •	•	••		912,028 17 2	

REBATES OF RENT.

These rebates are granted on account of punctual payment of rent, and have been in vogue since the passing of the Crown Tenants' Rent Rebate Act, 1900, and section 52 of the Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900—a period of thirteen years. The amount of rebate allowed last year was £41,072 19s. 6d. For purposes of comparison I append a statement giving the amount granted each year since the law was passed:

Table G.—Return showing the Rebates of Rent granted to Crown Tenants since the coming into operation of the Crown Tenants' Rent Rebate Act, 1900, and Section 52 of the Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900.

	Ye	ar ended 31s	t March.		Total Rebates granted.	
<u></u>		·····				
1001				1.	£ s. d.	
1901	• •	• •	• •	••	2,317 13 9	
1902					8,054 11 6	
1903					$9,212\ 17\ 0$	
1904					13,604 13 4	
1905				.,	16,606 19 9	
1906		••			20,676 12 10	
1907	• • •		• •		24,663 3 0	
1908				- 1	27,108 18 2	
1909	••	• •	• •	••	28,882 15 11	
	• •	• •	• •	•••	31,836 17 3	
1910	• •	• •	• •	• • •		
1911			• •	• •	35,584 16 10	
1912					37 ,994 13 8	
1913					41,072 19 6	
				-		
		Total			297,617,12	

PAYMENT OF "THIRDS" AND "FOURTHS" TO LOCAL BODIES.

In accordance with the provisions of the Land Act one-third of the price or value of the periodical payments and rental of all lands disposed of under the Land Act upon deferred payments, occupation with right of purchase, perpetual lease, lease in perpetuity, and renewable lease, and one-fourth of the rental of every small grazing-run, has to be paid to the local authority of the district where the land is situated for the construction or maintenance of roads and bridges leading to or opening up the land from which the money is derived. Generally speaking, these payments continue for a period of fifteen years from the date when the area is selected.

During the past year the amount so paid was £42,287 12s. 8d. for "thirds" and £4,559 10s. 9d. for "fourths," a total of £46,847 3s. 5d.

The figures for the past ten years are given in the following table, and show that the local bodies received from this source a sum of £346,345 4s. 2d.

Table H.—Statement showing, for the Ten Years ended 31st March, 1913, the Payments to Local Bodies from "Thirds" of Deferred-payment, Perpetual-lease, Occupation-with-right-of-purchase, Renewable-Lease, and Lease-in-perpetuity Lands; and "Fourths" of Small Grazing-runs.

	Year ended 3	lst March		"Thirds."	" Fourths."	Total Payments.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
904	• •]	27,974 9 1	4,443 9 5	32,417 18 6
905				32,646 5 6	4,782 19 3	37,429 4 9
906				23,107 4 3	3,401 3 5	26,508 7 8
907				24,890 14 2	4,173 9 10	29,064 4 0
908]	27,276 12 1	3,433 16 9	30,710 8 10
909				32,732 6 2	2,608 10 4	35,340 16 6
910			• •	25,705 3 2	4,021 9 6	29,726 12 8
911				40,156 16 8	4,777 12 1	44,934 8 9
912				29,091 17 8	4,274 1 5	33,365 19 1
913	• •		••	42,287 12 8	4,559 10 9	46,847 3 5
	Totals		[305,869 1 5	40,476 2 9	346,345 4 2

"HALVES" FROM TIMBER AND FLAX ROYALTIES.

In 1905 the Legislature decreed that local bodies were to receive half the royalties paid to the Crown on account of timber and flax obtained or cut upon Crown lands. For the year ended 31st March last the local bodies in whose districts timber and flax were being utilized and for which royalties were paid to the Crown received the sum of £14,302 4s. 10d.

The following table shows that the total amount paid under this heading since the passing of the Act aggregates £98,029 14s. 7d.:—

Table I.—Statement showing, for the Seven Years ended 31st March, 1913, the Payments of "Halves" to Local Bodies out of Timber and Flax Royalties.

		Year en	ded 31st	March.		"Halves" paid.
:						£ s. d.
1	907					12,569 2 11
1	908					15,434 6 9
]	909					20,515 18 2
1	910					$9.455 \ 11 \ 6$
1	911					$11,929 \ 19 \ 5$
1	912					13,822 11 0
1	913					14,302 4 10
		Total				98,029 14 7

LAND PURCHASED AND DEALT WITH UNDER THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT.

During the year nineteen new estates were subdivided into 242 farms or holdings, aggregating an area of 128,138 acres, and offered for selection. Two of the estates were situated in the Hawke's Bay District, fourteen in Canterbury, two in Otago, and one in Southland. Details are given in the following table:—

Table J.—Return showing the Estates opened for Selection during the Year ended 31st March, 1913, under the Land for Settlements Act, 1908.

Le	ind Dis	triet.	Name of	Estate.	Number of Holdings offered for Selection.	Areas opened for Selection.	or .
						A. R.	P.
Hawke's Bay		• • .	 Sherenden		 21	10,302 3	0
,,			 Waihau		 21	16,163 0	0
Canterbury			 Timaunga		 17	5,957 1	0
,,			 Four Peaks		 8	12.742 0	20
,,			 Avenel		 17	1.751 1	10
,,			 Valverde		 11	2.312 2	30
,,			 Winchester		 10	789 0	0
,,			 Avlesbury		 6	1,006 - 3	10

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.				
Canterbury-	anterbury—continued			Waimate		34	1,585	в. З	г. 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	õ	12‡
To	tals			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.	Residences.	Principal Purpose for which Holdings are utilized.	Progress during Year.	Present Position.	Prospects.
uckland— •						
Bickerstaffe	34	28	Grazing	Fair	Fair	Hopeful.
Cradock Hamlet	14	14	Homes, orchard, and poultry	,,	Good	Good.
Eccleston No. 2	5	2	Homes	ļ , ,	Fair	,,
Fencourt	41	38	Dairying	Good	Excellent	Excellent.
Hetana Hamlet	88	83	Homes and orchard	Fair	Good	Good.
Karapiro	16	13	Dairying	Satisfactory	1,	,,
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	,,	,,
7, 12002001			,,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	",
Totals	984	854				·
awke'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	Pastoral		,,	Very good.
Kumeroa	15	$1\dot{4}$	Pastoral and dairying	Fair	Prosperous	Good.
Lindsay	68	63	Agricultural and pastoral	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	
Mahora	34	31	Agricultural, dairying, and fruit-	Good	Λ1	Very good.
manura	94	91	growing	G000	G00a	very good.

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Land District and Name of Settlement.	Selectors.	Residences.	Principal Purpose for which Holdings are utilized.	Progress during Year.	Present Position.	Prospects
Hawke's Bay—contd.				•		
Mangatahi	• 23	22	Pastoral	Fair	Good	Good.
Manga-a-toro	$\frac{26}{27}$	$\frac{26}{24}$	Agricultural and pastoral	Good	Prosperous Good	• ,,
Pouparae	9	9	Agricultural and pastoral	,,	,,	,,
Pourerere	6	6	Pastoral	Fair	,,	Fáir.
Raureka	19	17	Agricultural, dairying, and fruit-	Very good	Prosperous	Very good.
Raumati	30	30	culture Dairying	Fair	Fair	Good.
Sherenden	21		Agricultural and pastoral	Not yet inspec		Good.
Te Arai	53	53	**	Good	Good	Very good.
Te Mata	. 9	8	Fruit-culture	Fair	,,	Good.
Tomoana	13	12	Agricultural, dairying, and fruit- culture	Very good	Prosperous	Very good.
Tongoio	12	10	Pastoral	Not satisfac- tory	Not satisfac- tory	Fair.
Waimarie	18	16	Agricultural	Good	Good	Good.
Waipuka	1	1	Pastoral	,,	,,	,,
Wigan	17	18	A ami a jultuma l	Very good	Very good	Excellent.
Willows	$\frac{22}{16}$	16	Agricultural	Good Not yet inspec	Good	Good.
wainau		•••	2.00,00101	Tion you mispec		
Totals	686	589				
Taranaki—			*		*	1.
Clandon	7	5	Dairying and grazing	Good	Good	Good.
Huinga	10	10	,,	,,	,,	,,
Spotswood	32	24	Homesteads	Excellent	. ,,	Very good.
Tokaora	16	14	Dairying	Good	Excellent	Good.
Totals	65	53				
Wellington-						
Aorangi	37	38		Good	Excellent	Very good.
Carrington	31	28	Grazing and dairying	Satisfactory	Good	Fair.
Dyer Epuni	$\begin{array}{c} 36 \\ 42 \end{array}$	39 43	Grazing, dairying, and cropping Market-gardening, residential, &c.	Steady Satisfactory	Excellent	Very good. Excellent.
Hawtrey	32	29	Residential, &c.	Steady	Fair	Fair.
Hikawera	3	3	Grazing sheep and cattle	,,	Excellent	Very good.
Langdale	31	$\frac{24}{\tilde{c}}$	Grazing	Good	Good	Good.
Linton	5 7	5 7	Dairying and cropping Grazing and dairying	Steady	Excellent	Very good.
Longbush Mahupuku	8	. 8	Grazing and dairying	Steady	Excellent	very good.
Mangawhata	7	7	, "	Excellent	Good"	,,,
Maungaraki	19	19	0, 1 0 1 0 , 1	Satisfactory	Fair	Fair.
Normandale	30	33	&c. Ditto	Little progress	Doubtful	Uncertain.
Ohakea	16		Dairying, cropping, &c	Good	Doubtful Excellent	Very good.
Paparangi	36	36	Residential, pigs, and poultry	Satisfactory	Good	Good.
		_	farms			•
Tablelands	9	9 25	Grazing sheep and cattle	Steady	Excellent	Very good.
Tawaha Te Matua	24 13	25 12	Grazing, dairying, and cropping Dairying and grazing	Good	Prosperous Excellent	Good. Very good.
Te Matua			grants	,,	PACCHORD	rory good.
Totals	386	380				4
Nelson						
Braeburn	20	19	Pastoral	Good	Good	Very good.
Wangapeka	15	12	Pastoral and agricultural	,,	,,	,,
Totals	35	31				
Marlborough—						
Blind River	18	12	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Fair	Good	Good.
Flaxbourne	127	90		Good	Satisfactory	,,
North Bank	10	7	Sheep-farming	Fair	Sound	Doubtful.
Omaka Puhipuhi	13	11 1	Sheep-farming and light cropping Grazing	Satisfactory Little	T3 *	Good. Fair.
Rainford	11	11	Dairying	Satisfactory	Excellent	Very good.
Richmond Brook	12	10	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	,,	Good	,,
Starborough	189	106	,,	,,	,,,	Excellent.
Waipapa	4	4	Grazing	Fair	Satisfactory	Fair.
Totals	386	252				5.
Westland—						
Kokatahi	8	7	Dairying and grazing	Good	Very satisfac-	Good.
					tory	
Poerua	23	15	•••	,,	Ditto	,,
Totals	31	22	•			
Totals	31	22				

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Canterbury— Albury	75	58	Mixed farming	Good	Most prosper-	Excellent.
Allanholme	8	8	,,	,,	ous Good	Good.
Annan	43	43	Part pastoral, part mixed farming, part business sections	Satisfactory	,,	Very good.
Ashley Gorge	10 16	10	Part agricultural, part pastoral New settlement: No report.	Moderate	Very good	Good.
Avenel Extension Aylesbury	8		_	Moderate	Fair	Fair.
Ashwick	8 6		New settlement: No report.	112343244		2. 002.1
Braco	14 14	14 13	Market-gardening " Market-gardening and workers'	Moderate	Good Fair	Good.
Buddo	20	20	homes Mixed farming	Fair Good	Hair Most prosper-	,, Excellent.
	10	10	Principally dairying		ous	Good.
Clandeboye Clandeboye No. 2	6	6	,, ., .,	,,	Good	,,
Claremont Culverden	11 47	42	New settlement: No report. Agricultural, pastoral, and commercial	Good	Good	Good.
Douglas	31	23	Mixed farming	Indifferent	Indifferent	Doubtful.
Drayton Eccleston	20 4	17 4	Agricultural	Fair Good	Fair Good	Fair. Good.
Epworth	8	1	,,	Indifferent	Indifferent	Indifferent.
Four Peaks Fyvie	8 5		New settlement: No report. Agricultural and grazing	None	Bad	Bad.
Hekeao	15 ¹ 80	13 60	Mixed farming	Good	Good	Good.
Highbank Hornby	18	14	Market-gardening and workers' homes	Fair	Fair	Fair.
Horsley Downs	26 13	22 13	Agricultural	Good Moderate	Good	Very good. Fair.
Kaimahi Kapua	12	12	Small farming and dairying	Moderate Good	Fair Good	Good.
Kapuatohe	14	12	Market-gardening and workers' homes	Moderate	Fair	Fair.
Kereta Kinloch	$\begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 30 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 29 \end{array}$	Dairying	Good	Good	Good.
Kohika	15	15	and grass-seeding Mixed farming	,,	Very good	Very good.
Kohika No. 2 Ladbrooks	4 13	4 11	Dairying and agriculture	Moderate	,, Moderate	Moderate.
Lvndon	8	8	Mixed farming Mixed farming and pastoral	Satisfactory	Good	Good.
	9 13	9 11	Mixed farming	Good"	"	"
Maytown .	11	11	Small farming and dairying	,,	,,	"
Mead	21	19	Mixed farming	Fair	Fair	Fain
Meadows Mills	$\frac{14}{21}$	14 21		Good	Good	Fair. Good.
Morice	31	29	Dairying, grass-seeding, and grazing	Fair	,,	,,
Mount Nessing	11 27	$\frac{\cdot \cdot}{24}$	New settlement: No report.	Very good	Very good	Vary mand
Orakipaoa Otaio	9	7	Small farming and dairying	Good	Good	Very good. Good.
Otarakaro	7 9	7 9	Market-gardening Mixed farming	Moderate	Very good	Very good.
Papaka	28	24	Mixed farming Small farming	Good	Good	Good.
Pareora No. 2	32	32	Mixed farming	,,	Most prosper- ous	Excellent.
Patoa	4	2	Mostly pastoral	Moderate	Fair	Fair.
Pawaho	25 12	25 2	Workers' homes	Fair	Good Fair	Good.
Peaks Puhuka	10	10	Workers' homes	Good	Very good	Very good.
Punaroa	17	17	Mixed farming	,,	Most prosper- ous	Excellent.
Raincliff	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 22 \end{array}$	$\frac{1}{20}$	Pastoral	,,	Good	Good.
Rakitairi Rapuwai	22 5	20 5	Mixed farming Principally sheep	,,	,,	,, ,,
Rautawiri	6	6	Mixed farming	,,	,,	,,
Roimata Rosebrook	$\frac{29}{14}$	26 14	Workers' homes and gardening Small farming	Moderate Good	,,	"
Rosewill	154	143	Mixed farming and pastoral	,,	Very prosper- ous	Very good.
Ruapuna No. 2	15	12	Mixed farming	,,	Good	Good.
Scargill Sherwood D owns	$\begin{array}{c c} 7 \\ 26 \end{array}$		Agricultural Pastoral and mixed farming	Moderate Good	Fair Good	Improving. Good.
Stoke	7	7	Agricultural	,,	Good	Fair.
Studholme Junction	4	. 2	Small farming	,,	,,	Good.
Strathmore Takitu	3 5	5	New settlement: No report. Pastoral	Good	Very prosper-	Excellent.
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Canterbury—continued. Tamai	40	. 39	Workers' homes	Moderate	Good	Good.
Tamai	28	27		,,	,,	,,,
Timaunga	17	• •	New settlement: No report.			
Timaunga Extension	2		Sheep and agriculture	01	G., - J	Casa
Tripp Valverde	24 9		Sheep and agriculture New settlement: No report.	Good	Good	Good.
Waiapi	15	 14		Good	Good	Good.
Waikakahi	183	154		,,	Most prosper- ous	Excellent.
Waimate Wharenui	29 26	26	New settlement: No report. Market-gardening and workers'	Moderate	Good	Good.
Wincheseter	9		homes New settlement: No report.			
Homestead-sites	9	4	,			
Miscellaneous occu-	53					•
pation licenses						
Totals	1,677	1,301				
Otago—						:
Airedale	12	11	Mixed farming	Good	Good	Very good.
Ardgowan	66	52	General and dairy-farming	,,	,,	,,
Aviemore	1	1		,,	,,	, ,,
Barnego	24	19 28		Very fair	Fair	Fair."
***	45	4	Dairying and general farming.	Very fair Fair	Fair	1 811.
Earnseleugh	13	9	Fruitgrowing	Good	Very satisfac- tory	Good.
Elderslie	35	24			Very good	_,,,
Elderslie No. 2	14	11	General and dairying	Medium	Medium	Fair.
Greenfield	42 21	40 19		Very good Good		Good.
Kauroo Hill	41	30		,,	Sound	,,
Kurow	14	13		,,	,,	,, ,,
Maerewhenua	75	56	General farming	,,	1	,,
Makareao and Exten-	35	22	,,	,,	,,	,,
sion Matakanui	3	2	Mixed farming	Indifferent	Not satisfac- tory	Not good.
Meadowbank	11	7		Good	- 1°	Good.
Momona	14	13	Dairving and mixed farming	Very good		Very good.
Otanomomo	. 9		Not inspected vet.			
Otekaike	65	52	General farming	Good	Fair	Fair.
Plunket	18 27		General and dairying	,,	Tille des	Good.
Pomahaka Downs Puketapu	11	8	General farming Dairying	,,	Good.	,,
Rugged Ridges	1	1	Pastoral	,,	,,	Very good.
Spottis Creek	1	1	,,	,,	,,	,,
Steward	48	43	General farming	,,	,,	***
St. Helens	3	3	D-ii	,,	,,	**
Tahawai	8:	8	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	,,	,,	***
Taumata Teaneraki	23	13	Dairying	Fair ::	Fair	Fair.
Tokarahi	79	42	General farming and dairying	Good	Good	Good.
Totara	27	25	General and dairying	Fair	Fair	Fair.
Windsor Park No. 1	37	24		,,	Good	Good.
Windsor Park No. 2	10	8	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	,,	,,	
Totals outhland—	848	635		*		
T)	† 2	11	Mixed farming	Fair	Fair	Fair.
Edendale	147	126		Very good	Very good	Excellent.
Ermedale	13	12		Good	Good	Good.
Glenham	39	45	Farming, grazing, and dairying	,,	,,	,,
Maori Hill	6		Only selected end of March, 1913.	O1	Cood	Cond
Merrivale	50	40	·. · · · · ·	Good Fair	Good Satisfactory	Good. Fair.
Otehu Ringway	8	5 8	Farming and grazing	Good	,,	77
Totals	281	247				
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EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

The primary- and secondary-education endowment reserves which came under the jurisdiction of the various Land Boards and the Department upon the passing of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1910, have received careful administration during the past year.

As much as possible of the remaining unlet reserves were advertised for selection, and every effort was made to dispose of the lands at satisfactory rentals. The area taken up was 6,831 acres by 136 selectors, the annual rental payable being £1,401 7s. 8d. During the year the leases of 111 holdings, covering an area of 9,831 acres, annual rental £1,216 19s., expired. Eighty-four of these, covering an area of 8,537 acres, were again renewed at increased rentals totalling £1,824 1s. 2d.

The gross receipts during the year were £71,398 3s. 3d., £63,023 18s. 9d. being received from "primary" reserves, and £8,374 4s. 6d. from "secondary" reserves.

Further particulars of these endowments are given in Table 31 in the Appendix.

CEMETERIES.

Trustees were appointed for seven new cemeteries during the year. The number under the supervision of the Department is now 498. Fifty-eight warrants appointing trustees for existing cemeteries were also issued. The Department as far as possible endeavours to arrange the vesting of cemeteries in the local authorities, as when this can be effected routine work is lessened, the Department being no longer concerned in supervision and the appointment of trustees.

PUBLIC DOMAINS.

During the year eleven new domains, comprising 655 acres, were brought under Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908. This brings the number of domains administered under the Act up to 531, containing altogether 83,332 acres (including a domain of 33,000 acres on the banks of the Wanganui River). The Boards controlling these domains are, generally speaking, administering them in a satisfactory manner. A synopsis of their reports will be prepared and laid before Parliament as usual.

KAPITI ISLAND

The Department's caretaker resident on Kapiti Island reports that the past year has been a splendid one for birds, the nesting season being good, and food plentiful.

Three kakapos and seven kiwis were liberated on the island, and these birds should do well there, although it will be some years before it is possible to report progress.

Noxious weeds have been well kept down; only one patch each of brier and blackberry were found and dug out.

The young forest-trees are growing well.

LAND-DRAINAGE OPERATIONS.

The Land Drainage Branch has been kept very busy during the past year with matters pertaining to land-drainage and river protective works, &c.

Special reports and examinations were made in connection with the Hikurangi Swamp and Waihi Swamp, and a survey, estimate, and report, along with plans, were made in connection with the proposed Kaueranga channel improvements. A flying engineering survey of portion of the Hikurangi Swamp-was also made to enable an estimate being made of the probable cost of a drainage scheme.

Inspections of works constructed by local authorities out of Government grants and subsidies were made, and vouchers totalling £2,640 9s. were certified to for payment. Plans were also approved as sent forward in the above connections.

The engineering survey of the Waikato River was taken in hand, Mr. Allan Morpeth being in local charge, with an assistant and two field parties. This is an extensive survey, as all descriptions of stream velocities and gaugings, tidal observations, and levelling data had to be obtained. Up to date the following services have been performed: Thirty-one miles of theodolite traverse; twenty miles of compass traverse; 700 soundings taken; and many tidal-gauges established and simultaneous readings taken at same. The work will occupy the parties until about next December. A great deal of the above professional work was done under tidal conditions. The cost of work to date is £839 0s. 8d., which includes purchase of an oil-launch at £200.

A small water-pumping plant was also installed at Kaingaroa prison camp.

Considerable river protective works were carried out in Waimana and Opouriao Settlements, East Coast, and great relief will thereby be given to the settlers.

The following is a summary of the work done in Waimana and Opouriao Settlements in connection with Waimana and Whakatane Rivers: Fascining banks with willows, 419.9 chains; driving willow stakes 2 ft. apart and anchoring same with cables to posts, 362.7 chains; shingle stop-banks covered with wire netting, 2,120.5 ft.; ordinary stop-banks unnetted, 727.3 ft.; stone groynes netted (3), 502 ft.; boom groynes (32), 1,808 ft.; river-diversion channels through shingle-beds scooped 60 ft. to 100 ft. wide (2), 3,125 ft. Total expenditure to date, inclusive of purchase of material, plant, and labour, £3,986 10s. 7d. This is charged against special votes obtained for the purpose.

All this work has been carefully done, and has stood well considering the severe freshes experienced while works were incomplete. These freshes naturally were a cause of extra expense to the Department.

The following large schemes were carried out by this branch, and, of course, comprise the major portion of the works: (1) Hauraki Plains drainage-works; (2) Rangitaiki drainage-works. The progress of these two large schemes are treated in separate reports

Surveys have been carried on by two field parties, which subdivided the drained areas of the Hauraki Plains, and are also engaged upon the survey of adjoining Crown land, which is roaded and bridged by this branch. The area surveyed during the year is 2,579 acres, and further surveys covering some 11,000 acres are in hand. These lands are being prepared for settlement purposes.

Surveys of some 700 acres of Native lands affecting the Hauraki Plains boundaries are also in hand.

Engineering Surveys: Some eighty miles of engineering surveys have been made in connection with the Hauraki Plains and Rangitaiki drainage-works, Waitakaruru Loan Block, Kauaeranga Channel, and Wairoa River.

Road-construction: Some 6 miles 5 chains of cart-road were duly constructed out of special grants, at a cost of £1,023 4s. 9d.

Snagging of rivers: Some seven miles and a half of the Piako and Waitoa Rivers have been snagged during the past year, at a cost of £1,529 2s. 7d. against special votes.

LAND CONFERENCE.

An event of more than usual departmental interest took place at the beginning of March last, when the several Commissioners of Crown Lands met at Wellington for the purpose of discussing matters connected with land-administration. The proceedings occupied three days, and much useful work was accomplished.

Conferences of this nature are of considerable value to the administrative officers of the Department, as they not only enable many practical difficulties of administration to be discussed and overcome, but they tend to ensure uniformity of procedure in the different land districts and to promote mutual understanding between the head and district offices. It is hoped that opportunity may be found to hold further conferences at suitable intervals.

DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES: PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Consequent on the promotion of Mr. James Mackenzie to the position of Surveyor-General, Mr. T. N. Brodrick was promoted from Canterbury to be Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor at Wellington. Mr. R. T. Sadd was transferred from Nelson District to fill the vacancy of Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor at Hawke's Bay occasioned by the promotion of Mr. C. R. Pollen to fill Mr. Brodrick's position in Canterbury.

- Mr. F. A. Thompson, Chief Draughtsman at Napier, became Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor for Nelson District. Mr. H. Mackay, Land Transfer Draughtsman, District Office, Wellington, was promoted to be Chief Draughtsman at Napier, and Mr. R. S. Galbraith, District Inspecting Surveyor, Auckland, was appointed Chief Draughtsman at Invercargill in place of Mr. George Robinson, transferred to Canterbury.
- Mr. W. R. Jourdain was appointed Chief Clerk, Head Office, in succession to Mr. F. T. O'Neill, appointed Assistant Under-Secretary for Lands.
- Mr. G. R. N. Wright, Chief Clerk, Wellington District Office, retired on superannuation after forty years' faithful service. He was succeeded by Mr. H. M. Bannister, Chief Clerk, Taranaki, whose place was filled by the promotion of Mr. C. E. Archibald, of the Auckland Office.
- Mr. R A. Paterson, Chief Accountant and Native-land Purchase Officer, resigned from the Service, and Mr. A. C. Turnbull was appointed Chief Accountant at Head Office in his stead.

Owing to the retirement of Mr. A. A. McNab, Receiver of Land Revenue, Christchurch, the following transfers took place: Mr. G. W. Palmer, Invercargill, to Christchurch; Mr. A. D. Macfarlane, Hokitika, to Invercargill; Mr. F. E. Duncan, Accountant, Dunedin, to be Receiver of Land Revenue, Hokitika; Mr. A. W. Duncan was promoted from Wellington District Office to be Receiver of Land Revenue, Nelson, vice Mr. J. R. Macdonald, transferred to Auckland. Mr. P. D. N. Verschaffelt, Record Clerk, Head Office, received an appointment in the office of the Public Service Commissioner, and Mr. J. Bennett succeeded him as Record Clerk.

Messrs F. Ward and A. Cameron, Crown Lands Rangers for Nelson and Marlborough respectively, were retired on superannuation during the year.

OFFICE WORK.

A summary showing the number of Proclamations, Orders in Council, Warrants, &c., prepared during the year, together with a summary of the expenditure approved by the Department, is appended.

Summary showing the Number of Proclamations, Orders in Council, Warrants, and Notices prepared and issued during the Year ended 31st March, 1913.

			Proclama- tions.	Orders in Council.	Warrants and Notices.	Total.
			<u> </u>		1 7	
Under the Land Act and the Land for Ser	ttlements	Act.	4 9		341	390
Under the Public Reserves and Domains				144	77	221
Under the Scenery Preservation Acts			33		4	37
Under the Native Land Act			28		1 1	28
Under the Education Reserves Acts			4			4
Under the State Forests Act			2			2
Under the Kauri-gum Industry Acts			• •	4	5	9
Under the Cemeteries Act					65	65
Under the Timber-floating Act					3	3
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			116	148	495	759

The following have also been prepared and published:—

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1913.

Vote No.	Name of Vote or Account.	Amount voted (Net)	Expendit (Gross			Recove	ries.	•	Expend (Net		,
74 75 115 116	Lands and Survey Lands and Survey, Miscellaneous Improved farm Settlements Lands, Miscellaneous	£ 173,184 124,314 44,150 6,000	£ 199,090 56,041 28,242	5 16 18	d. 8 3 1	£ 49,111 3,508 5,922		_	52,532 22,320 5	18	1
117 119	State Forests Scenery-preservation	$ \begin{array}{c c} 24,417 \\ 11,745 \\ \end{array} $	22,255 $17,351$		7	86 480	0. 15	11 0	,		8 7
-4	Totals	383,810	322,987	13	2	59,108	12	3	263,879	0	11
	Consolidated Fund, Unauthorized Special Acts, Deposit Accounts, & Land for Settlements Account Vote 120)	c	683 11,860 18,010	3	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{array}$	 3		0	683 11,860 18,006	3	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{array}$
	Cheviot Estate Account Hauraki Plains Settlement Account Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account National Endowment Account Native Land Settlement Account	nt	17 21,990 15,203 22,467 50,383	$\frac{6}{6}$	8 11 0 8 3	90 26,997	, 0	0	15,203 22,467	18 6 6	8 11 0 8 7
(N	Vote 135) Totals		140,616	5	11	27,091	6	8	113,524	19	-3
	Grand totals		463,603	19	1	86,199	18	11	377,404	0	2

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, 1913.

AUCKLAND.

LANDS OPENED FOR SELECTION.

THROUGHOUT the year there has been a keen and well-sustained demand for land, not only from residents and land-seekers within the district, but also from other parts of the Dominion. The total area opened for selection during the year was 74,304 acres (exclusive of an area of 2,809 acres of education endowment lands), while the area selected, including lands remaining open from previous years, was 103,025 acres. The total number of applicants who lodged applications for lands opened was 1,951, most of these covering several sections apiece. Most of the applicants represented an excellent type of settler, and many of them came from other districts, bringing fresh capital, energy, and experience to bear upon the development of Auckland lands.

The new preference system, whereby preference at ballots is granted to those who have been unsuccessful at two ballots during the preceding two years, or who have children dependent on them, has worked smoothly since its inauguration by the Act of last session, although naturally its operation has caused some disappointment amongst those who fell under its ban. The hardship involved is not, however, great, since exclusion from a ballot on two separate occasions upon the preference ground alone qualifies for admission to subsequent ballots; while the system affords

some encouragement to those most needing and anxious to select land.

THE VARIOUS TENURES.

The occupation-with-right-of-purchase tenure still maintains its position as the premier tenure of the district, the area selected under it having been 55,332 acres, or more than half of the total area taken up. The holders under this tenure now number 2,776, over one-third of all the Crown tenants in the district, and they occupy slightly over three-quarters of a million acres.

Of the settlement tenures, the lease in perpetuity comes next in order of importance, having

1,935 tenants occupying 418,401 acres.

The renewable-lease tenure, consisting principally of land-for-settlement (acquired) lands and national endowments, is the third principal tenure, its holders numbering 751 and occupying 191,328 acres.

The other tenures do not call for special remark, but it may be noted, in connection with the question of settlement of the mining lands on the Coromandel Peninsula, that an area of 15,017 acres has been selected during the year by fifty-three holders, under the two available tenures, Hauraki pastoral lease and mining-district land-occupation lease, principally the former; while the total area now held under these tenures is 78,940 acres, occupied by 441 tenants.

The total number of Crown tenants within the district is now 7,553, occupying an area of

1,983,369 acres, and paying an annual rental of £94,750.

REVENUE.

The total gross revenue received during the year was £156,947 6s. 11d., a decrease of nearly £14,000 from that of the previous year. The most noticeable falling-off is in the receipts from freehold of O.R.P. lands, which are nearly £6,000 less; and the receipts from sales of timber, which have yielded about £25,000 less. These have in some degree been counter-balanced by increases in other directions. The collection of the gross revenue for the year involved the issue of 13,798 receipts. In addition to these amounts, the Receiver of Land Revenue's office also passed through the Deposit Account a sum of £39,527, involving the issue of 2,548 receipts; and a further sum of £16,315 was passed into the Local Bodies' Deposit Account, out of which payments amounting to £20,851 were made to local bodies for expenditure on roads benefiting lands held from the Crown.

The arrears of rent unpaid at the close of the year amounted to £4,443 8s. 3d., owing by 393 tenants, occupying an area of 138,290 acres. These represent about 5 per cent. both of

the number of tenants and rentals payable.

The amount of rebates granted for punctual payment of rent was £5,650.

Since the passing of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912, postponements of rent, owing to circumstances of necessity either from misfortune or temporarily non-productive condition of holdings, have been granted to twenty-six tenants, the amount of rent so postponed totalling £1,400.

COVERSIONS OF TENURE.

The right of acquiring the freehold has been exercised during the year by 147 settlers, occupying an area of 33,366 acres, under the perpetual-lease, occupation-with-right-of-purchase,

and lease-in-perpeutity tenures.

The liberal terms on which the freehold right was granted by Parliament last session to holders of leases in perpetuity of ordinary Crown lands and renewable leases of settlement lands has, as might be expected, led to a large volume of inquiry and considerable increase of work in dealing with the applications. A few purchases of leases in perpetuity had already been completed before the close of the year, and many more were in the intermediate stages of completion. In the case of the renewable leases of settlement lands a numbr of applications had been received and placed in the hands of the Valuation Department for the valuation required by law. The result of the early valuations received shows that the terms offered will prove exceedingly favourable to the tenants, especially in cases of suburban or township lands and the older and more favoured settlements, where considerable increases of value have taken place.

During the year twelve holders, occupying an area of 3,760 acres, have exchanged from the mining district land occupation and Hauraki pastoral license tenures to renewable lease. These exchanges have hitherto been limited by the necessity for completing surveys and providing road-access prior to exchange, but as increase in the survey staff has now made it possible to put several officers on this work, there is every probability that a considerably greater number of conversions to renewable lease will be effected in the future, with corresponding benefit to the

permanent settlement of the Coromandel Peninsula.

RANGERS' REPORTS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT.

All the Rangers report that their inspections of Crown tenants' holdings discover generally a very satisfactory extent of genuine fulfilment of the requirements of bona fide and permanent The residential conditions in many cases are not fulfilled as completely as might be desired, but in the remoter localities the difficulties of access and lack of schools have much to do with the question of residence, and strict enforcement would involve considerable hardship under such circumstances. When reasonable access is provided (and schools where the necessary number of scholars can be enrolled), bona fide settlers, as a rule, are prompt to get on to their sections. The conditions of settlement in many parts of the Auckland District still involve unavoidable hardships which render hard-and-fast enforcement of conditions inadvisable, and the genuine settler deserves, and may rest assured that he will receive, sympathetic consideration from the Land Board to any reasonable extent consistent with the interests of the State.

The past season has been an unusually dry one in all parts of the district, and to some extent this has been an advantage to many settlers who were unable to get good burns the previous year, but have now succeeded in doing so. In the northern part of the district, however, the drought has been more severe than elsewhere, and settlers have suffered not only from depreciation of revenue from the butter industry, but also from fires, which in many cases have burnt much useful pasture and fencing, and threatened homesteads with destruction. When, however, the first stress of these hardships has passed, good will result from the renewing of pastures, towards which assistance in the supply of grass-seed is being given by the Government. The large areas of bush that have been felled and successfully burned, and will now be laid down in pasture, will materially help the productiveness and prosperity of the district.

In the south-western part of the district large areas of bush felled during the past two years have been cleared by good clean burns, and will now be brought into pasture. Settlement is increasing steadily, and farmers are coming in from other districts, bringing fresh capital and energy, and dairying is progressing and adding to the prosperity of the district.

In the eastern part of the Bay of Plenty district the rough character of the country necessitates fairly large areas for sheep and cattle raising, and the progress of this part of the district is being much retarded by the difficulties of access, which deprive the settlers of a market for fat stock. The extension of the railway from Gisborne is, however, bringing a market nearer for them. In the Rotorua district the settlers have to contend with "bush-sickness," and also suffer in many parts from lack of a convenient water-supply, the only water being in inaccessible gorges. In the meanwhile the timber industry is proving of assistance to the settlers, and there appear to be grounds for hope that the clearing of the country and improvement of pastures will in course of time remove "bush-sickness."

The settlement of the plains near Waihi, which were disposed of late in 1911, has been retarded by industrial difficulties, and there is a larger proportion than usual of defaulters in this locality. This condition will, however, remedy itself before long, and the development of

these lands will introduce a new factor in the prosperity of that part of the district.

In the Hauraki Plains settlement continues to progress in a very satisfactory manner. A process of natural selection has resulted in the weeding-out of settlers not fully adapted to the work of developing such lands, and their place has been taken by others with better prospects of success. The unwatering of the lands is necessarily a slow process, which cannot be hastened with advantage, but what has already been achieved shows that the successful settlement of these lands will contribute enormously to the success of the district. In the great majority of cases these settlers are complying very satisfactorily with the requirements of the law.

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On the Coromandel Peninsula land is still being selected fairly freely under the Hauraki pastoral leases and mining district land occupation license tenures. These lands are almost entirely pastoral in character, although of good quality as such, and the present tenures are, notwithstanding much that has been said and written to the contrary, well adapted for their settlement. The lack of road-access is being remedied as rapidly as possible, several surveyors being engaged on the work of surveying and laying out roads.

IMPROVED-FARM SETTLEMENTS.

The three improved-farm settlements, Rangitoto Nos. 1 and 2, and Korakonui, which are still in the initial stages of their development, have made satisfactory progress during the year. In these three settlements there are now seventy-four holders, and the number of souls residing is 284. The area occupied is 10,889 acres, of which 3,530 acres have been grassed, and are now carrying 796 head of cattle; the value of improvements effected, including those paid for by Government, is £13,968.

A number of the settlers have commenced dairying during the past season, and where necessary the Government has supplied young dairy stock upon guaranteed terms of payment. The settlers are generally well satisfied with their holdings, and there seem to be good grounds for anticipating that the settlements will be self-supporting next year.

TRANSFERS.

The total number of applications for transfer dealt with during the year was 805, of which 762 were, after careful scrutiny and consideration, approved, and forty-three were refused. Noticeable amongst the applications received were a number of transfers by way of exchange for other properties, an inflated value being often fixed by both parties, while in many cases also it is found that a very small proportion of the purchase-money passes in cash. The Land Board has in all cases set its face steadily against transactions of a speculative character, and has endeavoured, as far as possible, to ensure that the prospective tenant, when approved, shall enter the property with reasonable chances of success, notwithstanding the large amount often paid by way of goodwill. These amounts are, however, it must be admitted, often justified, so far as the incoming tenant is concerned, by the general increase of values, improved facilities of communication, and other advantages. It is satisfactory to notice that the tendency to subdivide larger holdings continues, as settlers find that smaller areas can be more successfully worked and brought to a higher level of productivity.

FORFEITURES.

During the year 123 leases, covering an area of 115,009 acres, were forfeited; these, however, included three pastoral runs totalling 86,411 acres, so that the remaining area is only 28,598 acres. It is again necessary to point out that a large number of these forfeitures arise from the ill-advised practice of many persons in applying for lands which they have not personally inspected, and which, after selection, they find unsuited to their requirements. It cannot be too often repeated that such a practice is in the highest degree injudicious, and more calculated to lead to disappointment and loss to the applicant than would be the expenditure of a comparatively small amount in inspecting the land before lodging an application.

KAURI-GUM DISTRICTS SETTLEMENT.

The provisions introduced by legislation last session for the settlement of lands in kaurigum districts have been the subject of numerous inquiries. No lands have yet been offered under this system, as it is necessary to effect surveys before the land can be proclaimed, since the indiscriminate selection permitted under the Kauri-gum Industry Act for residence and business sites is not adapted to a proper scheme of settlement providing for freehold tenure, with the attendant necessity for making adequate provision for road-access and well-considered methods of subdivision. Preliminary surveys of suitable areas are now in hand. The residence-sites under the Kauri-gum Industry Act have been very successful, and neat where and small gardens are common.

SETPLEMENT OF PUMICE LANDS.

With the shortening supply of Crown lands available for settlement in more favoured localities, the question of settlement of the vast areas of pumice lands in the southern parts of the district is coming into prominence. Pioneer settlers have shown that these hitherto-despised lands are nevertheless capable of taking their place among the productive areas of the Dominion, and suitable proposals for their utilization are now under consideration. Meanwhile there appears to be no doubt that these lands are not "poor man's country," nor adaptable for subdivision into small areas. To bring them into fertility and maintain them in a condition of productiveness requires the expenditure of capital, as well as the provision of means for landing artificial manures on the ground as cheaply as possible, lest the cost of production be rendered prohibitive.

KAURI-GUM.

The past dry season has been a favourable one for diggers, enabling them to work swamp areas which have hitherto remained untouched, while the high prices obtained have caused areas which were supposed to be worked out to be again dug over to a greater depth. Generally speaking, however, the greater portion of the gum obtained during the season has been taken from private lands, the resources of the gum reserves being husbanded for some future time. The surface gum in many localities is becoming exhausted, but this is only the recent deposit, for the older forests lower down have left larger deposits, which will last for very many years to come.

The licenses issued during the year consisted of 590 ordinary, 1,746 special, 215 gumbuyers', and 519 residence areas, a total of 3,070, yielding a sum of £1,857 9s. The new method of collection of license fees by the police has worked well.

The export of gum for the year was 8,354 tons, valued at £430,200, practically all from

the north of Auckland.

FLAX

The prospects of the flax-milling industry are good, but it is to be regretted that in many cases a large production in quantity, rather than a high standard of quality, appears to be aimed at. The dry spring and summer have been favourable to the industry, giving better fibre and greater facilities for bleaching and drying. The export for the year has been 21,567 tons, valued at £483,353.

CROWN LANDS FOR DISPOSAL DURING THE COMING YEAR.

Exclusive of the area of 242,089 acres already lying open for selection, I anticipate that an area of about 186,000 acres will be opened and selected during the ensuing year. This area will include about 101,000 acres under the optional-selection system, 5,000 acres near Tauranga under the Land for Settlements Act, 77,000 acres of national-endowment land to be offered on renewable lease, and 3,000 acres on the Hauraki Plains. The lands are well distributed over all parts of the district.

EDUCATION ENDOWMENTS.

The total area of reserves for the endowment of primary and secondary education which are now administered by the Land Board is 126,353 acres, out of which 75,850 acres are occupied by 637 tenants paying a rental of £4,789 per annum. Steps are being taken to offer for lease as many as possible of the unlet reserves, which are, however, widely scattered, and in many cases require survey before they can be offered. An area of 2,809 acres was offered during the year, principally in small sections, but only 724 acres found tenants.

GENERAL.

Twenty-six meetings of the Land Board have been held during the year, the amount of business dealt with at each being very considerable. The general work of the office has been heavy, and has kept the staff fully engaged. Some indication of the volume of business dealt with may be gathered from the fact that the incoming and outgoing correspondence totalled over 103,000 pieces of mail-matter, an increase of about 3,000 on the preceding year. I am pleased to say that the whole staff has worked faithfully and energetically.

H. M. SKEET, Commissioner of Crown Landa

HAWKE'S BAY.

THE SETTLEMENT OF CROWN LANDS.

During the past year the principal areas opened for selection were the Manawaangiangi Block of 11,552 acres and Te Whitiatara Block of 1,257 acres. These lands were purchased from the Natives and opened on the optional system. There was a great demand for the latter, with the exception of the homestead section, containing 61 acres, which, owing to the small area of the holding in comparison to the buildings thereon, has militated against its selection. The homestead section is generally the hardest to dispose of on most of the settlements for the above reason. The former block was not in great request, and three holdings, containing 1,525 acres, are not yet selected. Of those taken at the ballot, one has been forfeited (area, 677 acres), and three (area, 1,263 acres) are not yet occupied, and are evidently abandoned by the successful applicants.

The partial failure of the successful settlement of this block is apparently due to its distance from the nearest market at Waipukurau (thirty miles), and the bad state of the road (which has only recently been formed) from the main Waipukurau-Porangahau Road, a distance of

five miles to the beginning of the block.

Several small scattered sections have also been offered, and have been readily selected.

The progress and prosperity of the older-established settlements have not been so satisfactory as usual, owing to the spring and early summer being wet and unsettled, followed by a very dry summer and early autumn. During the dry season grass-fires ran over thousands of acres, and farmers were very short of feed; also, the root crops have turned out badly, so that holders of stock are eagerly seeking temporary grazing-accommodation wherever available.

The above circumstances caused the price of stock to drop considerably, and the slaughter-

men's strike also acted in the same direction.

The dairy farmer has suffered serious inconvenience and loss through the dry weather and grass-fires, not being able to keep up the usual supply of milk for the factory, and in many instances having to reduce his stock owing to the scarcity of feed. With rain and a little mild weather the feed is now beginning to improve, and there is still time for a prospect of fair winter feed. It has been a good season for fruit and grass-seed, and white crops have been fair and profitable.

Since taking charge in this district I have made myself well acquainted with all Crown lands still available for selection, and have personally visited most of the blocks. The surveyors are now busily engaged on the Crown lands available for settlement, most of which will be placed

on the market during the coming year.

DISPOSAL OF REMAINING CROWN LANDS.

It is proposed to offer for sale or selection during the current year an area of 124,174 acres.

The following are brief descriptions of the principal blocks:—
Tutamoe Survey District, Huiarua Block (7,700 acres): Undulating country, covered with mixed bush; formation generally papa and clay; good soil; suitable for sheep and cattle. To be subdivided into five sections, from 900 to 3,000 acres; survey completed; road-access being arranged.

Te Puia and Buckley Townships, Rakauroa and Otoko Villages (224½ acres): Small areas

suitable for business or residential sites.

Motu and Ngatapa (101 acres): Mostly in grass; soil fair to good.

Pastoral Runs 11, 13, and 14, Kaweka, Pohui, and Kuripapanga (43,569 acres): The land comprises for the most part open, rugged, and broken country, with patches of stunted blackbirch forest in the gullies and on hill-slopes. The soil is of a light pumice character, on slate, rock, sandstone, and in some cases gravel. The exposed surface of the tops of the ridges and spurs are wind-worn and bare of vegetation.

Pastoral Run No. 6 (5,817 acres), Waitara: Authority has been given for this area to be opened as a small grazing-run, and particulars will be forwarded for this purpose.

Patoka (3,659 acres): Open, rugged, and broken country; soil fair.

Tuahu and Waikaremoana (6,000 acres): Mostly high birch-clad country; soil inferior to fair; sandstone formation, well watered. Survey in hand. Adjoins Waipaoa Block, of 12,000

acres, recently acquired but not yet proclaimed.

Waikaremoana (8,568 acres): This block of Crown lands is not included in the total area given above, as it was formerly intended to add it to the forest reserve, but the survey is now being made for subdivision into two small grazing-runs. Particulars for offering will be forwarded early. The country is under heavy forest, undulating and hilly, part mixed bush and scrub, running up into high birch country. The subdivisons have each constructed road-access.

Waihau Settlement (4,033 acres): Undulating to easy hilly country; soil a light marl on

papa formation. Mostly in grass, with patches of light fern and small manuka.

Te Arai Settlement (112 acres): Mostly flat agricultural land of good quality.

Porangahau (1,525 acres): This block is for the most part open country, partly in native and exotic grasses; a considerable amount of scrub is to be found, mostly in the gullies. Soil fair to good.

Otawhao, adjoining Takapau Township (2,373 acres): Mostly in grass. Good dairying country, to be divided into twenty-two sections. Survey well in hand.

Ahuaturanga Block, near Woodville (993 acres): The greater part of this is first-class dairying land, and the balance good sheep-country, mostly in good grass. Divided into twelve

Tahoraite Block (502 acres): Open grass land; soil fair to good. Requires the acquisition of some adjoining blocks to make it suitable for subdivision for permanent tenure. An additional area of 500 acres has been purchased but not proclaimed; the surveyor has been instructed to make the survey. Formerly forest, well grassed, suitable for dairying or mixed farming, near Tahoraite Railway-station; to be subdivided into ten farms. Will be opened for selection for next season's dairying.

Timahanga Block and Omahaki Block (33,310 acres): The greater part of these blocks is undulating country, covered with bracken and patches of manuka and grass; the balance is rough broken country. The formation generally is a light chocolate loam with pumice overlying

papa, and decomposed yellow slates with outcrops of limestone. Suitable access and exchanges are being made to enable profitable disposal. At present let for grazing.

Mata, adjoining Te Puia Township (223 acres): Mostly open country; soil fair to good. Kaiwaka Block (14,033 acres): Undulating broken country, with deep gullies, mostly covered with native and exotic grasses, scrub, and manuka. The soil is for the most part pumice, overlying limestone, and in parts papa formation. Survey well in hand. To be offered early, in six small grazing-runs.

TENURES.

The total number of tenants on the books is 1,926, an increase of seventy over the previous year. The tenures are divided into four distinct classes—i.e., ordinary Crown lands, 893 tenants, holding an area of 501,829 acres 2 roods, and paying an annual rental of £38,729 3s. 2d.: land for settlements, 686 tenants, holding an area of 213,894 acres and 34 perches; annual rental, £70,367 9s. 10d.: national endowments, 109 tenants, holding an area of 205,671 acres 1 rood 21 perches; annual rental, £6,319 6s. 10d.: education endowments, 238 tenants, holding an area of 87,552 acres 2 roods 24 perches; annual rental, £9,567 10s. 2d. As the total area set aside as endowments for primary and secondary education in this district totals 87,670 acres, it will be seen that all but 118 acres are leased. The administration of these leases by the Crown has brought the formerly large arrears of rent into line with ordinary leases.

Of the total area of 13,034 acres offered for selection under the optional system, 7,975 acres 1 rood was selected under the occupation-with-right-of-purchase tenure by twenty-six tenants, and 3,411 acres and 30 perches under renewable lease by six tenants, thereby indicating that

the tenure under which freehold can be acquired is the most popular one.

INSPECTIONS, AND RANGERS' REPORTS.

The Crown Lands Ranger for the northern or Poverty Bay portion of the district made 395 inspections of leasehold sections held on different tenures, covering an area of 291,919 acres, and thirty-seven miscellaneous inspections. These figures show a considerable increase in the number of inspections made from last year. The value of improvements required to be done by the tenants was £190,591, whereas the Ranger valued the improvements actually effected at £596,492, and there were only seven defaulters—two for improvements and five for residence.

During the year the Crown Lands Ranger for the southern portion of Hawke's Bay District inspected and furnished reports on 249 properties. These comprised occupation-with-right-of-purchase, lease-in-perpetuity, renewable-lease, village, village-homestead special-settlement, and pastoral lands, and 198 miscellaneous inspections, valuations of education reserves, and reports on proposed schools to be established; inspections of river-snagging and blackberry-cutting contracts and fencing contract, Waipunga Valley; valuation of Sherenden and Waihau Settlements in conjunction with a special valuer; inspection and reports on noxious weeds. The total area inspected covered an area of 44,159 acres. The value of improvements required to be effected amounted to £51,400, and improvements actually effected £117,767. There were forty-five defaulters—eight for improvements and thirty-seven for residence.

BUSH FELLED AND GRASSED.

Each year the area of bush felled and grassed diminishes. The bush-clad district has already been previously selected and dealt with, but, according to the Crown Lands Ranger's report on holdings inspected, only 9,087 acres was felled and grassed. However, even this small area will add a good deal to the carrying-capacity of the land.

PURCHASE OF FEE-SIMPLE DURING THE YEAR.

During the period under review the tenants have not taken the same opportunity as in previous years of acquiring the fee-simple of their homes, only fifteen tenants, holding an area of 5,171 acres and 28 perches, taking advantage of the right granted them. As this privilege is now extended to lease in perpetuity under the Land Act and renewable lease under lands for settlements under more favourable terms, numerous inquiries have been made since the passing of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912, and I have no doubt that during the forthcoming year there will be more holdings made freehold than in any previous year.

FORFEITURES AND SURRENDERS.

Under these headings on lands held under permanent tenures only five holdings, aggregating an area of about 18 acres, were dealt with. Considering the number of tenants on the books (1,926), it clearly indicates that this district has the right class of people to settle on the land.

TRANSFERS.

The total number of applications to transfer submitted to the Land Board during the year was 182, of which twelve were declined.

To show the keen demand for land in this district, and the high prices paid for the goodwill of Government leasehold land, I give hereunder the total number of transfers completed under the different tenures, the area of land transferred, the value of improvements effected, together with consideration paid. The question of high values paid for land has greatly exercised the minds of the members of the Land Board, and it has been the practice for some time now to see that the incoming tenant is in a sound financial position, thereby being able to properly farm the land to advantage. It appears desirable that, to further prevent aggregation, education-endowment leases should be made subject to the limitation prescribed by Part XIII of the Land Act, 1908. At present the only condition restricting the transfer of these leases is the financial stability of the proposed transferee.

Transfers completed during the Year ended 31st March, 1913.

			Number of Transfers.	Are	a.		Value of I ments ef			Considerati money pa	-	
Ordinary Crown lands—				Α.	R.	Р.	£	s.	d.		s.	d.
Occupation with right of	f purchase	э	32	18,783	0	11	27,312	3	0	56,1421	5	0
Lease in perpetuity			32	8,795	1	10	25,784	7	0	53,312	0	0
Small grazing-runs			11	26,171	2	4	21,213	0	0	56,901 1	7	1
Perpetual lease			1	29	0	26	91	0	0	349 1	9	0
Pastoral runs		٠.	1	3,450	0	0	*			· .		
Miscellaneous licenses	• •		5	1,095	0	0	†			1,070	0	0
Totals	• •		82	58,324	0	11	74,400	10	0	167,776 1	1	1
Land for settlements—		•									-	
Lease in perpetuity			39	11,059	1	17	27,168	15	9	45,086 1	2	0
Renewable lease		٠	6	912	0	6	2,802	9	0	5,443	0	0
Small grazing-runs	• •		1	1,213	0	0	1,781	18	0	\$1,200	0	0
Totals	••		46	13,184	1	23	31,753	2	9	51,729 1	2	0
National-endowment lands Renewable lease			4	690	1	37	1,009	8	0	2,931 1	0	0
Education endowments			36	14,437	3	1	†			43,381	2	6
Grand totals			168	86,636	2	32	107,163	0	9	265,818 1	 5	7

^{*} Exchange of property.

[†] No inspection required.

[‡] One-fifth interest.

LAND REVENUE.

The gross revenue received for the year was £121,153 11s. 6d., which is an increase of .£4,538 18s. 3d. over the previous year.

The amount granted in rebates was £8,375 6s. 4d.

Ordinary revenue receipts numbering 3,823 and thirteen provisional-title receipts were passed through the Receiver of Land Revenue's cash-book. The amount received on account of survey liens was £1,889 3s. 10d., which is £1,049 5s. 8d. more than that received under this heading during the previous year. This entails a large amount of extra work in both the receiving and draughting branches. In the ordinary deposit accounts, the receipts were £18,764 6s. 10d., and disbursements £19,404 18s. 7d. These figures show a large increase on those of the previous years. The Local Bodies' Deposit Account receipts amounted to £9,001 2s. 7d.; and twenty payments, amounting to £8,195 14s. 3d., were made to the various local bodies. Out of the above revenue the sum of £35,260 was handled by the Gisborne office and transmitted to the Receiver at this office; this is an increase of £1,568 on last year.

EXPENDITURE OF "THIRDS," "FOURTHS," AND "HALVES."

After careful consideration of the twenty proposals for expenditure submitted by the local bodies, the sum of £8,195 14s. 3d. was approved by the Land Board, a satisfactory increase on

last year's operations.

It is a matter of satisfaction to the Department that no complaints were received from the Crown tenants during the year, which goes to show that the amounts derived from their holdings and paid to the local bodies were spent to the best advantage—i.e., in improving the road-access to their holdings. The amount at credit of the Deposit Account of the Receiver of Land Revenue at the end of the financial year was £6,751 6s. 6d.

LAND BOARD.

Meetings were held regularly every month at the district office and once a quarter at the local Land Office at Gisborne, and special meetings were held at Ormondville and Waipukurau in connection with land-ballots. The applicants greatly appreciated the saving of time and expense in holding the meetings of the Board so near the land offered for selection.

During the latter part of the year Mr. R. M. Birrell, the Gisborne member, resigned his seat, owing to his departure from the Dominion. Mr. George Wright, whose term as nominated

member expired in March, was reappointed.

GENERAL REVIEW.

The year's transactions show that the work has doubled in this district since last year. In spite of the unfavourable season, owing to unsettled weather in the early part, followed by a dry spell for five or six months, and the burning of thousands of acres of grass, the district shows steady progress. The demand for land suitable for small farmers, chiefly dairying, is still unsatisfied, but with the experience of the Sherenden and Waihau Settlements, sheep-country is not so much in demand as the smaller areas of land suitable for dairying or mixed farming. The stringency of the money-market has made the payments of rents more difficult than usual.

DEPARTMENTAL.

The Accountant's branch also shows a large increase on last year's transactions; 888 vouchers were dealt with, representing an amount of £25,192. The number of letters, &c., received during the year was 13,171, and despatched 22,563. Out of the above, the following were dealt with by the Gisborne Branch Office: 159 vouchers were paid, totalling £1,251; and ninety-two vouchers, amounting to £5,968, were passed for payment by the Treasury; forty-one credit vouchers were passed, being cost of work done for other Department, &c.

I wish to place on record my hearty appreciation of the work performed both by the office and field staffs during a very busy year, by which my labours have been much lightened.

ROBT. T. SADD, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

TARANAKI.

SETTLEMENT OF CROWN LANDS.

An area of 23,866 acres of rural land was offered for selection during the year, in addition to 152 acres of Crown lands offered at auction and fourteen leases of education reserves. There were 112 new selectors, and they took up 25,858 acres. There are prespects of an exceedingly busy period during the new year, as an area of 105,280 acres is expected to be available for offering within the next few months.

CONDITION AND PROGRESS OF SETTLEMENT.

The district as a whole has recovered from the effects of the abnormal rain of the previous year, and, as a result, the progress and development has been encouraging, and from a farming standpoint the season was a successful one for both dairy farmers and graziers. Good burns were the rule all over the district, and this has encouraged the settlers to further efforts. The stringency of the money-market, lack of competent bushmen, and the high prices demanded for felling are, however, factors which are operating against the speedy clearing of bush lands. In the back country settlers are dairying on their easier country in places where a few years ago dairying would have been looked upon as impossible. Distance from a factory is also not quite the drawback which it has hitherto been since the adoption of home separating. There is no doubt that the home separator has enabled dairying to expand. There has been a very keen demand for young stock during the year, and buyers from as far away as the Bay of Plenty have found great trouble in securing stock in anything like the fair herds which they have been accustomed to pick up quickly. This would be some indication that there is a large local demand. In some parts of the district there was not sufficient stock available to eat off the feed. The class of homestead erected by settlers is a sure indication of the progress accomplished, and it has been very noticeable during the year that a class of house is being erected and looked upon as a necessity which not so long ago would have been considered a luxury. Many settlers are adopting the use of telephones, and in consequence are feeling less isolated and more closely in touch with the state of the markets.

Although the progress of settlement in the district has been exceedingly encouraging as a whole, it must not be overlooked that there is the ever-present drawback of want of good access. It is comparatively easy for those settlers blessed with good roads to make a success of their holdings, but people who have had no experience of the trials and tribulations of farming with at the best a 6 ft. track cannot realize what it really means to farm under such difficulties. There are settlers who for many years have been unable to get in provisions or transport their produce except per medium of pack-horses from and to the nearest dray-road. Quite apart from the ordinary votes for road-making, there is a very large sum paid yearly to the local bodies for expenditure on roads to the lands from which the moneys accrue, but as a rule this money is utilized for maintenance, and does not help to open up cart-roads at the rate to be desired. The settlers must have roads if they are to compete in the markets on anything like fair terms, and it is no exaggeration to say that the prosperity of the Dominion depends more on the adequate roading of the back country than on any other class of public work.

IMPROVED-FARM SETTLEMENTS.

There are two recent settlements still in their infancy—viz., Mapara and Tangitu. The former has now reached the stage when it may be considered as successfully established. In both settlements the settlers were assisted by being granted, in addition to the usual financial aid, sufficient dairy-stock to give them a start. All the stock is apparently doing well with the exception of a few cases of tuberculosis, &c., here and there. The natural increase exceeds any loss there may have been. The Tangitu Settlement has not yet reached a thoroughly satisfactory condition. All the settlers have had good burns and the grass has taken well, so that there should be abundance of feed. But plenty of feed and thriving herds will not bring in a return unless the means of access is improved.

A start has been made on metalling the main road of access. A tram is being used for conveying metal, and this should allow work to go on with less hindrance from bad weather; but not a great deal has been done to the internal roads for the last twelve months, and some of the settlers have not yet got a 6 ft. track to their holdings. Improved-farm settlers, who usually have little or no capital, cannot succeed under such circumstances. If good access were provided now there would be a dairy factory in the block, and settlers would not have to pack their cream, in some cases, sixteen miles to the railway and then rail it to Te Kuiti, as a result of which it often arrives at its destination unfit for making into butter. In addition to the permanent advantage accruing from the improved road-access, the expenditure in the district of ready cash will help many settlers to tide over times of financial pressure, and, maybe, result in making them independent in future of outside work.

Taking into consideration the high cost of living, scarcity of work, financial stringency, and the want of good access, these settlers have done fairly well in their struggle against odds of which the city man knows nothing.

REVENUE.

The revenue for the year amounted to £48,252, being an increase of £2,021 over that of the previous year.

Exclusive of the current half-year's rent, there were 119 settlers in arrear with rent, owing £1,086 12s. 9d. It has been found in dealing with arrears that there are grounds for thinking that some settlers could pay up to time without much effort, but delay doing so until they think the extreme latitude allowed is about exhausted. This class of settler would, if extreme care were not taken in discriminating, cause poorer neighbours considerable hardship; but by making exhaustive inquiries many of the defaulters who are really able to pay have been disclosed, and the arrears will correspondingly decrease.

POSTPONEMENT OF PAYMENT OF RENT.

The provisions for postponement of payment of rent have been largely availed of by the improved-farm settlers in the new settlements, very few ordinary settlers having made application under this heading. The amount postponed to date is £471 17s. 7d., owing by twenty-one selectors.

FREEHOLDS.

The principal feature of interest under this heading is the alteration in the method of acquiring the freehold of lease-in-perpetuity ordinary lands and the extension of the right to

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land-for-settlement selectors. Since the coming into operation of the new Act there have been many inquiries for details in response to the circular memorandum issued, and up to the end of the year twelve selectors have taken advantage of the provisions of the Act

TRANSFERS.

The Land Board approved of 197 transfers during the year. In dealing with applications of this nature the Board has determined to minimize aggregation as much as possible, so that it is now, except in extreme cases, not likely that consent will be given to transfers to persons

who already hold sufficient land from which to make a comfortable living.

There is another aspect of transfers to which the Board's attention has been called. Applications have been received for transfers at a very high figure, and almost immediately after entry into possession the new selector appeals for time to pay rent. This state of affairs can be prevented by insisting upon proof of financial ability to carry on, and in future importance will be attached to the financial position of the proposed transferee, especially in cases where the consideration is a high one.

EDUCATION RESERVE LANDS.

In regard to the disposal of these lands, there have been very few transactions during the year, but there has been considerable correspondence in regard to renewals, transfers, mortgages, and other dealings. Out of a total of 382 lessees, only twenty-seven were in arrear, owing £176 14s.

LAND BOARD.

The Land Board this year altered the day of meeting from Tuesday to Thursday as being more convenient to the Department in the preparation of business. The Board held twelve meetings, all at New Plymouth, and did not make any tours during the year.

OFFICE-WORK.

The indoor staff has been kept very busy, and has maintained its reputation for loyal and cheerful attention to duty.

G. H. BULLARD, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

WELLINGTON.

The total area of Crown land offered during the year was 9,979 acres. This, added to the land open for application on the 1st April, 1912—viz., 735 acres—made a total of 10,714 acres available publicly for selection. The lands offered comprised principally portion of the North Waimarino Block near Kakahi; subdivisions of the Ngamatea Forest Reserve, near Karioi; part of the Piripiri Block, near Ashhurst; an extension of Ohakune Village Settlement, at the railway-station; and a number of forfeited sections in various survey districts. Cash sales by auction were held of an extension of Owhango Township and of lots in Pongaroa and Manunui Townships. Two lots offered in City of Wellington realized £4,820.

During the year effect has been given to the Board's former decision to increase the holdings of a number of settlers in the Mount Cerberus, Makuri, and Puketoi districts, and elsewhere, who were regarded as not having sufficient land for their maintenance. Twenty-two lots in those districts have been disposed of in this way, comprising a total area of 3,142 acres.

For a similar reason about 1,125 acres has been allotted to contiguous settlers in the Rangi-

waea and Salisbury Blocks.

Timber on Section 42, Block XI, Ongo Survey District, and Sections 3 and 4, Block VII, Makotuku, was offered by auction, the result in the latter case being very successful, inasmuch as a milling bush offered at an upset price of £7,478 realized £8,500.

In addition to this, sawmill licenses have been granted over an area of about 1,880 acres, at a total royalty of £7,842, and on behalf of improved-farm occupiers over an area of about 1,397 acres, royalty being payable on output of mills.

The lands taken up during the year on all tenures comprise 14,299 acres, in 168 lots.

LANDS TO BE OPENED.

Steps are now being taken to place 64,899 acres, comprising the following lands, in the market during the ensuing season, and the surveys of many of them are already well advanced: Whakaihuwaka Block, near Waitotara, 8,923 acres; subdivisions of recently resumed runs near Alfredton, 1,980 acres; Hurupi Block and portion of adjoining Haurangi Forest Reserve, about 16,035 acres; portion of forest reserve near Manawatau Gorge, 4,325 acres; Mangatainoka Block, near Pahiatua, 1,830 acres; Kaiwakauka (South Waimarino) Block, about 10,000 acres; three pastoral leases, Raketapauma and Motukawa Blocks, 4,184 acres; seven lots in Puketoi and Mount Cerberus districts, 1,189 acres; about 1,536 acres (Duncan's exchange) on the Turakina River, in Mangawhero Survey District; also 9,240 acres of settlement land near Masterton and Aorangi, 3B 3c, Te Kawau Survey District, 240 acres. Included in the above total is an area of 5,417 acres in the Waipapa Valley Block (South Waimarino), which was offered late during 1912–13 on optional system, but withdrawn. It has been readvertised for sale since the close of the financial year, and the greater portion selected. The returns will appear in the transactions for 1913–14.

In connection with the preparation of the above-mentioned lands for the market I desire to draw your attention to the many unusual obstacles that have delayed earlier dealing with

The Whakaihuwaka Block had to await a decision of the Native Land Court relative to the adjustment of some of the boundaries, and was also complicated with portions of nationalendowment land included in several of the subdivisions.

The Hurupi Block required two roads to be taken through Native and European land before it had any access.

The Haurangi Block is still State forest, from which the reservation has to be removed.

The Waimarino Block required much exploration for roads and access through Native land. We are also seeking to adjust the Native boundary of it on reasonable lines.

A road has to be taken through private property to the Aorangi Block.

The 1,536 acres on the Turakina River was only made available after a most tedious series of exchanges.

The Mangatainoka Block was encumbered with leases, and requires a road through Native land, and the block in the Manawatu Gorge is still forest reserve.

IMPROVED-FARM SETTLEMENT LANDS.

The steward of the North Waimarino Improved-farm Settlement reports that perhaps the most pleasing feature of this year's progress is the value of the improvements effected by the settlers, independently of those paid for by State advances, which he estimates at £12,810. This speaks well for the energy of the tenants and their determination to succeed.

This season a new departure was made. Many of the settlers being without the means to

stock their holdings, the Government provided them with 250 extra cattle on favourable terms of payment, the number of stock on the settlement now being 1,214. This number consists mainly of heifers that will come into profit next season. A dairy factory, recently established at Piriaka, will greatly further the dairy industry in this district. Sixty-six settlers are residing on their holdings, the total population of the settlement being 422 souls. Fourteen selectors cannot go on to their holdings until the milling-timber has been removed.

Ten sawmills have cutting-rights in the settlement, and at these some three hundred men are employed, who, with their families, help to swell the population of the small townships along the Main Trunk line. Amongst them, these mills put out close upon 100,000 ft. of timber daily.

The settlers are, on the whole, a very good class, the non-success of a few being due to their having been in financial distress before they entered into occupation.

RANGERS' INSPECTIONS AND REPORTS.

The Crown Lands Rangers in the west coast division made 723 inspections during the year, covering an area of 161,965 acres. In addition to these, Ranger Craig claims twelve inspections, of an area of 8,411 acres, in connection with blackberry on the Tongoio Estate, Hawke's

On the holdings inspected, the value of the improvements required to be effected by the tenants was £12,995; the value actually made was £38,464—i.e., £25,469 in excess of requirements.

In the east coast division the Rangers made 727 inspections, over an area of 232,709 acres. On this side of the district, too, the tenants have shown a desire to have their holdings highly improved, and they have put on improvements to the value of £105,366 over and above what was required by the conditions of their leases. The requirements were £61,091, and the improvements actually effected were valued at £166,457.

PROGRESS OF SETTLEMENT.

The Crown Lands Ranger for the northern portion of the west coast division reports that settlement in his district is progressing in a satisfactory manner, and the settlers have enjoyed a most favourable season. Large areas of bush, some of which was felled last year, but not burned owing to unfavourable weather, have now been burnt, and good clear burns are to be seen everywhere, and the new grass is coming away well.

The mortality amongst stock has been much less this year than last.

In the Waimarino Block good progress continues to be made. Most of the settlers have now roads of some kind to their sections, but much requires to be done before many have proper access and can get their stock in and out without much labour.

In the Rangitatau Block the settlers are doing well, and large areas of bush have been felled on most of the sections this year. The road up the Waitotara Valley is now well advanced, and a stock-bridge has been built over the Waitotara River for the convenience of the settlers in the upper part of the block.

In the Te Tuhi and Ahu Ahu Blocks good progress has also been made. Several sections have changed hands, but good settlers have taken the places of those who sold out. The main road through the block has been widened into a dray-road for some miles, the settlers having raised a loan for this purpose. The County Council has, however, experienced great difficulty in letting contracts. The road along the right bank of the Wanganui, known as the "Missing Link," has been taken, and formation is now well in hand. This road will be a great boon to settlers.

The village settlements along the North Island Main Trunk Railway continues to make marked progress. Several new sawmills have begun operations, and work is consequently plentiful.

The Crown Lands Ranger for the central district from Palmerston North northwards reports that the Crown tenants in his district have experienced a very favourable year. Splendid prices ruled for wool, and, although the clip was light, the quality was excellent.

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The price of stock fell during the slaughtermen's strike, but the drop was only temporary, and good prices are now being realized. In most cases the settlers had good burns, but, owing to the dry autumn, in exposed ridges, &c., the grass did not come away very well. The past winter was very wet, and the roads and bush tracks were often blocked by slips. The local bodies, however, soon removed the obstructions, and it was only in a few cases that settlers suffered any prolonged inconvenience.

The Crown Lands Ranger for the eastern portion of the district reports that settlement still continues to make steady progress throughout the district, and the settlers generally seem prosperous and contented. Some few are now taking advantage of being able to convert their holdings

into freeholds.

The season just passed has been a good year for all classes of farm produce, and settlers have

benefited thereby.

The major portion of the lands selected in this portion of the district have now been held for a number of years, and the conditions have been fully complied with, the improvements being largely in excess of requirements. Still, selectors continue to add to them each year with new homesteads, stumping and cultivating where there are suitable areas, thereby increasing their carrying-capacity and returns. The dairy industry still continues to flourish, and is one of the principal industries of the district, as every year sees new cheese or butter factories established.

The access to and through the various settlements steadily improves, full-width dray-roads taking the place of 6 ft. tracks; also numerous bridges have been erected over the more dangerous

streams—a great boon to settlers.

The Crown Lands Ranger for the south-eastern and southern portions of the district reports that settlement in this part of the land district has prospered along the usual lines. Settlers go in for dairying wherever their holdings are suitable for that purpose; prices ruling for dairy-produce were, however, lower than those obtained last year. The settlers who carry on sheep-farming have had a very successful season.

In the eastern portion of this district the Crown tenants hold chiefly under land-for-settlement conditions. The settlements are now well established, and where they consist of farming land the settlers are doing well. This is very popular, and a good number of prospective settlers would gladly take up agricultural farms if such were available at a reasonable price.

In the western portion the bulk of the tenants hold on village-settlement conditions. These settlements are now well established, and generally all the conditions have been complied with.

Roads for the most part are in good order. Some tracks still require widening into drayroads, these being principally in the Wainuioru Survey District.

In travelling through the district and conversing with the settlers the Ranger heard no complaints.

TRANSFERS.

During the year under review 184 transfers were completed on ordinary Crown lands, the area transferred being 43,265 acres. On settlement lands twenty-one transfers were registered, representing 5,151 acres; and twenty-four education leases, aggregating 5,812 acres, were transferred. The figures are made up as follows:—

The figures are made	-	nows:			No.	Ar	ea.	
Ordinary Crown land	s				110.	Α.		Ρ.
Occupation with	right of	purchase			45	19,843	-3 1	1
Lease in perpetui					92	12,665	1 29	9
Renewable lease					26	335°	2 16	6
Small grazing-rui	1				10	10,326	1 (0
Pastoral licenses					2	56	0 38	3
Miscellaneous	• • •	***	• • •	• • • •	9	37	2 3	1
_					184	43,265	0 [5
Land for settlements—					1.19	4 400	0 0	0
Lease in perpetui	$_{ m ty}$				17	4,493	$\frac{2}{2}$	_
Renewable lease					3	655	1 18	3
Miscellaneous		•••	• • • •		1	2	1 ()
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Education leases		•••			$\frac{}{24}$	5,812	1 39	- }

FORFEITURES AND SURRENDERS.

The number of forfeitures during the year was thirty-nine under all tenures, the area forfeited being 3,858 acres. These figures disclose a material increase in number over last year's statistics, the number last year being eighteen.

Six leases, comprising an area of 4,121 acres, were surrendered during the year, included

in which were two primary-education reserve leases, of an area of 593 acres.

The annual rental involved in both the forfeitures and the surrenders was £604 8s. 8d.

CONVERSIONS OF TENURE.

Only one conversion of tenure is recorded during the year. This was the conversion of a lease held under village-homestead special-settlement conditions to a renewable lease. The settler thus secures the advantage of a lower rental, but loses the right to acquire the freehold. The area brought under the new tenure is 6 acres, and this area automatically passes into the national endowment.

Conversions of Leases in Perpetuity into Freeholds under Part II of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912.

Since the passing of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912, in November last, sixty-six selectors have given notice under Part II of the Act of intention to purchase the freeholds of the lands comprised in their leases, the total area affected being 9,052 acres 1 rood 32 perches, and the total price, £10,462 15s. 1d. Of these, twenty-three holdings, comprising an area of 3,963 acres 2 roods 31 perches, have actually been made freehold, at a total price of £3,385 0s. 4d. Of those who have given notice, five elected to purchase by deferred payments and sixty-one for cash. Of the sixty-six applications received, forty-two of them are to purchase small areas ranging from 1 rood to 26 acres.

Conversions to Freehold of Renewable Leases taken up under the Land for Settlements Act, 1908, in terms of Section 59 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912.

Only one selector has given notice of his intention to purchase the freehold of his holding. He holds two leases, comprising 17 acres 3 roods 13 perches. The present price is the same as the original valuation—viz., £135. Selector has elected to purchase by deferred payments, but he has not yet paid his first instalment.

LAND BOARD MEETINGS.

During the year twelve ordinary and four special meetings of the Land Board were held. The special meetings were held in connection with opening of new blocks. Five of the ordinary meetings extended over two days, on account of the large number of matters coming up for discussion.

REBATES OF RENT.

For prompt payment of rent, rebates amounting to £2,896 ls. 4d. were granted to 2,344 tenants on ordinary Crown lands, £1,584 6s. 7d. to 347 tenants on settlement lands, and £70 los. 3d. to twenty-eight tenants on national-endowment lands.

ARREARS OF RENTAL.

On ordinary Crown lands 129 tenants were £3,846 8s. 5d. in arrear with their rent, exclusive of the current half-yearly instalment. Including the current half-yearly instalment, the arrears under this heading were £6,922 17s. 10d. due by 328 tenants.

On land-for-settlements estates, excluding current instalment, sixteen tenants were £339 10s. 6d. in arrear. Including current instalment, thirty tenants owed arrears amounting to £854 7s. 7d.

On national-endowment areas, arrears amounted to £256 0s. 9d. due by three tenants, exclusive of current instalment; and £492 9s. 2d. due by eleven tenants, inclusive of current instalment.

On education endowments twenty-two settlers were £224 2s. 4d. in arrear with two or more payments, while, including the current instalment, £863 12s. 10d. was owing by eighty-two tenants.

The gross arrears—viz., £9,133 7s. 5d.—include an amount of £3,850 16s. owing by settlers in the Kaitieke and Retaruke districts, who have not been pressed for payment.

Office of the Receiver of Land Revenue.

In the Receiver's office, 8,070 ordinary revenue receipts and ninety-three provisional titles were issued, governing a gross revenue of £111,098 11s. 7d. In the Deposit Account, 879 receipts, for the sum of £16,080 6s. 9d., and 164 cheques, representing 1,416 disbursements, were issued. The sum of £5,967 18s. 4d. was paid into the Local Bodies' Deposit Account, and the sum of £10,224 19s. 10d. was paid to twenty-six local bodies.

CLERICAL.

The number of letters received during the year was 18,902, and the number despatched was 39,413. These latter comprise letters, telegrams, circulars, plans, lithos, rent notices, &c. The total correspondence thus dealt with was 58,315. There were 821 cheques covering 742 vouchers drawn on Imprest Account for the total sum of £8,633 0s. 11d. Other accounts dealt with covered 614 vouchers for £27,855 17s. 3d., and there were twelve requisitions for imprest money, representing £8,650 made during the year.

CHANGES IN CLERICAL STAFF.

After forty years' continuous service in this office, Mr. G. R. N. Wright, Chief Clerk and Secretary to the Land Board, elected to retire on superannuation last September. The retirement of such an experienced and capable officer was naturally a great loss to the Department and to me, who had only recently been appointed Commissioner here. He carries with him into his retirement the well-earned esteem and good wishes of all his fellow-officers. His place was taken by Mr. H. M. Bannister, late Chief Clerk and Secretary to the Land Board of the Taranaki District, who is also a very experienced officer.

In conclusion, I have much pleasure in advising you of the efficient and cheerful co-operation I have received from all the officers since my transfer to this district.

T. N. BRODRICK, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

NELSON.

CONDITION AND PROGRESS OF SETTLEMENT.

The settlement of this district has progressed satisfactorily during the past year, and now, since the practice has been generally adopted of not opening lands for selection until they are roaded, there are not so many complaints of want of roads.

Owing to the increase of the field staff and to the fact that several contract surveyors have been engaged on applications, chiefly on the West Coast, the arrears of these surveys, which have

for several years been large, have now been reduced to within reasonable limits.

Taken all round, the settlers in this district are a very good class, and seem generally con-

tented with their lot and their future prospects.

The roading of the backblocks is being carried out in a very satisfactory manner under the Public Works Department and the various local bodies, with the money at their disposal, but much remains to be done.

The opening of the railway to Glenhope has greatly encouraged the settlers in the vicinity of

Murchison by the reduction of freight, and by bringing them nearer to civilization.

An extension of the line to Owen Junction is now under construction, and when this is completed it will bring Murchison within 11½ miles of the terminus. This is a very thriving township, the centre of a large pastoral district, parts of which are well adapted for dairying, and the butter-factory is well patronized and is a large factor in the prosperity of the place.

LAND PROPOSED TO BE OFFERED IN 1913-14.

The following blocks of Crown lands now either under survey or shortly to be put in hand will be offered for selection next year:—

The Howard Block, consisting of some 20,000 acres already surveyed and partly roaded, within ten miles of the railway at Glenhope. The land is suitable for pastoral purposes, and will be put on the market on the completion of certain exchanges with an adjoining freeholder.

The Waimea Block, of 10,000 acres of pastoral country, within ten miles of Hope Railway-

station and twenty miles of Nelson City.

The Gowan Block, of 6,000 acres, adjoining the Howard Block and near the picturesque Lake Rotoroa.

The Lamb Valley Block, of 6,000 acres (the survey of which is completed), which is within a mile of Glenhope Railway-station.

The Station Creek Block, of 4,000 acres, adjoining the previous block.

The Matiri-Owen Block, of 8,000 acres, on the right-hand branch of the Owen River.

The Mokihinui Block, of 5,000 acres, at the forks of the Mokihinui River.

There are also some 4,000 acres in the Oparara district, and a similar area in the Waitakere district, that it is hoped to offer during the year.

INSPECTIONS BY CROWN LANDS RANGERS.

During the year the three Rangers in this district made 697 inspections of leases held by Crown tenants under the several tenures, besides innumerable other inspections and reports, &c. The improvements required amounted to £64,675, whereas those actually made totalled £132,758—more than double the requirements of the Act. The defaulters numbered seventy-three for deficient improvements only, ninety-six for non-residence only, and forty-eight for both. In the Buller and Inangahua Counties the Rangers have to undertake a large amount of work for the Wardens in connection with mining privileges, &c. Altogether the Crown tenants felled 11,800 acres of bush during the year, mostly on the West Coast, where, owing to a wet season, there have not been many satisfactory burns.

TENURES.

The bulk of the lands selected during the year were either on renewable lease or pastoral license, as most of the land offered was either in the national-endowment area or in a mining district.

ARREARS OF RENT.

Apart from the endowment lands and primary and secondary education, the arrears amount to £2,492 12s. 5d. The largest item is £792 16s., on Braeburn Settlement. It was not considered advisable to unduly press these settlers for their rent, as they have had a hard struggle, and their improvements constitute good security for their indebtedness, and settlement has to be pursued under considerable disadvantages. The arrears of ordinary endowment amount to £4,569 14s. 11d., mostly on coal leases. This revenue belongs to the Westport Harbour Board, who have allowed one large coal company a considerable amount of latitude in the matter of payment, owing to unforeseen circumstances and labour troubles.

EDUCATION ENDOWMENTS.

Since the above have been administered by this Department everything in connection therewith has been running smoothly, and calls for no special remarks. The arrears of rent are not unduly large.

The Flax Industry.

This industry is only in a very small way in this district, as the flax does not grow in sufficient quantities in any one locality to make milling profitable at the present fluctuating price of fibre.

THE FRUIT INDUSTRY.

This industry is year by year assuming larger proportions in the northern part of the district, and the demand for land for apple-culture continues unabated. The value of this business to the district is enhanced by the fact that hundreds of acres of lands hitherto considered worthless have proved eminently adapted to apple-culture. The Home markets and those of South America are being exploited, and the fruit is coming into such favour and repute that the future of the industry seems assured. Peaches, nectarines, and small fruit are grown to a considerable extent, especially in Motueka and the Waimeas, where there are six canning and preserving factories, all working at high pressure during the season in order to cope with the fruit coming in.

THE DAIRY INDUSTRY.

This important industry is growing fast, and is proving a valuable adjunct to the small farmer, and the number of butter and cheese factories is steadily increasing. One or other of these factories is now established at Takaka, Collingwood, Brightwater, Murchison, Purumahoe, Richmond, Karamea, Birchfield, Charleston, and Cronadun, thus being well distributed over the district.

THE COAL INDUSTRY.

The vicinity of Westport, in the Buller County, is the most productive part of Nelson District with regard to coal, the output for last year being 848,200 tons. There are also some small mines working near Reefton, the total output from which was only 8,357 tons, all consumed locally, a considerable decrease on the previous year's figures, owing to labour troubles. Near Collingwood there are two companies in active operation—the North Cape and Puponga both supplying considerable quantities of coal, which is in very good repute for household purposes. There is also another mine with excellent prospects being developed near Ferntown. In the Collingwood district, also, the industry was greatly hampered during the year by labour

THE LAND BOARD.

The usual monthly meetings were held in Nelson, and special meetings at Westport and Reefton. During the year Mr. J. S. Wratt, who had served many years on the Board, died somewhat suddenly at Motueka. On account of his ability and long experience, his loss will be greatly felt by the Board. Mr. Andrew Sinclair was appointed in his place.

CHANGE OF STAFF.

I desire to place on record my appreciation of the long and faithful and zealous services of Crown Lands Ranger Mr. Frank Ward, who retired on superannuation in June last.

DEPARTMENTAL.

Owing to a variety of causes the office-work has been exceedingly heavy, and it has only been with the greatest difficulty that absolutely necessary current work could be coped with. There are now 2,625 Crown tenants, and the number of letters, telegrams, &c., despatched and received was 26,960. 934 vouchers, representing £22,221 6s. 11d., passed through the books.

I have to thank the staff, both office and field, who, with a few exceptions, have co-operated

with me most heartily.

F. A. THOMPSON. Commissioner of Crown Lands.

MARLBOROUGH.

LAND OPENED FOR SALE OR SELECTION.

The total area of Crown land opened for sale or selection during the year was 11,736 acres, a considerable falling-off from the previous year. The principal block, containing about 10,000 acres (opened in March), is situated in the Upper Pelorus Valley, and being rather rough and of poor quality, only four sections, containing 3,441 acres, have so far been taken up.

OPERATIONS DURING THE COMING YEAR,

The only block of ordinary Crown land of any dimensions likely to be opened during the year is situated in the Opouri Valley, in the Wakamarina and Tennyson Survey Districts. This land (approximately 4,000 acres) contained the finest timber in the district, and Messrs. Brownlee and Co. (sawmillers) expect to finish cutting early next autumn. The valley contains a considerable extent of alluvial flats, and with the adjoining hill country should cut up into a number of dairy farms, as it is close to the Flat Creek Dairy Factory. The block will be easily roaded, and is handy of access to the main Nelson-Blenheim coach-road.

RANGERS' REPORTS AND PROGRESS OF SETTLEMENT.

From the nature of the reports received from the Rangers it is evident that the Crown tenants have, generally speaking, had a good year. The exceptionally dry summer enabled the settlers to obtain good burns over the old as well as the newly fallen clearings, and greatly facilitated the clearing-up of rubbish preparatory to resowing. These benefits have been discounted somewhat by the dryness of pasture towards the end of the season, and the consequent shortness

of feed not only for late summer, but winter feeding. This shortage has affected the dairy-factory supplies of North Marlborough, and the quantity of milk coming forward has fallen below the average. There has been an all-round increase in the dairying output, and the season has been a successful one. A large number of farmers in the vicinity of Blenheim, and as far south as Ward, forward their cream to Wellington by river boat for manufacture into butter. The growing of lucerne in the dry and stony areas of Marlborough promises to bring into use a large extent of land hitherto considered useless for the purposes of dairying. Those engaged in graingrowing have had excellent results, and the returns from wool have been highly satisfactory. The unfortunate strike of slaughtermen, and the impossibility of quitting their lambs at the proper time has been a serious blow to many of our grazing tenants.

The improvements carried out by Crown tenants again show a large increase over the amount required by the Land Act. The number of holdings inspected by the Rangers (exclusive of land-for-settlement holdings) was 179, over an area of 200,081 acres, the improvements required by the Act being £48,144, and actually carried out £119,968. The arrears of rent at 31st March

amounted to £953 16s. 8d.; of this sum a considerable proportion has since been received.

FLAX INDUSTRY.

The high price of flax has caused a revival in this industry, and nearly all the mills are again at work, some of them working night shifts. A large number of unskilled labourers are employed in the cutting, carting, &c., of the raw material. Great difficulty is experienced in obtaining suitable labour for this work, and one or two of the mills are closing down on this account. Under contract, men have been known to make over £20 a month at flax-cutting, and yet there is a shortage.

Lease in Perpetuity made Freehold under the Provisions of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912.

Only three applications have so far been received for the conversion of lease-in-perpetuity holdings into freehold, in each case representing only small areas.

REBATES OF RENT.

For prompt payment of rent, rebates amounting to £2,253 5s. 6d. were granted to 726 tenants made up of £1,853 17s. 1d. on land-for-settlements holdings, and £399 8s. 5d. to tenants on ordinary Crown lands and national-endowment lands.

CLIMATIC RESERVES.

With regard to climatic reserves, or land set aside for the growth and preservation of timber, I beg to state that a very considerable area, amounting to 21,000 acres, has during the year been permanently reserved by Proclamation for this purpose. These areas are made up almost entirely of the upper slopes and peaks of the bush-clad ranges throughout the Sounds and Port Underwood districts. The most prominent features of these reservations are: Mount Stokes, or Pororangu (3,951 ft.), which dominates the whole seaward or Cook Strait front of the Sounds County; and Mount Robertson, or Tokomaru (3,397 ft.), on the Picton – Port Underwood watershed. Further additions to this class of reserves will, I hope, be made soon along the mountain backbone that constitutes the watershed of the Wairau-Pelorus valleys. I quite anticipate that fires will from time to time during the drier seasons damage these fine reservations, but their areas are now sufficiently large, and the climatic conditions favourable, to their recovering and renewing themselves with young growth. On no consideration should resumption be permitted over such burnt-out areas and the land allowed to be taken up by the adjoining holders, for the reason that such a course would probably lead to the wilful destruction of tracts of reserved bush. With the exception of the fire that swept over the Rai Saddle reservation, Mount Duppa Range, in February last, little damage, I am pleased to say, has been suffered during the year from this source by the large area of climatic reserves throughout the district.

DEPARTMENTAL.

The Land Board held twelve ordinary meetings, and one special meeting in January in the Pelorus Valley in connection with applications for timber licenses. The third biennial election for a representative of the Crown tenants on the Board was held on the 16th December, 1912, resulting in the return of the sitting member—Mr. James Fulton—by a large majority. Fifty per cent. only of the tenants availed themselves of the opportunity to record their votes, from which it may be inferred that the privilege is not greatly valued by many of the leaseholders. Mr. H. M. Reader, one of the nominated members, whose seat has been filled by Mr. J. S. Storey, has sat continuously for ten years, and I would like to express my appreciation of the energy and ability he has thrown into the work of the Board during his term of office.

I have to express my thanks to the Chief Clerk and other members of the staff for the able

and ready assistance accorded me during the past year.

W. H. SKINNER, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

WESTLAND.

As an agricultural district Westland is as yet in a somewhat undeveloped state, due to the fact that until recent years attention was almost wholly devoted to the development of the mining resources. The first stages of transition from mining to agriculture must of necessity be slow, as, for the reasonable protection of the miner until such time as the land has been thoroughly tested, tenures of sufficient permanency to warrant settlers investing the capital necessary to bring the land to a reproductive state cannot be granted. It is, however, essential that lands be not withheld from lease for any unreasonable length of time after active mining operations have ceased, as the interval of inactivity seriously retards the progress of the district. The withholding from selection of lands that have not within recent years been worked in view of the possibility that minerals may at a later date be found in the deeper levels is not justified, as in the meantime the surface soil could be turned to profit, and the fact of his being required to compensate the farmer for the clearing of the land would not deter the miner from working the ground, provided that a reasonable basis for assessment of the compensation were provided. From an agricultural point of view, Westland has suffered somewhat severely in the past on account of the absence of a tenure that would satisfactorily solve the difficulty as between miner and settler. Regulations have, however, now been issued which, while offering security of tenure to the settler, reduce the liability of the miner to such an extent that it should be possible to lease all lands not actually covered by mining licenses.

On account of the moistness of the climate and the uncertainty of the seasons, the district is not adapted to agricultural farming, but in the matter of dairying and grazing, prospects of a very useful future are decidedly promising. The suitability of the lands for dairving is now being recognized, and those factories at present operating are producing very gratifying returns. A new factory has been established at Kumara during the year, and three new co-operative dairy-factory associations have also been formed. The establishment of dairy factories is resulting in increasing land-values, but competent judges aver that ruling prices are lower than those for similar classes of land in any other district. This is no doubt due to some extent to the isolation of the district, but also largely to the fact that the possibilities of the land for dairying and pastoral purposes are not generally known. The settlers almost wholly depend merely upon rough clearing and surface-sown grass, and while values are low they can thus obtain a fair return for their outlay; but with the advent of scientific farming, the productive value will be largely increased, and enhanced prices will be demanded. Inquiries from other parts of the Dominion, more especially for cattle runs, are fairly numerous. There is at present a considerable area of land notified in the Crown Lands Guide open for selection, but practically the whole is situated in the southern part of the district, which is as yet in an undeveloped state, and somewhat sparsely populated. The sections are generally bush-covered, and when cleared and grassed would be suitable for dairying purposes; but as there are at present no dairy factories in existence further south than Wataroa, some sixty-two miles from Hokitika, there is no inducement for men with small means to acquire the sections, as the only purpose for which they could be used at present is for rearing and fattening cattle, and for these purposes large areas and considerable capital are required. Several blocks of land in the northern district are at present being subdivided for settlement under the special regulations recently issued.

A splendid crop of grass has been recorded in all parts of the district during the past year, and the supply of milk to the factories has been well maintained. The wet season has, however, been somewhat unfavourable for getting new areas under grass on account of the difficulty in getting a satisfactory burn. A considerable area of bush has been felled, and in the case of those settlers who were fortunate enough to strike favourable weather-conditions, the new grass and green crops have proved very satisfactory. The hay-crops were generally a failure. The settlers as a whole are very well satisfied with the year's returns, and good progress is being made

Unfortunately the warm rains at the close of the year produced very severe floods in a number of the rivers, and somewhat serious damage resulted to roads and bridges, while the holdings of settlers in some localities suffered considerably. The greatest damage occurred at inter-Wanganui, where the Wanganui River cut a new channel through a valuable dairying district. The actual losses in lands and stock did not amount to any very considerable sum, but the prospective damage to property and consequent decline in values that will result unless the water is prevented from flowing in the new channel is a very serious matter. However, temporary protective works have already been effected, and the promise of financial assistance from the Government in the erection of a permanent stop-bank has saved the situation, as the settlers in the locality feel that the safety of their holdings from further damage is assured.

On account of the improvement in the flax-market the whole of the flax-mills in the district,

which have been closed down for the past two years, have recommenced operations.

The whole of the sawmills were in active operation during practically the whole of the year, and a total of approximately 54,286,300 ft. of timber was cut, but the market at present, especially

for white-pine, is somewhat dull, and cutting operations are consequently restricted.

In the matter of the eradication of noxious weeds, operations on Crown lands have been confined to ragwort and Californian thistle, which have been systematically cleared; but it is very necessary that action should also be taken to deal with blackberry, which is a very serious menace to the agricultural future of the district. The eradication will involve the expenditure of a very large sum of money, but it is a matter that demands early attention. It is impracticable to obtain any satisfactory and permanent results by cutting and grubbing, as a very large proportion of the infested areas comprises mining tailings from which the roots cannot be removed at a reasonable cost, but up to the present no other satisfactory method of eradicating this pest has been discovered. Fair results have at times been obtained by spraying with a solu-

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tion of arsenic and caustic soda, but this is effective only in dry climates. The expenditure of a sum of money in conducting experiments to discover the most practicable and effectual method of eradicating blackberry would be amply justified, and I would strongly recommend that this

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course be adopted.

At the date on which the administration of education-endowment reserves was vested in the Land Board, practically the whole of the area reserved was held under leases which are still current. The reserves include an area of some 7,000 acres of land carrying sawmilling timber, the right to cut which has already been granted, and, as a large proportion of this area is situated in the southern portion of the district, it is improbable that the timber will be cut out for some years. In the meantime the land cannot be dealt with for agricultural purposes, as the destruction of a large amount of valuable sawmilling timber would result.

The operations of the past year have been very satisfactory both in the matter of the increase in settlement and the revenue received, and the prospects for the coming year are very promising.

During the year a vacancy occurred on the Land Board owing to the resignation of Mr. M. J.

Pollock, to whom the district is indebted for ten years of useful and attentive service.

My thanks are due to the office staff for the capable manner in which they have performed the various duties allotted to them. I would especially mention Mr. Sandford, Chief Clerk, for the very efficient manner in which he has carried on the work of the office during my absence on the Forestry Commission.

H. D. M. HASZARD, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

CANTERBURY.

LANDS OFFERED FOR DISPOSAL.

During the past financial year there has been great activity, and the officers of the Land Board have been very fully employed in the disposal of fourteen new settlements, situated mostly in South Canterbury, under the Land for Settlements Act, comprising 95,853 acres. Further particulars are given in separate report.

In the Hororata and Rangiora Survey Districts there were 63 acres sold at auction at the

price of £377.

In the Cheviot Estate 634 acres were disposed of in twelve lots, under renewable lease, by ballot. The pastoral run adjoining the big bush at Kowai, in the Selwyn County, comprising 6,600 acres, was offered at auction, and was disposed of at the upset price. Another pastoral run was let for the first time in the Waipara County, containing 445 acres, the upset rental being £112 per annum, and was disposed of at an annual rental of £155. The license of a pastoral run at Lake Coleridge fell in, and was reoffered as two small grazing-runs, forty-five applicants being admitted to the ballots.

LAND REVENUE, PAYMENT OF RENTS, ARREARS, AND REBATES.

The total revenue for the past year amounted to £202,256 13s. 11d., being an increase of £29,685 18s. 1d. over the previous year. This is due to the great increase of lands selected under the Land for Settlements Act. The total amount of rent in arrears at the 31st March, 1912, exclusive of current payments, was £6,462 2s. 3d., or 3 per cent. on the annual rent-roll. The total sum allowed for rebates for prompt payment of rent was £10,433 8s. 7d., the number of tenants who participated in this privilege being 2,391.

FREEHOLD.

Four holders of leases in perpetuity, comprising 364 acres 1 rood 12 perches of Crown land, to the value of £704 14s. 11d., have applied to acquire freehold under the provisions of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912; and one holder of renewable lease of settlement land has also taken advantage of the opportunity to apply for the purchase of the freehold under the legislation of last session. All these transactions have not yet been completed.

FORFEITURES AND SURRENDERS.

Twelve transactions of "Lands-for-settlement Lands" came under this heading, comprising an area of 1,728 acres 2 roods 13 perches, mostly due to applicants selecting land in the new settlements without previously inspecting it, and then refusing to sign the lease. The figures this year show a reduction of eight in comparison with last year.

RANGERS' REPORTS AND CONDITION OF SETTLEMENTS.

The settlements in the whole of the district, with very few exceptions, are in a highly prosperous and flourishing condition; the exceptions are the later settlements, owing to the

partial failure of the grain crops and the smallness of some of the areas.

A noticeable feature of the land-ballots held during the year was the preference by applicants for pastoral instead of agricultural lands. The season of 1912 was one of the worst experienced for some years by the North Canterbury pastoral-run holders, the percentage of losses in stock being very much greater than usual owing to the severe winter and heavy falls of snow, which also considerably reduced the lambing percentages. The high prices now ruling for all classes of sheep places these holders at a considerable disadvantage in replacing their

depleted flocks. Eight of these licensees have applied for relief under the provisions of section 27 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912, for an extension of their licenses.

The area under the Land for Settlements Act in North Canterbury and the older settlements in the other parts of the district are in a very satisfactory condition. Although the grain-crops returns for the past year have not been as good as previously, the yield would have been well up to the average of other years had it not been for the unusual number of north-west winds that prevailed just before harvesting, the grain ripening before it came to maturity, thereby reducing the yield per acre. Other crops have produced good returns, and as the prices obtained for wool, mutton, and all other produce are well above the average of other years, these tenants, on the whole, have had a prosperous year. A noticeable feature with these lands that have been selected a few years ago is the increasing goodwills that are paid by the incoming tenants, proving that these lands have been a good investment for the original selectors.

The licensees of the pastoral runs situated in the Mackenzie, Ashley, and Amuri Counties disposed of in February, 1911, took possession in February of last year, and are now due for

inspection.

The lessees of the four small grazing-runs which were disposed of in the Mackenzie County last year, covering an area of 77,780 acres, have effected £3,886 worth of improvements in excess of requirements. The improvements are all of a substantial character, and the settlers are in good heart.

CROWN LANDS, ORDINARY.

There have been only a few small blocks of land available for small holdings for some years past. The older settlements are thoroughly well established, and are satisfactory in every way. The tenants' interests in the value of their holdings exceeds in most cases that of the Crown, goodwills in some cases placing the original selectors in a position of affluence. Some of the light lands in the Oxford and Ashburton districts, by means of careful husbandry, now produce satisfactory crops of rye, oats, and turnips. The lands on the margin of Lake Ellesmere have experienced a period of immunity from damage by overflow of lake-water, and have profited accordingly. There is now very little which requires special mention, except that it may be possible to further subdivide some of the front pastoral country at the expiration of the present leases when the opportunity of attaching the lesser subdivisions to small areas of acquired lands for the purpose of providing disconnected homesteads is taken advantage of.

The education reserves are generally in fair order, although the insecurity of the present leases is not conducive to keep the improvements in first-class condition; but as the leases fall in the new leases to be issued by the Department will give the settlers a better tenure, and we may look for some substantial improvements, and for the reserves being brought into better condition. Four education leases, paying £321 per annum, which expired during the year,

were renewed at £482 per annum, being an increased rental of £161.

LANDS TO BE OPENED IN THE COMING YEAR.

Fourteen hundred acres of Crown land in the worked-out Oxford Bush will be offered shortly under the optional system in six sections, varying from 200 to 300 acres, and from present indications will be keenly sought for. Two pastoral runs, comprising an area of 14,300 acres, in the Ashburton district will also be offered.

Two pastoral runs in the Ashley and Oxford counties will be subdivided into five pastoral

runs and offered during the coming year.

The eight Greta Peaks small grazing-runs at Scargill, comprising 13,000 acres, have been subdivided, and will also be offered.

TRANSFERS.

The total number of transfers approved by the Land Board was 217, comprising an area of 330,970 acres. The total number, omitting the temporary licenses, is shown hereunder:—

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Lease in perpetuity:	Land for	$_{ m r}$ settlem	$_{ m ent}$		91	13,172	3	20
,,	Ordinar	y Crown	land		24	6,138	2	4
Renewable-lease lands	for settle	ement		*	14	3,593	2	17
Education reserves					16	2,175	1	22
Pastoral runs					13	272,655	2	0
Small grazing-runs					9	29,445	2	25
Farm-homestead leases	3				5	550	1	34
Village-homestead leas	es				22	694	0	2
Grazing-farms					1	1,886	0	0
Perpetual lease (Crown	land)				1 .	60	0	0
Miscellaneous (licenses					21			
				2	17	330,370	0	4

Twelve transfers were refused.

FOREST AND SCENIC RESERVES.

The only scenic reserves in the district upon which any work has been done during the year are those situated in the Port Hills, and separate reports on these will be forwarded.

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CHEVIOT ESTATE.

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The permanently residing population is now approximately 1,030 souls. The value of improvements effected is estimated at £126,298; area in crop, about 7,300 acres. The Cheviot lands are now benefiting by the advent of the railway, which is enhancing the unimproved value of the holdings. The holders of small areas are dairying, and using the railway to convey the produce to the factories further down the line. The Cheviot Settlement is prosperous.

DEPARTMENTAL.

The total number of ordinary meetings of the Land Board was thirteen, and there were thirteen special meetings held during the year. The number of imprest vouchers was 497, covering £4,401 10s., and the pre-audit vouchers amounted to 485, amounting to £34,549 17s. 9d., the total being 955, for £38,951 7s. 9d.

The office staff has been kept busy in disposing of the large number of settlements, and an

exceptional number of statutory applications were received, considered, and dealt with.

Mr. R. McNab, the Receiver of Land Revenue, was retired on superannuation after thirty-five years of honourable service, and was succeeded by Mr. G. W. Palmer. Mr. John Forrester, Crown Lands Ranger, was also retired on superannuation during the year, after fifteen years' faithful service.

I have much pleasure in thanking all officers for their assistance since I assumed charge in June, 1912, having succeeded Mr. T. N. Brodrick, who was transferred to Wellington.

C. R. Pollen, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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The progress of settlement in this district is shown by the fact that the area now held is 5,731,525 acres, from which accrues an aggregate yearly rental of £126,526 16s. 9d. The net result of the past year's transactions was to bring seventy-three more tenants under the Land Board's jurisdiction, holding an area of 37,290 acres. Of these new tenants, fourteen took up farms which were subdivisions of the Elderslie No. 2 Settlement, near Enfield, and nine selected holdings when the Otanomomo Settlement, near Balclutha, was placed upon the market.

It is a pleasure to me to record that the Crown tenants in this district are, on the whole, satisfactorily fulfilling the conditions of their leases, and that land-speculators are rarely in evidence. The tenantry experienced an unusually good season during the past twelve months, and

have thus been enabled to pay their rents promptly.

LAND TENURES AND TRANSACTIONS.

During the year twenty tenants availed themselves of the opportunity to convert their holdings into freeholds, and in this way the Crown parted with the fee-simple of 2,457 acres. Of these twenty tenants, one held a deferred-payment license, nine perpetual leases, five occupation-with-right-of-purchase licenses, two leases in perpetuity, one a village-settlement deferred-payment license, one a village-settlement perpetual lease, and one a village-homestead lease in perpetuity. Although tenants of farms of ordinary Crown land under the 999 years' lease have so far been slow to acquire the fee-simple of their lands, yet numerous inquiries have been made as to the terms of conversion, and there are not wanting indications that there will shortly be a brisker demand for the freehold of these leases in perpetuity. New selectors still evince a partiality for the occupation-with-right-of-purchase tenure, more especially as the right of purchase is now exercisable at any time after six years from the date of the license. Seventeen new settlers marked their preference in this way in respect of land offered under the optional system—that is to say, in relation to land offered for cash, on occupation-with-right-of-purchase tenure, or under the renewable-lease tenure. Six small grazing-runs of national-endowment land, comprising 20,356 acres, were also leased. Two of these runs were subdivisions of Moutere Station, near Clyde, and three were subdivision of Lochindorb Station, near Clinton. The large number of applications lodged for this class of pastoral country shows that there is still existent a keen demand for land suited for the grazing of sheep. Nine pastoral runs, of a total area of 99,236 acres, and bringing an annual rental of £1,270 4s., were also leased. One of these runs was a large tract of land in the Lakes District, 57,400 acres in extent, and let at £5 a year.

Among minor transactions there was noticeable a slightly increased desire for timber country, eleven new licenses over 1,830 acres having been issued to various sawmilling enterprises.

ARREARS OF RENT.

The amount of rent in arrear, exclusive of the current half-yearly instalments payable in advance, is £233 17s. 8d. in respect of all tenures. The sum outstanding at this time last year was £1,178 1s. 4d., so that the considerable reduction effected—due, no doubt, in a large measure to the excellent season experienced—cannot but be regarded with satisfaction. It is noteworthy also that not a single tenant had cause to apply for a remission in rent.

FORFEITURES AND SURRENDERS.

Thirty-seven tenants forfeited their holdings either through failure to pay the rental at the due dates, non-improvement of their land, or non-compliance with the residential conditions.

None of these forfeitures was of any magnitude, and the resultant loss in revenue was small. Fifteen tenants surrendered the leases of their sections, one of these tenants being a new settler on Conical Hills Settlement, who abandoned his farm of 436 acres without any real attempt to test the worth of his holding. The section has since been relet. The other surrenders do not call for special comment.

TRANSFERS

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Transfers of leases were granted	during the	year as	follows:		No.	Area. Acres.
Lease in perpetuity (ordina	ary)			. , .	44	12,371
,, (land t	for settleme	$\mathrm{ents})$			50	9,339
Renewable lease (ordinary)					12	1,850
	settlements))			. 5	5,009
Occupation with right of pu	ırchase				17	1,448
Small grazing-runs					35 .	136,225
Perpetual leases	•••				14	1,996
Occupation leases					16	512
Pastoral runs					19	319,809
Miscellaneous licenses					38	5,456
Education-endowment leases	š				24	1,558
Totals					$\overline{274}$	${495,573}$

EDUCATION ENDOWMENTS.

In dealing with these lands the Land Board, while not overlooking the interests of closer settlement, affirmed the principle of obtaining the highest revenue for education, and in cases where deemed advisable the lands comprised in expiring leases were disposed of by auction under the provisions of the Public Bodies' Leases Act, 1908. The term of lease fixed for rural lands was twenty-one years, with perpetual right of renewal, at a rent to be fixed by arbitration at the end of each term of twenty-one years. The term of lease for town lands was twenty-one years without right of renewal. In a number of instances it was deemed desirable to grant the outgoing tenants a renewal of lease for twenty-one years at rentals fixed by the Board, the lessee having an option either to accept a renewal of lease at the end of the term of twenty-one years (said rent to be fixed by arbitration) or to have a lease offered for sale by auction, and so on from time to time in perpetuity. In most cases the rent obtained was considerably greater than the former rent. During the year rents were paid punctually in advance, and the total of arrears at the end of the year was comparatively small.

There are several small reserves in the Otago District (principally quarter-acre township sections) which are unletable and unproductive of revenue. I suggest that statutory power be conferred on the Land Board either to sell such sections or to exchange them for other land from

which an income could be derived.

E. H. WILMOT, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SOUTHLAND.

The total number of tenants now on the books in this district is 3,118, and the total area leased, including endowments, is 2,180,871 acres 3 roods 15 perches, while the annual rental amounts to £42,382 13s. 10d. The gross revenue received for the year was £52,890 1s. 8d., which is slightly under last year's revenue, but exceeds the estimate by £3,075.

LAND TENURES AND TRANSACTIONS.

An area of 611 acres was sold for cash to twenty-four purchasers, while tenants under the various tenures acquired the freehold of the following areas: Perpetual lease, two lessees, area 162 acres; occupation with right of purchase, nineteen licensees, area 3,146 acres; lease in perpetuity, thirteen lessees, area 5,472 acres; occupation with right of purchase (improved farms), two licensees, area 160 acres; perpetual-lease village, three lessees, area 38 acres; lease in perpetuity, village, twenty-one lessees, area 278 acres.

The selections under the occupation-with-right-of-purchase system numbered forty-five, and the area selected 8,987 acres. The renewable lease (ordinary) selections were thirty-one, with a total area of 6,075 acres; while an area of 2,067 acres was selected on the renewable-lease land-for-

settlement tenure by eleven applicants.

The only transactions under "Pastoral Run" heading were two selections of Crown runs and one national-endowment selection. These runs were held formerly, and were sold twelve months ago with possession on 1st March last. Sixty-nine temporary and miscellaneous licenses were granted over an area of 7,269 acres, and incidentally it might be mentioned that this tenure is very useful in Southland, as it enables reserves and Crown lands which cannot be offered on permanent tenures to be leased to tenants at a nominal rent, subject to all existing rights and to the destruction of weeds. During the year fifty-one education-endowment leases, embracing an area of 6,166 acres, expired, while there were thirty selections, covering an area of 3,901 acres, and twenty-five renewals with an area of 4,897 acres. There are now 779 tenants of educationendowment lands, with a total area of 337,492 acres, and an annual rental of £14,352, and it has been found that both the administrative and office work in connection with these lands is and will continue to be very considerable.

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ARREARS OF RENT.

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The outstanding rents at the close of the year amounted to only £386 6s. 5d. owing by nineteen tenants. This result is highly satisfactory, and it is anticipated that the arrears will be paid, as in the majority of cases good reason has been given for non-payment.

FREEHOLD TITLES ISSUED.

The subjoined table shows the number of provisional titles issued during the year by the Receiver of Land Revenue:—

Tenure.					No.	Area in Acres.
Cash					24	611
Perpetual lease					2	162
Occupation with right of p	ourchase				19	3,146
Lease in perpetuity					13	5,472
Perpetual lease, village					3	38
Lease in perpetuity, village	e				21	278
Occupation with right of p	ourchase (imp	proved-far	m settlem	ent)	2	160
Totals		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			84	9,867

Compared with last year's figures, this table shows a decrease of twenty-four purchasers and 5,390 acres, and this was responsible for the slight decrease in revenue as mentioned in my opening paragraph.

TRANSFERS.

During the year 212 transfers were approved by the Land Board and registered. The following table gives particulars of transfers under the various tenures:—

Tenure.	No.	Are	a.
Tenare.	110.	Α.	R. P.
Lease in perpetuity (ordinary and village home	estead) 57	9,233	0 24
,, (land for settlement)	$\dots 21$	4,217	2 4
Occupation with right of purchase	$\dots 29$	$5,\overline{38}3$	$1 \ 30$
Perpetual lease	3	850	3 29
Mining-district land-occupation leases	3	112	$3 \ 33$
Renewable lease (ordinary and village homestea	12	1,784	3 26
,, (land for settlement)	1	269	0 0
Small grazing-runs	3	12,536	0 21
Pastoral licenses	\dots 5	56,380	0 0
Miscellaneous	\dots 23	1,644	2 35
Sawmill areas	1	200	0 0
Certificates of occupation	\dots 2	156	3 5
Education endowments	\dots 52	21,009	1 35
Grand total	$\dots \overline{212}$	$\frac{1}{113,779}$	0 2

LANDS OPENED FOR SELECTION.

During the year an area of 23,883 acres was placed on the market, and the greater part of the same selected. The land opened was mostly worked-out bush areas, and in nearly every case the competition at the ballot was keen, as will be seen by a glance at the following table, which shows that 433 applications were received for eighty-three sections:—

Block.	 	 5 <i>)</i>	,		mber of ections.	Number of Applicants.
Longwood	 	 			11	23
Campbelltown	 	 			8	2
Maori Hill	 	 			10	38
Jacob's River	 	 			6	20
Longwood	 	 •••			7	63
Mokoreta	 1	 			$^{-}2$. 49
Invercargill	 	 • • •			17	58
Aparima	 	 			4	27
Invercargill	 	 		• • • •	1	$\bf 24$
Alton	 	 			3	95
Aparima	 	 			7	6
Invercargill	 	 	•••		7	28
<u> </u>						
					83	433

Maori Hill Settlement was purchased under the Land for Settlements Act, and opened for selection during the year. The whole of the sections offered except one have been disposed of, and in view of the outside competition and the present tightness of the money-market the result of the sale is very satisfactory.

LANDS TO BE OPENED FOR SELECTION.

I hope to be in a position to place about 18,500 acres of new lands in the market during the current year, and in the meantime the surveys of the blocks are being pushed on as expeditiously as possible. The lands referred to, with the exception of about 1,000 acres at Waikaka, are mostly

worked-out sawmill areas, and are situated in Alton, Longwood, Hokonui, Aparima, Lillburn, New River, and Campbelltown districts. Worked-out bush country is eagerly sought after in Southland, and I anticipate that the lands will be selected when opened to application.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Taken on the whole, Crown tenants have experienced a fair year, and the prices of stock and produce have been satisfactory. The weather, however, has not been all that could be desired. The spring was cold and wet, and this naturally retarded the farmer in his cultivation and sowing operations. Again, the harvest weather was not of the best, and much anxiety and trouble were experienced in saving the crops. Towards the end of March several of the Southland rivers were badly flooded, and it is reported that a number of the tenants, chiefly education-endowment ones, on the Mataura River, have had considerable losses of stock and improvements.

Grass has been plentiful, and the dairying industry has been good. At the present time there are fifty-six cheese factories and four butter and condensing factories in actual operation throughout the district. A very considerable number of Crown tenants are suppliers to these factories, and thus obtain ready money monthly, which enables them to improve their farms, and thus increase the carrying-capacity. The intake of milk at these factories ranges from 800 gallons

to 12,000 gallons per day.

Crown tenants, with few exceptions, continue to fulfil the conditions of their respective leases in a satisfactory manner, and, on the whole, appear to be a very satisfied community.

DEPARTMENTAL.

The period under review has been a very strenuous one for the clerical staff, the volume of work going through the office having increased considerably, and some of the newer work, such as renewals and arbitration of education leases, small grazing-runs, and perpetual leases, requires close attention and careful handling. The work in connection with education leases in this district is, and always will be, of an important nature. All officers have worked well on the particular duties allotted them, and I have much pleasure in recording my appreciation of the cheerful and willing assistance I have at all times received from my staff.

G. H. M. McClure, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

AUCKLAND.

THERE has been comparatively little change in the estates held under the Land for Settlements Act, but the general progress noted in last year's report has been well maintained, and the condition of the settlers is, on the whole, one of sound prosperity. Dairying is the staple industry of most of the settlers, so that the amount of white crops grown is small, but green crops are grown with success, and satisfactory attention is paid to the renewing and improvement of pastures. The dairying industry also leads to the subdivision of many of the large sections on the old and well-established settlements, as the holders find that when once the lands have been brought into reproductive condition the smaller areas can be worked to proportionally better advantage. The improvements on most of the holdings are much in excess of statutory requirements, and the conditions of the leases are satisfactorily fulfilled.

The suburban settlements near Auckland are in a flourishing condition, and afford comfortable homes, and supplementary incomes from fruit and poultry, to the tenants, many of whom are now seeking to acquire the freehold of their sections.

H. M. SKEET, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

HAWKE'S BAY.

There are now eighteen settlements in the southern portion of this district. Two of these Sherenden and Waihau—have only been recently acquired and opened for selection. Sherenden was all selected at the ballot, and the settlers have already made considerable headway in stocking, fencing, and erecting residences. It is pastoral country, best adapted for sheep, and three parts of it is ploughable, and responds excellently to cultivation. Waihau Settlement, consisting of the Waihau, Ngaroto, and Peka Peka Estates, was not in great demand, and only half the sections were selected at the ballot, but since all but two sections have been taken up. bable reason of the non-selection of this settlement is due to the poor access, non-construction of through roads, and its bad appearance at the time of the ballot, due to the dry season of five to six months' duration. Of the other sixteen settlements, only eight have been inspected, owing to the work of the Ranger in other directions being exceptionally heavy. The other eight were well beyond the requirements at last inspection. The value of the improvements effected is more than double the requirements of the Act.

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In the smaller settlements near Hastings dairying and fruit-culture are the principal sources of income, but the former industry has suffered to some extent through the prolonged spell of dry

The Raumati Settlement, near Dannevirke, has also suffered damage and loss through recent bush-fires, which have in some cases destroyed buildings and in others burnt considerable areas of grassed country used for dairying purposes, thus diminishing the milk-supply, and rendering it necessary in some instances to dispose by sale or otherwise of a number of dairy stock.

In the Tongoio Settlement experiments are being made for the purpose of destroying the black-The brambles on the scenic reserve and other spots specially chosen for the experiment have been sprayed with various poisonous solutions to test their efficacy, but it will be a few weeks before a definite opinion can be given as to which is the best spray, and whether it is likely to effect the complete destruction of the pest. It is very certain that one cutting a year is of very little use, as those cut on this estate last year have since grown trailers 6 ft. to 7 ft. long, and the cost of cutting even once a year is quite prohibitive. If the experiment is a success it will solve a difficult problem not only on Tongoio, but in many other blackberry-infested districts in the Dominion.

There is nothing of special note in connection with the other settlements, which are all in a very satisfactory condition, and furnish ample proof of the great advantages of closer settle-

In the northern part of the district, round Poverty Bay, there are eight settlements-viz., Pouparae, Waimarie, Willows, Wigan, Te Arai, Kanakania, Ngatapa, and Clydebank. All the sections on these settlements have been selected, except a small section of $9\frac{3}{4}$ acres in Te Arai Settlement, which has just been forfeited for non-compliance with the residential conditions.

The value of the improvements effected, including the original improvements, is double those required by the Act. There are very few defaulters, and their non-compliance with conditions is not serious. The settlers are all doing well, and the progress made is very satisfactory indeed.

The settlements are all so well established in this part of the district that little can be added to the reports of previous years. This portion of the district, in common with other parts of Hawke's Bay, suffered considerably from the long dry spell extending through the summer and autumn, and was the most prolonged drought experienced for many years.

ROBT. T. SADD, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

TARANAKI.

Tokaora.—Once again I have to report a most prosperous year for this settlement. settlers are doing well, and improving their holdings as far as it is possible on highly improved land such as this is. With electric power so close, many of them are installing electric milkingmachines, and are having their houses and sheds lit by electric light, while the improvement made to the buildings is most marked.

Clandon.—This settlement appears to improve each year. The majority of the settlers are clearing their land of the dead timber, and are ploughing up every available piece with the idea of regrassing as much as possible. As far as I can ascertain, all these settlers are doing

Huinga.—Taking this settlement as a whole, it appears to be in a fairly prosperous condition. Those settlers who have been able to continue milking on their holdings are doing well, but there are one or two who, from one reason or another, have gone in for sheep, and this hardly pays on high-priced small areas such as these farms are. Without doubt the change from cows to sheep is beneficial to the land, but the latter do not pay as well as the former. Some of the settlers are now going in for hedge-planting along their permanent fence-lines, foreseeing the time when fencing timber will be extremely scarce in the neighbourhood.

Spotswood.—The improvement in this settlement during the year is most marked. A number of new houses have been erected on the sections taken up, and others are in course of construction. All the section-holders are apparently satisfied with their holdings, though some of them would like to increase their size, as they see the time approaching when a rise in values is almost There are still some sections in the settlement undisposed of, and it may be desirable to offer them under Part IV of the Act of 1912 in fee-simple.

G. H. BULLARD, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

WELLINGTON.

In the west coast portion of the Wellington District the settlements are for the most part situated in the vicinities of Feilding, Bull's, and Lower Oroua, and the tenants on them engage principally in dairying, cropping, and fruit-growing. The settlements in this locality are now so well established and developed, and their success is so undoubted, that little can be added to reports of previous years.

The majority of the land-for-settlements estates are found in the east coast division of the direction, and on these the settlers are engaged in mixed farming, the higher areas being utilized

for grazing and the lower for dairying and agricultural purposes.

On the estates in the vicinity of Wellington the holdings are principally used as residential sites, but where their sections are suitable some follow poultry-farming and market-gardening.

On the whole, the settlement tenants have experienced a good year, high prices having been obtained for wool, fat stock, and dairy produce, although the prices ruling for the latter were somewhat lower than those obtained last year.

The total value of the improvements on the land-for-settlement estates in the district under

my control is set down by the Rangers at £200,139.

Holdings under the Land for Settlements Acts appear to be very popular, and I am advised that a number of prospective settlers of a good class are looking for desirable areas under these tenures.

> T. N. BRODRICK, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

NELSON.

In this district there are only two settlements—Wangapeka and Braeburn. which is mostly open country, has not had a very good season, owing to the deficient rainfall on the Nelson side of the watershed. The Braeburn Settlement is mostly heavy bush on the West Coast, and, as it is comparatively a new settlement, is dependent to a considerable extent on the dairying industry until such time as sufficient bush is felled to enable the settlers to adequately stock their holdings with sheep. The roading is not yet well enough advanced for the tenants to get their milk to the factory in anything like the quantity that would otherwise obtain with good roads, and this accounts to a great extent for the large amount of arrears of rent-viz., £792. Every year, however, this disability is being lessened, and the outlook for this settlement is distinctly promising.

F. A. THOMPSON, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

MARLBOROUGH.

All the areas acquired under the Land for Settlements Act in this district are now occupied either under permanent or temporary lease, with the exception of a few township allotments in Seddon and Ward.

The 3,134 acres in the North Bank Settlement which was withheld from selection on account

of mining has now been let on temporary lease.

The total population on the land-for-settlements holdings now number 1,130, an increase of eighty-two on last year's figures. The number of sheep again show a decrease, being only 110,709, against 117,814 of last year; this decrease is the result of the settlers realizing that better returns are obtained for wool and fat stock by understocking. Cattle have increased from 1,217 to 1,503, owing principally to a number of the settlers on the smaller holdings going in for dairying in the vicinity of Ward, the growing of lucerne enabling them to utilize the dry country. The acreage in white crops has increased from 9,825 to 10,027 acres; and of green crops, from 6,385

The number of transfers of land-for-settlements rural holdings during the year was only ten, showing that the great majority of the settlers are doing well. The value of the goodwill of sections, especially in Starborough, Richmond Brook, and Blind River, continue to increase every year, and as much as £20 per acre has been asked for land in the vicinity of Seddon, nearly four times the amount the lessee is paying rent on; and it is very seldom a leasehold is

offered except in the case of a lessee wishing to retire from farming.

The climatic conditions were very variable and broken during the year; but, taken as a whole, all the tenants have done well, both at agricultural pursuits and sheep-farming; the want

of rain in the autumn will, however, affect the winter feed for stock.

The townships of Seddon and Ward have not made much headway in the way of population; but Seddon will continue to be the outlet for the surrounding district. The number of subscribers to the Telephone Exchange now number over eighty, and nearly all the lessees on the rural holdings are connected.

The settlers at Ward have built a public hall and library, and saleyards have been erected

by the Settlers' Association, and regular sales are now held during the summer.

The total value of improvements on land-for-settlements holdings is £202,478, against

£90,483 required by the Act.

The reports of the Crown Lands Rangers show a steady increase of prosperity, and the bulk of the settlers are now assured of a prosperous future.

W. H. SKINNER, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

WESTLAND.

Only two estates in this district have been acquired for closer settlement under the Land for Settlements Acts-namely, Kokatahi and Poerua-and both have given very satisfactory results commercially. The total values on which rents were originally based amounted to £10,771, being C.-1.

an average of £2 3s. per acre, whereas the present unimproved value of the whole is assessed at £26,812, being an average of £5 8s. per acre. The original unimproved values ranged from 5s. to £4 2s. 6d. per acre, but the range in value at present is from £1 to £10 per acre. It is, however, worthy of note, as illustrating the bona fides of the tenants, that, notwithstanding the increases in values, very few transfers have taken place. The tenants without exception are very well satisfied with their holdings, and are farming them to good advantage. Improvements of a total value of £16,547 have been effected. Both of the settlements are being utilized largely for dairying purposes, and are carrying 1,420 head of cattle and 1,559 sheep, and supporting a population of upwards of a hundred persons.

H. D. M. HASZARD, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

CANTERBURY.

LAND OPENED FOR SELECTION.

Fourteen new settlements were opened for selection under renewable-lease tenure during the year as follows: Timaunga, nineteen sections, all disposed of; Four Peaks, eight sections, all disposed of; Avenel, seventeen sections, all disposed of; Valverde, eleven sections, all disposed of; Winchester, ten sections, all disposed of; Aylesbury, six sections, all disposed of; Waimate, thirty-five sections, thirty-three disposed of; Bourndale, seven sections, six disposed of; Claremont, eleven sections, all disposed of; Timaunga Extension, seven sections, two disposed of; Avenel Extension, nine sections, eight disposed of; Mount Nessing, eleven sections, all disposed of; Ashwick, eight sections, all disposed of; Strathmore, three sections, all disposed of. And the following were reopened: Scargill, one section, and Valverde, one section, both of which were disposed of.

In the case of the Waimate Settlement, all the sections but two have been disposed of, and these will probably be taken up at any time. The five unselected sections in Timaunga Extension Settlement will be regrouped and offered shortly, when there is every indication that they will be selected.

The competition was keen for the pastoral areas, as many as eighty-seven preference applicants going to ballot for some of the sections. The agricultural sections did not receive such favour, partly owing to the scarcity of labour and partly to the smallness of some of the sections. In two settlements the sections offered were not all selected at time of ballot, but are now being gradually taken up, some of the unselected sections being absorbed by the adjoining holders, and the balance grouped and are to be offered in larger holdings.

GENERAL.

Of the ninety-one settlements now established in this land district, it may be said that, as a whole, they are fairly prosperous, some more so than others. They comprise an area of 488,456 acres, occupied by 1,677 tenants representing 5,522 souls. The Rangers' reports of the new settlements opened this year are not yet due, but there is evidence that the majority are well satisfied, and needful improvements are being effected.

C. R. Pollen, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

OTAGO.

The settlers holding land under Land for Settlements Acts in Otago have had a fairly successful year, although the weather has not been all that could be desired. On the 13th February a violent storm came up from the south-west, followed by hail and rain. The hail did an immense amount of damage to the crops, especially in North Otago. In some parts the wheat and oat

crops suffered severely. The rape was in many instances completely destroyed.

The weather was dry up till January. After that a good deal of rain fell. The dry hot winds in December prematurely ripened the wheat crops. The yield, in consequence, is light, and will probably average not more than half of what it was last year. The root crop in North Otago is very poor—in many cases a complete failure. In the south the roots are much better, and will be a great help in carrying the sheep over the winter. The grass generally throughout the country is good, and to that fact is due the healthy condition of the dairying industry. The creameries distributed throughout Otago are proving a great source of profit to the small farmers, and many of these are getting into quite an independent position. Those settlers on the large areas do not intend in the future to go in for grain-growing to any great extent, on account of the difficulty of securing labour. Most of the settlers are fast getting their land down in grass, and will go in for fat lambs for freezing. The price for lambs opened this year at 18s. but came back to 17s., at which price farmers are doing well. Taken on the whole, our settlers are in a very good position, in spite of the unfavourable weather-conditions and the scarcity of labour.

A heavy flood in the Clutha did a good deal of damage to potato-crops on Barnego Flat in October last. The settlers on this portion of the settlement again suffered through a heavy flood in the river on the 28th March, which did a good deal of damage to the crops and the protective bank at the top of the flat.

> E. H. WILMOT, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SOUTHLAND.

Maori Hill Settlement, situated near Tuatapere, in the Waiau district, and comprising an area of 3,533 acres, was acquired, and 3,369 acres was placed on the market during the year, with possession to the tenants on 1st May, 1913. At the present time only one of the ten sections offered remains unselected.

The total number of tenants under the Land for Settlements Acts is now 281, holding an area of 57,730 acres, and paying an annual rental of £12,425. There are 247 residences on the settlements, and the population residing on the holdings is 1,130; while the value of the improvements effected amounts to £102,442, as against £65,362 required by the Act. The total stock on the eight settlements is: Sheep, 36,566; cattle, 7,194; horses, 1,426; and pigs, 846.

During the year an area of 4,716 acres was laid down in new grasses, and as years go on

the tenants are gradually increasing the value and carrying-capacity of their holdings.

The climatic conditions for the last year have not been good, the spring being cold and wet and the harvest season being unsatisfactory. Prices of stock and produce, however, have been good, and settlers who are suppliers to the dairy factories have had a successful year.

Generally speaking the conditions of the leases are being well complied with, and the tenants

appear to be in a very satisfactory position in every respect.

G. H. M. McClure, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

APPENDIX III.—THE TIMBER INDUSTRY.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS OF CROWN LANDS.

AUCKLAND.

The exceptional briskness in the timber trade that has been experienced for the past six or eight years is still being well maintained, although towards the end of the year there was a slight temporary falling-off in the sales of sawn timber other than kauri timber, but which has since revived itself. This, however, did not affect the comparatively high ruling prices for all classes of sawn timber, nor were the prices offered at auction sales for standing timber affected. In most instances keen competition and high prices were obtained.

It may be worthy of note that since the figures quoted in the 1910-11 Report, showing the marked increases in prices for sawn kauri timber for the period July, 1899, to December, 1910, the prices have further risen during the year by 4s. per 100 superficial feet on ordinary building-timber, and varied increases on other classes. The retail prices for sawn totara, matai, and rimu timber have also been subjected to two substantial increases during the past year, the last increase being 3s. 6d. per 100 superficial feet on ordinary building-timber, making a total increase of 6s. per 100 superficial feet on the 1903 retail price-list.

Owing to the fast-decreasing supplies of kauri timber, the attention of sawmillers and agents has been directed in a very marked degree towards the purchase of totara and rimu bushes, and during the year large sales by Native and private owners have been effected, more especially in

and around the Rotorua and Tauranga districts.

During the year five timber-measuring parties were employed, three of whom were engaged the greater part of the time measuring on the Mangatotara Block, Tauranga district, but owing to the retirement from the service of two of the timber-measurers and the removal of one measurer to Mamaku on urgent work, operations in this block were temporarily suspended. It is estimated that this block contains fully 30,000,000 ft. of good-quality rimu, &c.

The following table shows the various kinds of timber disposed of during the year ended

31st March, 1913:-

	Kauri.	Rimu.	Kahikatea.	Totara.	Matai.	Miscella- neous.	Total.	Amount realized.
Crown lands (including national endowments) State forests	6,362,746 190,993 640,248	2,732,612	2,442,168	268,198 63,282 15,742	179,661 2,212	35,832 341,104	12,021,217 595,379 772,774	£ s. d. 10,561 17 3 491 16 6 764 2 0
	7,193,987	2,774,952	2,514,400	347,222	181,873	376,936	13,389,370	11,817 15 9

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Export of timber from 1st April, 1912, to 31st March, 1913:-From Auckland: Kauri, 13,624,101 sup. ft., value £121,059; kahikatea, 18,307,010 sup. ft., value £81,704; other kinds, 13,624,101 sup. ft., value £121,059; kahikatea, 18,307,010 sup. ft., value £81,704; other kinds, 1,700,041 sup. ft., value £6,623: total, 33,631,152 sup. ft., value £209,386. From Kaipara, Kauri, 6,342,873 sup. ft., value £45,076; kahikatea, 19,325,955 sup. ft., value £88,049; other kinds, 1,673,353 sup. ft., value £5,994: total, 27,342,181 sup. ft., value £139,119.

Imports of timber from 1st April, 1912, to 31st March, 1913:—Auckland: Sawn timber, 5,862,980 sup. ft., value £50,947; laths, logs, shingles, palings, posts, rails, &c., value £2,446: total value of timber imported, £53,393. Kaipara: Sawn timber, 48,570 sup. ft. value £652; logs, value £539: total value of timber imported, £1,191.

Timber-floating: New licenses granted, 12; licenses renewed, 67; duplicate license, 1; licenses in oxistance, 138

licenses in existence, 138.

The Inspector of Forests (Mr. J. H. Boscawen) reports that during the year he has visited and inspected all the State forests in the district. The drought in the northern district and the destructive fires which swept over many localities proved a source of anxiety, but fortunately the Crown forests, with one lesser exception, escaped damage. In all the northern forests the effect of the drought has been very noticeable, the delicate fern and shrub undergrowth being completely withered and the streams dry. The drought has also hampered the operations of the timbermills, as huge quantities of logs have been locked up waiting heavy rains to bring them down. This is, however, causing millers to depend more on tramways, which, owing to the high price of timber, can now be constructed only at very considerable cost. Unfortunately, much wasteful method still prevails in dealing with the dwindling timber resources of the Dominion. Amongst such evils may be mentioned the non-utilization of by-products from the mills; the neglect of some of the smaller and less known, yet often beautiful and durable, timber-trees; and the felling of timber all the year round instead of in the winter only, so as to cause the wood to season properly.

H. M. SKEET, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

NELSON.

In the northern part of this district there are twenty-two sawmills operating, mostly in a small way, the total output being only about 4,800,000 ft. In the Buller and Inangahua Counties eighteen mills are working, with an output last year of some 13,000,000 ft. The export of timber from this district is practically nil, it nearly all being used in the vicinity of the respective mills.

> F. A. THOMPSON, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

MARLBOROUGH.

There have been eight mills working in the northern portion of the district, and one in the southern part near to Kaikoura. This latter cuts for local requirements only, and is rapidly nearing the end of the supplies. Those mills in the north are situated in the Opouri, Rai, and Wakamarina Valleys, and cut for export to Australia and to other parts of the Dominion, as well as supplying the local market. The general conditions of the timber industry in this district have been good for the past year, and the prospects for the coming year are fair, so far as one can predict. The total output for the year amounted to 12,113,079 ft., made up of 7,734,502 ft. of rimu, 3,456,068 ft. of kahikatea, 731,932 ft. of matai, 145,870 ft. of totara, 44,607 ft. of beeches; and the royalty received totalled £3,226 15s. 10d. Of these totals 10,831,342 ft., with royalty of £2,845 4s. 9d., was obtained from State forests; and 1,281,737 ft., and £381 11s. 1d. royalty, from Crown forests.

It is estimated (approximately) that there remains about 70,000,000 ft. of available millingtimber on State forest reserves and Crown lands in this district, or, roughly, eight or ten years'

cutting on a gradually diminishing butput.

W. H. SKINNER, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SOUTHLAND.

Notwithstanding the lull in the timber trade during the last four months, the sawmillers in Southland have had a fairly busy year. Fifty-eight mills were at work, forty of which were working chiefly on Crown and State forests, sixteen on private forests, and two on Native lands. These mills produced approximately 48,000,000 ft., some 600,000 ft. of which were shipped to Australia, and about half the balance was delivered south of Gore and the remainder placed between Gore and Christchurch. During the year over a thousand persons were engaged in the timber trade, and £122,000 paid in wages.

One of the largest mills in Southland-viz., Woodend-has cut out and the mill dismantled. The land worked by this mill has been surveyed, placed in the market, and nearly all selected.

G. H. M. McClure, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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ij	District.			Total Area sold and held on Freehold.	Total Area granted under Acts without Money Payment or reserved for Public Purposes from Foundation of Dominion.	Total Area of Crown Lands leased under all Tenures (exclusive of Reserves leased by Crown).	Total Area open for Selection.	Total Area of Native Land.	Estimated Area of Barren and Worthless Country not already included under any of the other Headings.	Estimated Area occupied by Roads, Rivers, Lakes, &c.	Total Area remaining for Future Disposal, exclusive of Land shown in Preceding Columns.	Total Area in Land District.
			-	Acres.	Acres,	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres,
Auckland	:	:	:	2,263,461	3,633,866	1,896,861	242,089	3,571,889	:	655,499	1,253,775	13,517,440
Hawke'st Bay	:	:	:	2,387,839	436,520	918,499	5,623	1,430,863	:	150,120	179,436	5,508,900
Taranaki	:	:	:	483,267	715,659	555,166	6,035	328,384	:	54,483	269,606	2,412,600
Wellington	•	:	:	3,181,810	906,353	878,453	3,021	1,620,103	36,500	195,110	229,650	7,051,000
Nelson	:	:	:	567,413	307,863	804,672	45,921	41,155	1,573,000	60,000	1,314,976	4,715,000
Marlborough	:	:	:	844,259	237,563	1,405,924	17,382	:	114,309	100,052	48,511	2,768,000
Westland	:	:	:	136,496	257,526	1,578,785	47,808	:	750,000	154,167	980,086	3,863,878
Canterbury	:	:	:	3,644,735	1,364,864	3,906,865	2,811	:	233,650	441,168	9,957	9,604,045
Otago	:	:	:	1,977,837	590,268	5,498,523	6,745	:	520,000*	263,300	112,327	8,969,000
Southland	:	:	:	1,584,231	3,550,233	1,726,149	27,959	:	629,368	140,302	224,127	7,882,369
Totals	:	:	:	17,071,348	12,000,715	19,169,897	405,394	6,992,394	3,856,827	2,214,196	4,581,461	66,292,232

+ Owing to the revision of the total area in the Southland Land District this item has been considerably increased. * In last year's returns an axea of about 100,000 acres was omitted. + Owing to the revisi Note.—The total area in some of the land districts has been revised since last year's report.

Table 2.—Lands opened for Sale and Selection during the Year ended 31st March, 1913.

	District	et.			Optional System.	Cash by Auction.	Lease by Auction and Application	Village Allotments.	Pastoral Runs.	Small Grazing-runs.	Renewable Lease.	Totals.
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Taranaki	:	:	:	:	22,325	159		:			•	22,477
Wellington	:	:	•	:	8.549	6		109		: :	4	8,759
Nelson	: :	:	:	: :	1,214		} :	65	:	•	1,602	2,825
Marlhoronoh	:		•	:	10,131	•		•	1.590		•	11,721
Westland	:	:	:	:		08	343	: -			1,714	2,078
Canterbury	•	•	•	:	•	9)		445		•	208
Otago	:	:	•	•	1.787	76	: :	. 6	:	8.300	1.602	11,804
Southland	: :	: : : :	: :	: :	15,148	132	46	:	:	:	5,188	20,514
Ĭ	Totals	:	:	:	114,124	1,350	1.982	140	2,745	12,572	12,289	145,202
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Cheviot Estate-			, mark						-			
Canterbury	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	634	634
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Wollington	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	•	•	686	686
Nellington	:	:	:	:	:	•	:	:	: :	•	9	3
Marlhoronoh	:	:	;	:	: :	•	: ;	:	: :	. :	. 15	15
Westland	: :	: :	: :	: :	:	: :		: :	:	:	:	:
Canterbury	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	96,196	96,196
Otago	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	•	:	:	4,077	4,077
Southland	:	:	•	:	:	:	:	:	:	•	3,369	3,369
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Auckland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	0,230	RCI. OT	23,049
Hawke's Bay	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.5/11	1 541
Wellington	:	:	:	:	:	:	•	:	:	:	1,981	136,1
Nalson	:	:	:	:	•	:	:	:	: :	•	516	516
Marlhoronoh	:	:	:	:	•	: :	: :	: :	: :	: :	:	:
Westland	: ;	: :	: :	: :	: :		: :	: :	•	:	3,282	3,282
Canterbury	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	009'9	13,120	:	19,720
Otago	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	11,622	144	11,766
Southland	:	:	:	-	:	:	:	:	•	:	:	:
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*Pastoral licenses in mining district under special regulations.

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For Details		Anckland.	Hawke's Bay.	Taranaki.	Wellington.	Nelson.	Marl- borough.	Westland.	Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Total Area taken up during Year.
Ordinary Crown Lands. Table 5—Cash lands " 8—Cocupation with right of purchase " 10—Renewable lease " 12—Mining districts land occupation	f purchase occupation	A. B. P. 1,734 2 30 55,332 2 26 26 0 16	20 7,97 3,41	. R. P. A. R. P. 5 0 28 777 3 16 5 1 0 21,212 2 13 1 0 30	A. B. P. 566 2 21 6,131 3 7 2 3 9	A. B. P. 286 2 7 900 0 0 2 2 0	A. B. P. 314 1 10	A. B. P. 1 2 18	A. B. P. 67 134	A. B. P. 328 3 21 3,912 2 28 419 2 4	A. B. P. 604 0 28 8,987 1 8 6 1 25	4, 573 0 8 104,766 2 12 3,413 3 39 773 1 11
13—Village settlement, cash 13—Village settlement, renewable lease 32—Improved-farm special settlement.	wable lease	168. 0	0 :::	:::	81 1 38	:::	:::		:::	:::	:::	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
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Totals	:	:	:	:	:	:	•	:	638 3 29	:		638 3 29
Land for Settlements. Table 5—Cash lands 10—Renewable lease	::	5 0 37 6,236 2 10	2 0 1 0 23,315 2 6	42 .3 12	3 3 24 34 2 19	769 0 0	14 1 7	::	26 1 25 94,958 3 2	2 0 0 3,521 3 32	7 0 0 2,067 3 16	0 46 2 7 16 130,961 1 24
Totals	:	6,241 3	7 23,317 2 7	42 3 12	38 2 3	769 0 0	14 1 7	:	94,985 0 27	3,523 3 32	2,074 3 16	16 131,007 3 31
National-endowment Lands. Table 10—Renewable lease (ordinary) " 13—Renewable lease (village	ds. ury) age settle-	35,008 1		1,440 3 0	4,825 3 20	13,638 3 7	394 0 0	07,359 3 9	::	3,750 2 0 21 1 13	6,075 2 18	72,493 2 14 21 1 13
menes) " 17—Small grazing-runs	:	4,272 2	:	:	:	:	•	:	13,120 0 0	20,356 1 31	:	37,748 3 31
Totals	:	39,280 3		1,440 3 0	4,825 3 20	13,638 3 7	394 0. 0	7,359 3 9	13,120 0 0	24,128 1 4	6,075 2 13	13 110,263 3 18
Grand totals	: · :	103,025 0	4 84,910 0 38 28,47	23,474 0 1	11,647 0 18	15,596 3 14	722 2 17	17 7,439 0 33	33 108,811 2 10	82,313 1 9	17,748 1 10	1 10 355,688 0 29

Table 3 (Part II).—Summary of Lands selected under Settlement Conditions: Transactions up to the 31st March, 1913.

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See Table No.	Exchanges from other Tenures during the Year.	Renewals during the Year.	Exchanges to other Tenures during the Year.	Forfeitures during the Year.	Surrenders during the Year.	Expiries during the Year.	Total Area held on 31st March, 1918: Past and Current Transactions.	Total Area made Freehold to Date.
Ordinary Crown Lands.								
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" 9—Lease in perpetuity	:	:	:	ကင	ကင	:	- С	က
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" 13—Village settlement, perpetual lease 13—Village settlement, occupation with	::	::	::	0 2 15	::	::	1,247 3 7 15 0 7	2,826 020 $12 124$
". 13—Village settlement, lease in perpe-	:	:	154 2 33	:	•	:	21,589 2 22	1,080 2 8
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ment " 13—Village - homestead special settle-	:	:	9 0 9	48 0 0	•	:	13,241 3 29	173 0 10
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" 17-Grazing farms	:	:	:	:	•	:	45,021 1 32	:
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в. Р. 3 39 Total Area made Freehold to Date. **C**1 က A. 499 499 15,771,693 : : : : : Table 3 (Part II).—Summary of Lands selected under Settlement Conditions: Transactions up to the 31st March, 1913—continued 3 16 1 9 2 15 2 13 82088 $\frac{18}{28}$ 0 3 10 1 27 ď 36 20Total Area held on 31st March, 1913: Past and Transactions, ρġ 0 00 0 00 00 -0 Current 663,099 484,773 438 444,400 1,455 125 2,114 203,3225,236 1,715,472 2,166,703 1,353,758 15 7,620,062 A. R. P. 26 Expiries during the Year. : : : 16,978 $\frac{3}{1}$ $\frac{12}{26}$ 21 0 G 4 38 Surrenders during the 0 01 ద 0 0 0 **C7** Year. $\frac{1}{1,295}$: : 3,594 2,200 1,296 9 10 12,399 5,811 Ą. 2 39 0 35 ₽0 Ö В. 34 Forfeitures during the Year. က **C**3 0 .. 5 1,376 : 9,9641,381 0 9,96442,981 Exchanges to other Tenures 3 13 Ŀ during the Year. : : : : : : 739 7 ᆄ က during the Year. á Renewals 16,951 : 2 18 Exchanges from other Tenures during the Year. A. B. P. 0 C/J 7,368 : : : 9 : 7,3747,5299—Lease in perpetuity 10—Renewable lease 13—Lease in perpetuity, village settle-Table 10—Renewable lease, ordinary
" 13—Renewable lease, village settlement
" 13 - Renewable lease, village-homestead 13—Renewable lease, village settlement 15—Special-settlement associations ... 17—Small grazing-runs ... : 32-Renewable lease, improved-farm : special settlement

12 - Mining districts land occupation National endowment Lands. : Land for Settlements. special settlements 17 - Small grazing-runs Teaures. -- Small grazing-runs Grand totals Totals Totals Cash lands leases ment seg Table No. Table

Table 4.—Analysis of Holdings of Crown Lands taken up during the Year ended 31st March, 1913.

				'			Average Holdings of Selectors	gs of Selectors.		-
Tenures.		~		Number of Selectors.	Number of Selectors under 1 Acre.	Number of Selectors 1 to 50 Acres.	Number of Selectors 51 to 250 Acres.	Number of Selectors 251 to 500 Acres.	Number of Selectors 501 to 1,000 Acres.	Number of Selectors 1,001 Acres and upwards.
Ordinary Grown Lands—				391	169	187	66	cr.		
Occupation with right of purchase	: :	: :	: :	359	· :	34	172	85.	63	·ro
Renewable lease	:	:	:	16	10	: 7	C4 r	:	හ	H
Mining districts land occupation leases	:	:	:	 92 -	:	31	o ;	:	:	:
Village settlement, renewable lease	: :	: :	: :	10	: :	10	: :	: :	: :	: :
Improved-farm special settlement	:	:	:	ကဒ္	:	Т	O1 ·		:	: :,
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National-endowment Lands—				780	ž	76	66	67	34	α
Renewable lease (village settlement)	: : : :	: :	: :	6	· :	50	:	; :	H :	· :
Small grazing-runs	:	:	:	10	:	:	:	-	:	6
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Miscellaneous leases and licenses	eorai regura	suon	: :	96	::	18	51	12	n 41	:11
Totals	:	:	•	408	5	61	180	85	42	35
Thermal springs. Boforns	:	:		13	æ	က	:			
Grand totals,	:	:	:	2,159	297	704	615	280	162	101

Table 5.—Return of Crown Lands sold for Cash during the Year ended 31st March, 1913.

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* Where two averages are given the first is for lands when an option was given to acquire them under other tenures, and the second when no such option was given.

† Of this amount £333 7s. is balance of purchase-money on areas returned during previous years.

Table 6.—Return of Deferred-payment Lands (exclusive of Village Settlements) at 31st March, 1913.

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Canterbury	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		: :			:	: -	c		
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	•						Exchar	′ ਸ਼ੂਰ	ther Te	enures	Forfe	Forfeitures during the Year.	ng the Ye		Surrend	Surrenders during the Year.	Year.	편	Freeholds acquired during the Year.	ed during
		District.	riot.			-	Number of Selectors.	Area,	HA H	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	lo redmuN	Selectors.	Area. R	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount realized.
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		District.	riet.				Number of Selectors.	Area.		Total Amount realized, exclusive of Interest.	lo redmuN	Selectors.	- 38.	Annual Rental.		ended 5186 match, 1913 (exclusive) of Amount from Perpetual Leases made Freehold).	to redmuN	Selectors.	Area.	Amount.
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Table 8.—Return of Occupation-with-right-of-purchase Lands (exclusive of Village-settlement and Improved-farm-settlement. Lands) at 31st March, 1913.

District.		Taken up d	Taken up during the Year.	ır.	Ā 	orfeitures (Forfeitures during the Year.	Year.	<i>S</i> 2	Surrenders during the Year.	g the Year.	F4	Freeholds acquired during the Year.	during the
	Number of Selectors.	Area.		Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	, it	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Purchasers	Агев.	Amount received.
Auckland Hawke's Bay Taranaki Wellington Nelson Marlborough	182 26 449 33 11	55,332 2 7,975 1 21,312 2 6,181 8 990 910 1 314 \rangle 1	28. 2007 1007 1007	£ s. d. 4,983 10 4 3,414 10 0 2,316 7 4 704 10 8 22 10 0 51 12 0	45 : 22 : 11	A. 17,799 751 1,017	в. Р. 126 20 00	£ s. d, 800 1 8 32 5 0 96 12 6 21 0 0	:::::	ei ∶∶∶∶∶∶∶ •	rg s : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	122 111 29 4 4	A. B. P. 29 29,727 0 29 4,087 2 17 4,683 3 0 9,607 2 29 838 8 31 320 0 0	2 s. d. 14,632 10 0 4,809 19 11 3,509 12 11 10,265 7 0 870 0
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Totals	359	104,766 2	12 12,	12,220 8 6	72	24,032	2 30 1,0	1,077 4 8	67	316 0 12	9 14 8	217	55,590 2 2	38,109 13 4
	Ď	Freeholds acquired from Commencement of System to 31st March, 1913.	ed from System to 913.	Net	11 15	Area held on 31st March, 1913.	March,	Am, 31st M	ount re- arch, 1	Amount received during the Year ended 31st March, 1913 (exclusive of Amount paid for acquiring Freehold).	Year ended of Amount paid old).		Selectors in Arrear, 31st March, 1913.	31st March,
District.	Number of Purchasers	Area.	Total Amount realized.	Number of Selectors.	Area.		Annual Rental.	On the Year's Transactions.	Year's ctions.	On Past Transactions.	Total.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.
Auckland Hawke's Bay Taranaki Wellington Nelson Mariborough Westland Canterbury Otago	689 1114 1103 389 688 68 68 119 119 74	A. R. P. 151,416 0 28 50,479 1 5 37,285 2 13 105,958 2 10 12,246 1 38 6,120 0 11 3,842 0 13 1,394 1 12 6,104 3 4 20,339 0 27	2. S. C.	3,717 2,717 2,841 2,841 1,877 1,977	787, 353 162, 496 262, 731 309, 984 65, 094 14, 768 4, 548 4, 548 55, 883	8. B. B. C.	£ S. 6 19,497 6 119,497 6 119,497 15 22,097 14 1,201 12 655 13 482 6 1,594 19 1,594 10 8,308 7	4. 2,491 0 1,707 1 1,158 4 15 2 2 2 2 3 2 4 445	s. d. 15 2 6 5 8 8 8 7 3 8 10 0 111 6 	2. S. d. 30,168 2 7 15,418 7 5 9,181 12 3 19,025 16 7 936 18 1 545 4 5 425 9 11 1,269 11 4,2488 2 7	28. 64. 32,669 17. 9 17.125 12. 5 10. 13.439 11. 13.439 11. 568 15. 11. 426 9 0 22. 2 2. 23. 33. 18. 6 2.933 18. 6	1. 128 1. 128 1. 138 1. 138 1. 12	A. B. P. 34,643 0 16 7.045 3 18 4,638 1 14 21,204 3 19 3,150 2 5 2 11 22 0 0 2,166 2 11 107 0 32	£ s. d. 1,415 5 9 193 8 7 365 3 9 9 9 9 193 8 7 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9
Totals	1,477	395,186 1 36	316,954 17	8 5,326 1	,768,298	0 3 100	103,838 4 9	9 6,353	3 6	73,649 14 2	80,002 17 8	3 200	73,108 1 35	5,173 1 9

Table 9.—Return of Lease-in-perpetuity Lands (exclusive of Village-settlement, Special-settlement, and Improved-farm-settlement Lands) at 31st March, 1913.

		Exchanges to Renewable Lease during the Year.	ges to Renewable	able Lease	Fo	Forfeitures during the Year.	g the Year.	υ <u>α</u>	Surrenders during the Year.	g the Year.	<u>F</u>	Freeholds acquired during Year.	during the
District.	Number of	Number of Selectors.	The second secon	Annual Bental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors,	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Purchasers	Area.	Amount realized. '
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Mariborougn	: :			: :	: [~	793 0 8	16.86	::	• :	:		1,420 3 33	
Canterbury	: :				• :	>		:		: :		194 1	263 15
Otago	:	:		:	5	1,207 0 9	38 1 0		11 3 37	1 6 4	63	141 1	141 0
Southland	:	:		:	C3	0	14	-		0	13	5,472 0 27	2,801 16
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Westland	:		•	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		:
Canterbury	:			:	:	:	•	:	:	:	:	•	:
Southland	: ;				: :	::	: :	::	::	::	: ;		::
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Table 9.—Return of Lease-in-perpetuity Lands (exclusive of Village-settlement, Special-settlement, and Improved-farm-settlement Lands) at 31st March, 1913—continued.

		Freeholds acquired from	cquired	from	Net	Net Area held on 31st March	t March.	Amount of B.	ent received dur	ing the Year	Selectors in	s in Arrear. 31st March.	March.
District		31st March, 1913.	reb, 191	S.		1913.		ende	ended 31st March, 1913	913.		1913.	
	Number of Purchasers	Number Area. of Area. urchasers		Totai Amount realized.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	On the Year's Transactions.	On Past Trans- actions.	Tetal.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.
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Mariborough	50	0 22,003 v 6 5,851	1 9 1 1 16 1	0,507 7 2 $3,571$ 3 4	474 324	ಬ ಬ	2,982 3,361 6	•	 8 C	18		eo	н с
Westland	555		1 30	6,660 11 11	398	on r	1,265 19	::) <u> -</u> (. O. C	, , , c	22 6 11
Otago	: :	-		1,201 14 6	792	⊣ თ	5,793,17	: :	ည်က	ರಬ		n 0	7 4
Southland	36	6 13,306	88 0	9,488 11 3	336	0	2,162 8	: :	9	9	:		· :
Totals	253	87,814	3 11 6	61,214 0 9	4,895	1,423,263 1 25	45,273 15 0	:	41,085 2 10	41,085 2 10	104	28,798 2 1	767 11 2
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Wellington	:			: :	298	0 0			21 4 22 4	360 12 362 14		0	က က
Marlborough	:			: :	288	C/1 C	10,	::	182	172 18			16
Canterbury	::			::	1,111		59,126 9 0	::	2 02		:	C1	.91
Otago Southland	::			::	535 237	108,688 0 18 48,214 2 3	296 13 634 1	::	92,056 1 9 9,550 0 4		စ စ	570 3 23 1,673 3 31	142 17 1 $227 18 2$
Totals	:				3,595	663,099 0 38	192,578 9 5	:	178,654 14 7 1	178,654 14 7	92	14,387 0 8	1,970 15 2
Cheviot Estate, Canterbury	:	•		:	118	24,385 2 25	6,423 15 6	:	5,711 19 10	5,711 19 10	1	292 0 0	58 8 0
Grand totals	253	8 87,814	3 11 6	61,214 0 9	8,608	2,110,748 1 8	244, 275 19 11	:	225,451 17 3 2	225,451 17 3	197	43,477 2 9	2,796 14 4
Ellesmere Endowment	:	:		:	89	13,937 0 0	1,399 13 2		1,273 17 3	1,273 17 3	:	:	:
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				Net Area held on 31st March, 1913	March, 1913.	Amount of E	Amount of Rent received during the Year ended 31st March, 1913.	e Year ended	Sele	Selectors in Arrear, 31st March, 1913.	[arch, 1913.
District.	j G		Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	On the Year's Transactions.	On Past Transactions.	Total.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount.
National Endowment— Auckland	:	:	392		£ s. 289 15	£ s. d. 888 1 1	s.		19		
Hawke's Bay Taranaki	::	::	51 42	15,950 2 34 16,576 2 0	တ တ	.19	392.3 574 1	392 3 581 1	Ø1 70	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	22 2 2 2 4 1 3
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Marlborough Westland	::	::	291	 იი -	17		6 11 6	7 7	: ∞	. 03	C31
Canterbury Otago Southland	:::	:::	15 178 121	6,540 2 24 28,329 3 18 17,999 1 29	454 6 8 923 18 2 729 1 4	179 17 11 218 7 4	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c} 421 & 19 & 10 \\ 648 & 19 & 1 \\ 580 & 18 & 1 \end{array}$	37 44 1-1	252 0 27 881 2 7 9 3 2	23 19 0 9 3 8 0 5 0
Totals	:	:	1,568	444,400 3 18	18,187 4 0	2,390 12 5	10,410 8 11	12,801 1 4	99	19,556 3 17	996 10 9
Cheviot Estate— Canterbury	:	.;	13	644 3 36	496 1 4	574 15 2	6 13 4	581 8 6	:		·
Land for Settlements—											
Auckland Hawke's Bay	::	::	317 211	10	4,372 17 6 26,518 9 10	168 3 6 5,359 8 6	2,947 2 5 $17,914$ 11 2	3,115 5 11 23,273 19 8	16	6,126 2 0 350 1 5	608 8 0
Taranaki Wellington	::	::					13. cs	0	C7 60	76 1 338 2	
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Otago Southland	::	::	181	90,892 0 9 6,616 0 34	18,362 4 8 1,567 13 4	2,314 1 6 473 3 4	$13,522\ 15\ 0$ $831\ 14\ 11$	15,836 16 6 1,304 18 3		1,229 0 30 352 0 13	31 15 0 27 13 6
Totals	:	:	1,342	484,773 3 10	108,032 0 1	28,170 3 7	62,883 1 7	91,053 5 2	59	19,921 2 34	2,774 4 9
Ordinary Crown Lands—Auckland	: ;			l	00	:	280 10 4	 91	-	197 1 29	47 12 0
Hawke's Bay Taranaki		: :		3,411 0 30 16.997 2 2	732 0 0 889 1 4	483 16 4	. ⁶	483 16 4 1.213 9 0	: 4	0	
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Table 11.--Return of Agricultural-lease Lands at 31st March, 1913.

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* These leases were again renewed during the year.

Table 12.—Return of Mining Districts Land Occupation Leases under Part VIII of the Land Act, 1908, at 31st March, 1913.

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District.		Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental	Number of	Selectors.		Annual Bental.	Number of Selectors,	Area.	Annual Rental.	to 19dmuM	Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental		On the Year's Transac- tions.	On Past Trans- actions.	Total.	i to radmuit	Selectors.	Area.	An	Amount.
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+ Includes £3, receipts from national-endowment land. • Includes one selector, area 12 acres, annual rental £1, national-endowment land.

Table 13.—Return of VILLAGE SETTLEMENTS AT 31ST MARCH, 1913.

			Taken up during	during the Year.	Exch	Exchanges to other Tenures during the Year.	r Tenures	Made	Made Freehold during Year.	ıring Year.	Made I	Made Freehold from Commencement.	Jommenceme	it it
District.	Tenure.	Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Purchasers	Area.	Amount realized.	Ригорьяетя	Area.	Total Cash received.	48~
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	Occupation with right of purchase	: :	: :	: :	::	: :	; ;	: :	: :	: :	4	-	୍ଷ -	
	Lease in perpetuity	· :	:	:	:	:	:	н	5 0 0	87 10 0	žG (0	_	
Taranaki	Cash	· 	:	:	:	•	:	:	:	:	309	853 3	6,945	
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Wellington	Cash	:	: :	: :	: :	• •	: :	: :	: :	· :	333	-	3,950	
	Deferred payment	 	: :	: :	: :	: :	::	: :	:	:	109	C 3	3,789 5	
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	Lease in perpetuity	· :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	ପ	0 02		7
Canterbury	Cash	· :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	166	1,208 0 1	5,481 1	
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Table 13.—Return of Village Settlements at 31st March, 1913—continued.

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Table 13.—Return of Village Settlements at 31st March, 1913.—continued.

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			Rent	FO.	Forfeitures duri	ures during the Year.	San	Surrenders during the Year.	g the Year.	Net A	Net Area held on 31st March, 1913	31st Ma	reb, 1913.	7	Arrears on 31st March, 1913.	st March	, 1913.
District.	Tenure.		and other Payments re- ceived during the Year.	Selectors,	Area.	Annual Rental.	Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Selectors.	Агев.		Total Annual Rental.	Selectors.	Area.	. •	Amount.
Cheviot Estate— Canterbury	Lease in perpetuity	:	£ s. d.	:	A. B. P.	£ s. d.	:	A. B. P.	. s. d.	92	A. B. 2,480 1	е 0	£ s. 6870 10	d.	A. B. 50 0	P. 0	£ s. d. 22 18 8
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Table 14.—Summary of Position of Village Settlements at 31st March, 1913.

	Numb o ni	Number of Settlers in Occupation.				Annual Rental or	Amounts as	Amounts advanced to Settlers up 31st March, 1913.	tlers up to	Advances	Total	Value of	Arrears of
District.	Resident,	nt. resident	Area occupied.		Area iaid down in Pasture or cultivated.	Instalments, including Interest on Advances.	For Houses.	For Bushfelling, Grassing, &c.	Total.	. to	Amount of Interest paid to 31st March, 1913.	Improvements now on the Land.	Interest on 31st March, 1913,
Ordinary Crown Lands— Auckland Hawke's Bay Taranaki Wellington Warlborough Westland Ganterbury Otago	59 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	17 22 22 33 153 25 8 8 153 8 153 153 153 153 153 153 153 153 153 153		10,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2	"	8 41 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	2 8. d. 958 0 0 580 0 0 3,068 7 6 85 0 0 2,460 0 0 1,101 5 0	"::	2, 211 17 6 876 15 9 6,739 7 5 108 15 0 2,460 0 0 1,541 5 0	s. d. 17 0 17 0 17 0 19 9 0 0	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1	24,780 10 0 25,817 15 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	8 8. d. 13 15 2 2 12 14 8 0 19 5
Southland Totals	1,457	1	0	24 5,034	43 1 2	6,924 16 7)	1) -	1	17 5	0 21	27 9 3
Cheviot Estate— Canterbury	. 46	6 46	2,480 1	0 2,434	34 2 6	870 10 4	120 0 0		120 0 0	120 0 0	0	14,457 0 0	:
Land for Settlements— Hawke's Bay Otago		8 113	35 1 413 0	0 4	34 0 0 403 0 0	35 0 0 317 5 8	::	•		•		482 10 0 4,382 0 0	
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* Includes ninety-two holdings not reported on.

Table 15.—Return of Special-Settlement Associations at 31st March, 1913.

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Westiana Canterbury	: : : :	: :	::	::	: :	: :	::	135 15	0	2,845 6 0	: :	::	: :	::	: :	::	•
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Table 16.—Return of Homestead Lands at 31st March, 1913.

į		Dist	District.				Surrenders	Surrenders during the Year. Forfeitures during the Year.	Forfeitures	during the Year.	Net Area Marc	Net Area held on 31st March, 1913.	Made Freel	Made Freehold during the Year.	Made F Commence to 31st	Made Freehold since Commencement of System to 31st March, 1913.
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Auckland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	•	:	:	:	464	76,096 3 10
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Table 17.—Return of Small Grazing-runs at 31st March, 1913.

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Cheviot Estate— Canterbury	:	:	:	:	:	34	45,021 1 32	6,424 3 2	:	5,245 10 10	5,245 10 10	23	33,842 2 0	2,879 19 6
Land for Settlements—Auckland	nents-	::	::	: :	::	5 16	23,492 1 0 19,662 2 17	198 3 10 4,437 17 6	::	222 0 1 3,537 8 8	222 0 1 3,537 8 8	 	: :	::
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Table 18.—Return of Pastoral Licenses at 31st March, 1913—continued.

			Net Area held on	31st March, 1913.			Select	Selectors in Arrear on 31st March, 1913.	March, 1913.
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Canterbury Otago	: :	51 56	1,110,324 0 0	24.208 2 1	10,530 0 0	10,528 10 6	::	• •	: :
Southland	:	28	0	67	17		:	•	:
Totals	•	199	3,823,649 2 37	19,214 1 11	34,384 2 3	35,030' 5 10	4	52,516 0 0	97 5 0
Grand totals	:	645	10,808,015 1 2	16,756 2 14	76,865 0 7	77,012 8 10	6	79,576 0 0	115 10 0
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		201	1	308 3 6	1,424 15 0		53	12,924 1 39	177 5 2
Westland	::	73	9,952 3 4	- -		187 19 4	48	0	
Totals	:	408	96,592 2 17	286 2 89	2,164 17 4	1,363 5 9	58	18,460 2 28	288 18 10
National-endowment Lands-									
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Grand totals 10 56,685	1056	6,685 0 0	581 18 10	185,775	22	0 48,583 16 2	8 4,998	8 0 0540	0 0 10 612 125	2 125,4	,453 0 28	284,863	9 1 192,911	62	28 74,764	18 8	5,203,959,145	63	29 24,082	c 3	626160,364		81,408	4

* Includes coal and timber royalties and receipt from State forests.

Table 20.—Return of Gross Revenue received during the Year ended 31st March, 1913.

System.	Auckland.	Hawke's Bay.	Taranaki.	Wellington.	Nelson.	Marlborough.	Westland.	Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Totals.
Ordinary Crown Lands.	.0	જ		s ;	oi T	£ s. d.	ક ક	si o		es ;	# # F
Cash lands Pernetual lease made freehold	9,545 12 4		=	6,719 19 60 09	16	::	٥.	- 00	77 CT		23,309 18 3.039 6
Occupation with right of purchase made freehold	10	4,809 19	3,509 12 11	10,101	265 7 0	370 0 0	1,730 19 10	256 0 0	811 7 6	1,621 16 3	38,109 1
Village settlement, perpetual lease made freehold	2	: :	į		₹ .	er 10	7	₹.	10	000	161 10
Village settlement, occupation with right of pur-	:	•	:	:	:		:	0 0 8	:	:	0
Village settlement, lease in perpetuity made free-	174 15 4	87 10 0	:	875 19 0	:	:	:	91 3 9	15 0 0	1,169 14 6	2,414 2 7
noud Village-homestead special settlement, lease in	:	:	:	:	:	:	;	440 19 7	:	:	440 19 7
perpetutty made freehold Special - settlement associations, lease in per-	200 0 0	:	835 12 2	675 0 0	:	:	:	:	•	:	1,710 12 2
petunty made freehold Improved farm special settlement, occupation	125 2 9	:	:	1,372 11 5	•	:	:	:	:	185 11 9	1,683 5 11
with right of purchase made freehold Improved-farm special settlement, lease in	:	:	108 7 4	141 0 5	:	:	:	:	:	:	249 7 9
perpetunty made freehold Deferred payment, rural	6 4 10	:	:		:	:	:	4	26 18 6	•	œ
Deferred payment, pastoral	509 10 11	77. 19			٤.	. 1		110			465 11 10
Occupation with right of purchase	12	17,125 12	10,296 15 11			568 15 11	-		1,366 6 4	180	202
Lease in perpetuity	7,282 10 1	3,538 17 10 483 16 4		261 4 278 14		۰.	-	3,823 6 10	g .:	, 100 :	
Agricultural lease		:	:	:				:	31 19 0	Ç	31 19
Mining districts land occupation leases Village settlement, cash	404 9 7	25 0 0	: :			14 19 4	100 1 3	: :	٥	8 21 67	
Village settlement, deferred payment	: :	,		::	::		::	19	. 6 1	,	9
Village settlement, perpetual lease Village settlement, occupation with right of pur-	::	2.17 0	1.13 0	::	::	1 5 0	::	42 8 4 3 15 6	18 0 0 4 6	$\begin{array}{ccc} 101 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 \end{array}$	$\frac{162}{9} \frac{15}{0} \frac{5}{0}$
chase Village settlement lease in nernetnity	176 7 4	1.781 1 0	6	1.956.19.5		6 4 06	2	6 13 X	188 10 10	-	
Village settlement lease in perpetuity fresholds,	-	: ::			: :			·	₹.	53 11 7	
Village settlement, renewable lease		· 14	•	548 12 0	•		:	•		,	
ssociation, perpetual	# -	OT 66		17 76	::	0 0 :	::	48 4 0	6 61 121	120 14 9	,372, 48
Special settlement association, lease in per-	284 7 8	74 5 8	720 10 5	4,320 13 8	;	:	:	11	111 1 1	:	5,598 9 6
Improved-farm special settlement, occupation	1,187 11 8	19 11 10	1,388 19 2	1,755 16 1	:	:	:	:	:	132 17 10	4,484 16 7
with right of purchase Improved-farm special settlement, lease in per-	47 4 6	212 12 9	2,135 5 8	463 5 0	;	:	:	:	:	137 5 11	2,995 13 10
petunty Improved-farm special settlement, renewable	:	:	196 0 9	:	:	:	:	;	:	:	196 0 9
lease Small grazing-runs	539 6 9	7.987 12	130 14 11	241 11	;	q:	:	788 10 1	σ		520 8
Pastoral runs Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special	-	780 11 6	i	1,815 16 4	165 0 0 505 0 1	3,222 8 4	596 13 2 187 19 4	28	14,478 2 3	2,730 15 6	41,614 3 3 1,363 5 9
regulations Coal and mineral leases	692 15 10	;	:	:	285 1 6	:	445 12 2	82 9 6	826 5 3	238 3 3	2,570 7 6
Carried forward	72,425 0 3	37,961 15 4	81,578 18 4	57,395 2 1	7,437 17 11	7,426 19 9	6,189 18 11	27,928 18 10	33,078 8 4	16,727 5 4	298,145 5 1
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Table 20.—Return of Gross Revenue received during the Year ended 31st March, 1913—continued.

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System.		Auckland.	Hawke's Bav.	Taranaki.	Wellington.	Nelson.	Marlborough.	Westland.	Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Totals.
Ordinary Crown Lands-continued	ıed.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. à.	ક ક. તે.	£ s. d.	€ s. d.	£ s. d.	ક. ક. તે.	£ કે. તે.	£ s. d.	ક. ક. તે.
Brought forward	:	72,425 0 3	97,961 15 4	31,573 18 4	57,395 2 1	7,437 17 11	7,426 19 9	6,189 18 11	27,928 18 10	33,078 8 4	16,727 5 4	298,145 5 I
Timber licenses and other leases, and	d sale of	7,763 0 3	129 12 0	8 0 66	7,788 13 6	829 2 10	547 15 0	64 18 6	123 6 11	180 1 10	1,760 6 5	19,285 17 6
timber Flax-outting Miscellaneous leases and licenses Transfor, lease, and license fees, &c Rents of reserves Miscellaneous Crown-grant fees State forsts State forsts Survey liens on Native lands Survey lees which do not form part payment of		106 17 6 8,112 18 9 887 18 6 237 4 8 2,436 14 8 364 4 10 5 769 7 4 120 2 10	2,064 5 0 167 10 0 534 18 7 255 19 11 26 5 11 1,889 3 10	80.17 7 211 7 0 479 13 11 3,756 14 5 52 16 5 6 4 9	1,591 12 11 180 14 6 708 10 3 5,721 11 8 698 16 0 1,713 7 2	27 2 6 371 9 5 171 0 0 197 19 9 193 6 4 65 15 9 269 13 7	15 0 0 163 18 9 69 14 0 1,193 14 3 346 4 10 8 1 5 3,366 4 8	35 0 0 590 12 8 320 3 0 172 0 3 37 7 0 29 10 7	3,249 10 7 609 17 5 84 11 1 293 17 8	13 0 0 1,225 5 4 277 19 6 207 14 2 1,128 1 5 62 6 8 127 9 3	19 10 0 910 2 4 287 18 0 89 3 0 860 2 10 1 341 1 2 30 18 0 30 1 30 1 30 1 30 1 30 18 0	216 10 0 2,796 17 6 7,070 9 5 14,846 3 5 846 3 6 11,602 18 9 25,120 11 11
land Survey fees which do form part payment of land Payments of capital value under section 191 of the Land Act, 1908	nt of land on 191 of	::	::	12 0 0	407 10 11	40.0	: : *	: :	::	65 10 1	::	77 10 1 447 10 11
Totals	:	114,471 9 10	43,029 10 7	36,272 12 8	76,312 13 5	9,731 10 1	13,137 12 8	7,439 10 11	32,531 9 6	36,573 12 6	21,622 12 10	391,122 15 0
Cash lands		2,835 0 0 18,157 9 2 3,115 5 11	11 0 0 35,323 3 1 23,273 19 8 27 14 6 0 10 2	3,268 11 7 447 0 7	79 1 0 13,360 12 9 2,533 14 1	1,062 14 8 679 2 9	11,172 18 5	490 0 10	304 3 8 54,213 2 0 43,732 11 7	7 8 0 92,056 1 9 15,836 16 6 277 0 5 6 17 10	29 10 0 9,550 0 4 1,304 18 3	3,266 2 8 178,654 14 7 91,053 5 2 304 14 11 7 8 0 138 17 2
petuity Small grazing-runs Pastoral runs Miscellaneous Payments of capital value under section 191 the Land Act, 1908	 on 191 of	222 0 1 234 16 8 31 10 0	3,537 8 8 1,385 11 11	26 15 0	1,907 13 0	::::	6,830 2 7 581 14 5		11,370 0 3 41 18 0 599 6 2 300 0 0	1,422 17 8 132 18 0 1,502 2 2	90 18 8 601 11 11	25,381 0 11 174 16 0 6,933 3 2 331 10 0
Totals	:	24,596 1 10	63,559 8 0	3,742 7 2	19,880 19 1	1,741 17 5	18,714 11 3	491 7 61	110,699 18 10	51,242 2 4	11,576 19 2	306,245 12 7
Cheviot Estate. Cash lands Lease in perpetuity	::	::	::	::	: :	::	::	: :	0	::	::	0
Renewable lease Village homesteads	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	581 8 6 767 4 8	::	::	581 8 6 767 4 8 5 945 10 10
Pastoral runs	: : :	:::		: : :	:::	:::	:::	: : :	193 3 251 4	:::	:::	,2±5 ±5 193 3 251 4
Totals	:	:	:			:		:	12,850 11 10	:	:	12,850 11 10
Carried forward	:	139,067 11 8	8 106,588 18 7	40,014 19 10	96,193 12 6	11,473 7 6	31,852 3 11	7,930 18 5	156,082 0 2	87,815 14 10	33,199 12 0	710,218 19 5

Table 20.—Return of Gross Revenue received during the Year ended 31st March, 1913—continued.

System.	Auckland.	Auckland. Hawke's Bay.	Taranaki.	Wellington.	Nelson.	Marlborough.	Westland.	Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Totals.
	£ s. d. 139,067 11	139,067 11 8 106,588 18 7	£ s. d, 40,014 19 10	£ s. d. 96,193 12 6	£ s. d. 11,473 7 6	£ s. d. 31,852 3 11	£ s. d. 7,930 18 5	£ s. d. 156,082 0 2	£ s. d. 87,815 14 10	83,199 12 07	£ s. d. 10,218 19 5
Renewable lease, ordinary Renewable lease, village settlement Renewable lease, village-homestead special settlement	3,838 14 6 65 13 10	3,392 3 11 27 12 11	681 1 1	916-13 7 167-14 2 8 4-10	1,182 6 8	313 7 7 45 11 6	824 17 0 6 12 4 	421 19 10	648 19 1 14 3 6	580 18 1 32 1 10	12,801 1 4 359 10 1 8 4 10
Rene Renewable lease, improved-farm special settle-	:	•	256 14 11		:	:	:	:	:	:	256 14 11
Mining districts land occupation leases Small grazing runs Pastoral runs Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special	252 9 2 127 14 3 109 13 0	2,105 15 10 6 0 0	57 19 2	381 14 8 859 19 0	3 0 0 65 13 6 381 14 10	2,825 14 4 1,344 3 4	228 2 10 356 3 4	4,605 18 3 20,003 2 1	17,436 11 4 10,528 10 6	776 3 8 1,932 13 10	3 0 0 28,507 19 11 35,030 5 10 847 11 2
regulations The following the same series of the series and sale of timber series and sale of timber series	6,359 11 2	16 4 0			121 13 6 1,123 6 9 206 5 6		308 16 8 10,207 14 6 73 10 10 521 10 7		189 16 4	::::	430 10 2 17,690 12 5 73 10 10 1,072 9 9
Totals	10,786 14 3	5,547 16 8	996 10 2	2,399 6 3	3,084 0 9	4,528 16 9	12,527 8 1	25,071 0 2	28,818 0 9	3,321 17 5	97,081 11 3
Thermal Springs Districts Act: Rents	2,131 14 3	:		:				•			2,131 14 3
Primary-education endowments	3,611 16 2	6,797 3 7	5,604 4 1	9,134 5 4	404 0 1	440 2 10	205 11 9	19,343 3 6	3,300 18 9	14,182 12 8	63,023 18 9
Secondary-education endowments	1,138 16 11	1,781 16 1	824.16 7	3,083 16 1	131 2 11	74 8 6	133 9 2	135 0 0	791 14 4	279 3 11	8,374 4 6
Other endowment lands	210 13 8	437 16 7	812 3 10	287 11 5	19,009 4 4		1,089 10 9	1,625 10 1	5,819 2 8	1,906 15 8	31,198 9 0
Grand totals	156,947 6 11	156,947 6 11 121,153 11 6 48,252 14		6 111,098 11 7	34,101 15 7	36,895 12 0	21,886 18	2 202, 256 13 11 126, 545	126,545 11 4	52,890 1 89	8912,028 17 2

Table 21,--Return of Lands alienated under Acts without Money Payment, or reserved by the Crown for Public Purposes.

Total Area granted under Acts without Money Poument or	reserved for Public Purposes from Founda- tion of Dominion to 31st March, 1913.	Acres.	3,633,866	436,520	715,659	906,353	307,863	237,563	257,526	,361,864	590,268	,550,233	12,000,715
	Total Area thus reserved alienated during tion of the Year.		1,648		41	2,474	697	24,064	109	2,795	1,318	, e	57,352
During the Year ended 31st March, 1913.	Area granted under Special Acts.	Acres.	195	•	•	•	-	•	•			:	195
During the	Crown Lands set apart for various Public Purposes.	Acres.	1,453	46	41	2,474	269	24,064	109	2,795	1,318	24,160	57,157
		:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
	District		Auckland	Hawke's Bay	Taranaki	Wellington	Nelson	Marlborough	Westland	Canterbury	Otago	Southland	Totals

Table 22.—Forfeitures and Surrenders during the Year ended 31st March, 1913, showing under each Tenure the Number of Selectors who have forfeited and surrendered their Holdings, and the Area and Rental of such Holdings.

		Forfe	eitures.		Surrenders.							
Tenure.	Number.	Area.		Annual Rental.		Number.	Area.		Annual Rental.			
Ordinary Crown Lands—		A.		£	s.	đ.		A.	в. Р.	£	s.	d
Cash lands Occupation with right of pur- chase	$\begin{array}{ c c c c }\hline & 1 \\ & 72 \\ \end{array}$	358 24,032	0 0 2 30	1,077	4	8	2	316	0 12	9	14	8
Lease in perpetuity	16 16 8	3,711 1,771 261	$\begin{array}{cccc} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 8 \\ 2 & 25 \end{array}$	161	19 17 17		4 1 4	1,197 665 254	$\begin{array}{ccc} 3 & 37 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 21 \end{array}$	27 58 11		
Village settlements— Occupation with right of pur- chase	1	0	2 15	1	0	0	••,	•				
Renewable lease Homestead special settlement Improved farm special settle- ments	8 1 8*	68 48 1,381	$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{array}$		15 10 7	10 0 0					•	
Small grazing-runs Pastoral runs Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	4 4	30,465 1,944		53 37	18 9	0 2	1 7 2	2,858 73,544 120	$\begin{smallmatrix}0&0\\1&23\\1&0\end{smallmatrix}$	160 610 3	0	C
Miscellaneous	44	4,778	0 35	178	4	,0	24	5,668	2 6	253	10	8
Totals	183	68,822	2 24	1,699	2	10	45	84,624	3 19	1,134	9	6
Land for Settlements— Lease in perpetuity	4 23 1	5 1,376 10	2 39 0 35 0 0	689	17 9 10	4	1 5 2	$1,295 \\ 12$		433	10 16 5	0
Totals	28	1,391	3 34	700	17	2	8	1,308	3 21	443	11	(
National endowment Lands— Renewable lease, ordinary Renewable lease, village settlement Mining districts occupation	41 1	9,964 0			11 4	20	10 1 1	3,594 6	3 12 1 26 0 0	67 6	5 0 10	0
leases Small grazing-runs Pastoral runs Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	 1 2	56,508 290	0 0 0 0	56 6	0 9	0 2	1 8 4	2,200 $128,470$ $1,033$	0 0 0 0 0 0	110 3,490 46		0
Miscellaneous	14	1,347	0 11	42	1	0	5	719	2 0	7	0	0
Totals	59	68,109	2 12	514	5	4	30	136,033	2 38	3,728	9	4
Thermal springs	1	0	1 0	4	10	0						
Grand totals	271	138,324	1 30	2,918	15	4	83	221,967	1 38	5,306	9	10
Primary-education endowments Secondary-education endowments	18	601 1	0 10 0 8	60	8	6	5	609	0 0	28		2

^{*} Includes five unregistered holdings of 950 acres 2 roods on which no rent was payable.

Table 23.—Return of Land taken up within the Thermal Springs District of Auckland at 31st March, 1913.

Locality.	Tak	en up dur	the Y	Zear.	Ne	t Area l	held on 1913.	31st Mar	ch,	Amount		Selectors in Arrear on 31st March, 1913.					
	Number of Selectors.	Area.		Ann Ren		Number of Selectors.	Ar	ea.	Annu Rents		received during the Year.		Number of Selectors.	Ar	еа.	Amo	unt.
Rotorua	12	A. R. 1 557 3 8			s. d. 5 0		A. 4,057	R. P. 1 33	£ s 2,252 15	. d. 5 6	£ s. 2,131 14	d. 3	25			£ 1	

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	E	Transactions during the Year.	during the	Tenants are und	Tenants whose Deposit are under 33 per Cent.	posits in the Jent, of Cap	ts in the Aggregate of Capital Value.		nants who: per	se Deposit.	Tenants whose Deposits aggregate 33 per Cent. of Capital Value.	33 or more e.				Totals	als.		
Tenure.	Number of Mew Depositors.	ъргев реју	Amount.	Tenantes. Tenantes. Net Area held.	lanigirO langrith	Total Payments Take on Account	of Capital Value. Ising Rental Anch Paymen's. Number of Tenants.	Net Area held.	Original Annual Rental payable.	Total Paymente made on Account to Capital Value.	Annual Rental	sa reduced by such Payments. Number of	Tenants. Net Area held.	INVALL MOLLY SOLT	LaniginO Istan Hannak Istan Han	Total Payments made on Account To Capital Value	Annual Rental	now payable as reduced by such Payments.	
Ordinary Crown Lands. Lease in perpetuity, ordinary Lease in perpetuity, village settlement Lease in perpetuity, special-settlement	ლo₁:	A. B. P. 658 1 0 81 3 5	£ s. d. 276 5 8 74 7 0	· :::	сц; д.	vi : : : cq ∵o	છ જ	d. 11 2 2 2 2	A. B. 2,737 2 111 3 2 302 0	P. £ s. 9 78 10 24 10 10 0 15 2	d. £ s. 31,103 6 5 138 9 0 125 16	d. £ s. 0 43 17 6 6 9 8 10 1	£0,04	A. 11 2,737 5 111 2 302	3. P. 3. 24 0. 0	£ s. 78 10 10 10 15 2	d. £ s. 3 1,103 6 5 138 9 0 125 16	d. £ 3 0 43 9 6 6 8 10	s. d. 117 0 5 9 5
associations Lease in perpetuity, improved farms Renewable lease		82 2 8 0 3 7	3 75 6 3 21 12 0		: :		:-:	67	82 2 1 0	8 4 10 7 5 4	5 75 6 0 52 5	83 83 93	2 3	1 82 2 2	0 28	4 10 5 4	5 75 6 0 52 5	20 4 20 40	3 0 3 2 7
Totals	-	823 1 20	447 10 11				:	21	3,235 0	8 113 17	11,495 3	9 66 10	7 21	1 3,235	0 8	113 17	1,495 3	99 6 8	3 10 7
Land for Settlements. Lease in perpetuity Renewable lease	:-	0.10	*300 0 0 31 10 0		::	::	- ::	903	629 3 814 2 5	8 386 10 27 17 15	24,181 15 6 151 10	8 178 8 0 10 19	40	6 629 2 814	23 27 27	386 10 17 15	24,181 15 6 151 10	8 178 0 10	3 8 4 0 19 0
Totals	П	0 1 0	331 10 0	:			:	8	1,444 1	35 404 5	84,333 5	8 189	7 4	8 1,444	1 35	404 5	84,333 5	8 189	7 4
Cheviot Estate. Lease in perpetuity	:	:	:	:			:	7	106 3	0 55 10	2 999 3	8 5 11	0	1 106	3	55 10	2 999 3	8 8	5 11 0
Grand totals	σο	823 2 20	779 0 11	:	· ·		:	30	4,786 1	3 573 12	116,827 13	1 261	8 11 30	0 4,786	H	573 12	11 6,827 13	3 1 261	8 11

*Additional deposits made on account of lands returned in previous years.

Table 25.—Return showing the Area of Bush felled on Lands sold or leased by the Crown from 1st April, 1895, to 31st March, 1913.

n Total felled at 31st March, 1913.	A. B. P. 234,409 0 0	183,915 0 0 85,345 0 0	778,838 0 0	93,385 U U 107,024 O 0	77,513 0 0 24,875 0 0	17,544 0 0	1,603,048 0 0
Felled during the Year on Lands taken up in Previous Years.	A. B. P. 18,824 0 0	9,087 0 0 11,720 0 0	23,200 0 0	2,937 0 0	2,000 0 0 285 0 0	1,000 0 0	80,053 0 0
Felled during the Year on Lands taken up during the Year.	A. B. P. 825 0 0	350 0 0	4,163 0 0	0 0 000	300 0 0	105 0 0	6,543 0 0
	:	::	:	: :		::	:
District,	:	: :	;	::	: :	:	:
Ω.	Auckland	Hawke's Bay Taranaki	Wellington	Marlborough	Westland Otago	Southland	Totals

Deferred Pay- Perpetual Occupation Ferpetuity with Right of Lease in Perpetuity	Crown Lands. Endowment Lands. Crown Lands. Crown Lands. Crown Lands. Crown Lands. Crown Lands.	4 156 3 2,717 4 1,184 6 5 5 5 478 466 466 466 466 28 478 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 38 36 <t< th=""><th> 17 395 35 5,326 5 4,895 118 3,595</th><th>Village-homestead Special- Improved-Special Settlement. Associations.</th><th>Crown Lands. Obeyiot Estate. National-endow- ment Lands. Crown Lands. Land for Settlements. Land for Settlements. Toomplete. Too Not Too Too Too Too Too Too</th><th>25 67 70 51 29 14 16 32 448 190 76 <th> 593 92 12 76 659 11 604 167 32</th></th></t<>	17 395 35 5,326 5 4,895 118 3,595	Village-homestead Special- Improved-Special Settlement. Associations.	Crown Lands. Obeyiot Estate. National-endow- ment Lands. Crown Lands. Land for Settlements. Land for Settlements. Toomplete. Too Not Too Too Too Too Too Too	25 67 70 51 29 14 16 32 448 190 76 <th> 593 92 12 76 659 11 604 167 32</th>	593 92 12 76 659 11 604 167 32
buiby.	Endowment Lands. Crown Lands.	622 7 426 18 6 6 37 28 298 119 13 14 13 14 288 1 28 1 28 1 28 1 28 1 28 1 28 1 28 1 283 9 284 1 285 9 287 44 288 1	95 160 163	Small Grazing-rus	Crown Lands. Land for Settlements.	44 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16	252 115
Renewable Lease.	Vational- endowment Lands. Land for Settlements.	392 317 42 26 45 71 374 22 59 25 291 2 59 25 291 2 59 2 291 2 15 458 178 181 121 31 121 31	1,568 1,342 13	Cheviot	Vational- endowment Lands Lands Ordinary Endowment Lands Lands Lands Estate	115 49 4 4 9 9 9 77 77 77 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75	513 30 34
00001	Crainary Endowment Lands. Lands.	9:::8::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::	30 1		Crown Lands.	216 12 4 136 82 135 173 65	849
Mining Districts Land Occupation Leases.	Crown Lands.	203 35* 17 299	17 652	Pastoral.	Cheviot Estate. Land for Settlements.	: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	1 4
,taəme	Endowment Lands. Village Bettle Deferred E		77 77 64		Varional- endownent. Lands. Vranibro Tudownent tands.	47 8 1 1 18 116 26 115 51 56 5	493 46
ยา	Village Settle Perpetur Jense.		85		Crown Lands.	323 133 181 181 2423 364 204 711 711 52 499 499	4,292 52
to tagist of 9.	Village Settle Occupation with Purchase Crown Lands.	51 7 7 78 7 7 885 100 7 1 14 2 102 2 248	23 1,009	Miscellaneous	Land for Settlements.	15 15 15 13 13 42 42 3 3 3 87 11	366
Village Settlement, Lease in Perpetuity.	Land for Settlements.	100 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	9 46	eons.	-lanoitaN tanomwobne abaal.	6 3 3 6 6 201 357 	593 4
	Endowment Lands. Mational- endowment	33 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	4 131		Endowment Lands Thermal Springs	1 331 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	435 331
Village Settlement, Renewable Lease.	Lands. Land for Settlements.	. H	1 3	Educational Findowments (Education Reserves Acts).	Primary Education. Secondary	498 1188 234 504 40 50 898 898 693	3,019 3
ement Lease.	Orown Lands.	156	156	ts).	Hducation.	139 7, 45 11, 45 2, 112 4, 32 2, 30 2, 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 4	363 33,812

Table 27.—Statement showing the Total Number of Selectors, with Area of Crown Land selected or held, the Yearly Rent payable, and Rent in Arrear on the 31st March, 1913.

Tenure.			Total Number of Selectors.	Total Area	held.	Total Yearly Rent or Instalmen payable.	
Ordinary Crown Lands—				Δ,	R. P.	£ s. c	l. £ s. d.
			17	2,555	1 3	29 9 1	
Perpetual lease			395	66,139	0 26	2,182 8	
Occupation with right of			5,326	1,768,298	0 3	103,838 4 45,273 15	
			4,895 163	1,423,263 $26,716$	2 13	2,521 12	
			17	550	1 0	23 7	9
Mining districts land occ			651	23,749	0 33	1,245 0	2 72 8 11
Village settlements—			7	113	1 6	16 17	6 0 18 8
Deferred payment . Perpetual lease .			85	1,247			6 1 4 0
Occupation with right	of purcha		23	15	0 7		6 0 12 6
Lease in perpetuity .			1,009	21,589		,	8 68 8 10 8 20 1 4
Renewable lease Lease in perpetuity	franhold	(deferred	156 6	1,142	$\begin{array}{cc} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 33 \end{array}$	590 10 30 16	
payment)	Heemora	dererrea			2 00		
Village-homestead special	settleme	nts					
Perpetual lease			249	4,170	0 39 2 30	549 18 1 1,029 15	$egin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Lease in perpetuity Special-settlement associations	tions		344	9,071	4 5U	1,023 10	- 00 T1 9
	· · ·		10	669	0 8		0
Lease in perpetuity			649	113,674	0 7	6,128 18	3 146 0 2
Improved-farm special set	tlements		442	61,223	3 2	6,135 0	8 877 2 9
Occupation with right of Lease in perpetuity	or purena	se	328	41,057			8 94 12 10
			1	255	0 0	26 0	8
Small grazing-runs			252	461,412		20,958 8	
Pastoral runs	. diatri	ota undan	441 408	6,980,983 96,592	$\begin{array}{cc}2&32\\2&17\end{array}$	i '	$\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 18 & 5 & 0 \\ 4 & 288 & 18 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$
Pastoral licenses in mini special regulations	ng distri	ces under	400	50,552	2 11	2,104 11	200 10 10
* # · * 11			4,292	668,995	1 19	19,301 17	6 1,121 17 2
Totals			20,166	11,773,640	1 5	262,119 9	9 9,916 10 7
Cheviot Estate— Lease in perpetuity .			118	24,385	2 25	6,423 15	6 58 8 0
Renewable lease			13	644			4
Village-homestead specia	l settleme	ant	92	2,480		1	4 22 18 8
Grazing-farms	•		34	$\frac{45,021}{1,642}$			$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
* C: 11			1 52	1,181			8 41 17 6
Miscendicous	•	•					
Totals	• •		310	75,355	3 21	14,658 6	8 3,003 3 8
Land for Settlements—							
Lease in perpetuity			3,595	663,099			$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Renewable lease Lease in perpetuity (villa		nent)	1,342 46	484,773 438		108,032 0 342 7	
Renewable lease (village	settlemen	t)	3	9	3 16		0
Special-settlement associa			11	2,114	1 9	162 7	
Small grazing-runs	•		115	203,322	2 15	1	0 498 3 9
Pastoral runs			$\frac{4}{266}$	1,739 $11,234$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	174 16 $2,231 19$	9 14 10 11
MIISORHWHEON?	••						
Totals			5,382	1,366,732	1 21	330,241 11	5,262 2 4
National-endowment Lands	_	1					ŀ
Renewable lease— Ordinary			1,568	444,400	3 18	18,187 4	0 996 10 9
Village settlement .		•	131	1,455	2 38	451 16	6
Village-homestead spec			12	125 5 996	2 21	15 13 554 17	1 4 35 12 10
Improved-farm special Mining districts land occ	settlemen unetion le	at eases	$\begin{array}{c c} 32 \\ 1 \end{array}$	5,236 12	0 0		0
	· · ·		513	1,715,472	3 10	32,372 3	7 878 14 4
Pastoral runs			199	3,823,649		1 ' '	3 97 5 0 6 154 0 3
Pastoral licenses in min	ing distri	cts under	294	56,521	0 11	1,294 4	0 194 0 9
special regulations Miscellaneous leases			593	277,734	1 30	2,297 12	7 229 18 7
Totals			3,343	6,324,608	2 25	89,558 13 1	
Thermal springs (Rotorua)			331	4,057		2,252 15	
Grand total			29,532	19,544,394		698,830 17	
Education Reserves Acts— Primary education endow	ments		3,019	733,712	2 10	63,642 11 1	1 1,367 2 5
Secondary-education end	owments	• ••	363	38,640	2 33	8,389 11	2 93 10 10
			898	403,310	0 14	15,428 5	0 4,589 7 2

Table 28.—Summary of Arrears due to the Crown on 31st March, 1913.

	Excl	usive of (urrent Rent	Half-y	ear	's	In	clusive of C	urrent Rent.	Half-yea	r's	
Tenure.	Number of Selectors.	Are	B	Amo in Ar			Number of Selectors.	Area	•	Amou in Arr		
Ordinary Crown Lands—		А.	в. Р.	£	s.	d.		Α.	в. Р.	£	s.	Ċ
Perpetual lease	8	1,154	2 6		11	0	668	3,297 $227,512$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{array}$	97 11,834	19	
Occupation with right of purchase Lease in perpetuity	200 104	73,108 28,798	$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 \end{array}$	5,173		9	479	119,916	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	2,451	2	
Renewable lease	7	3,971	2 7	151		8	28	5,549	$2\ 13$	342	6	
Mining districts land occupation	25	1,153	2 8	72	8	11	106	4,709	1 9	216	6	
leases Village settlements, deferred payment	1	5	0 0	0	18	8	₂	9	2 10	2	8	1
Village settlements, perpetual lease	2	3	0 12	1		Õ	16	153	1 17		15	-
Village settlements, occupation with	1	0	2 29	0	12	6	6	2	3 27	2	7	
right of purchase	23	630	0 3	68	Ω	10	100	1,983	2 14	268	8	
Village settlements, lease in per- petuity	2.5	0.50	0 5	00	O	10	100	1,505	2 11	200	U	
Village settlements, renewable lease	9	45	0 12	20		4	15	97	3 20		15	
Village-homestead special settlements		472	1 20	58		11	73	1,700	3 9		10	
Special-settlement associations	19 68	$\begin{vmatrix} 3,672 \\ 10,050 \end{vmatrix}$	$\begin{array}{cc} 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 31 \end{array}$	146 971		. 2	52 162	9,361 $24,103$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 14 \\ 0 & 20 \end{array}$	$\begin{vmatrix} 370 \\ 2,386 \end{vmatrix}$		
Improved farms	13	20,789	0 31	1,016		i	64	95,828	1 14	3,820		
Pastoral runs	5	27,060	0 0	18	5	0	50	634,716	0 13	1,549		
Pastoral licenses in mining districts	58	18,460	2 28	288	18	10	135	42,797	0 11	768	15	1
under special regulations Miscellaneous (not otherwise specified)	211	49,442	1 10	1,121	17	2	673	167,414	3 0	3,757	7	
Totals	778	238,817	0 36	9,916	10	7	2,658	1,339,154	1 19	28,106	18	_
				-,			ļ					_
Cheviot Estate— Lease in perpetuity	1	292	0 0	58	8	0	1	292	0 0	87	12	
Renewable lease		202	0 0	",		٠	2	71	0 7		10	
Village-homestead special settlement	6	50	$0 \cdot 0$		18	8	6	50	0 0		18	_
Grazing-farms	23	33,842	$\frac{2}{1} \frac{0}{26}$	2,879		6	32 16	92,779 367	$\frac{1}{2} \frac{14}{36}$	5,964 126		
Miscellaneous		171	1 36	41	17	. 6				120		_
Totals	35	34,355	3 36	3,003	3	8	57	93,560	0 17	6,245	15	
Land for Settlements—												_
Lease in perpetuity	92	14,387	0 8	1,970		. 2	290	41,062	1 3	6,853	6	1
Renewable lease Village lease in perpetuity	59 2	19,921	$\frac{2}{1} \frac{34}{32}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2,774 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$		9	164	$\frac{42,441}{9}$	1 23 0 38	7,224	5 2	
Small grazing-runs	5	6,653	0 35	498		9	16	28,988	0 38	1,925	1	
Miscellaneous	6	52	2 0		10		27	933	2 7	94	16	
Totals	164	41,022	3 29	5,262	2	4	501	113,434	2 29	16,104	12	
National-endowment Lands—				-								_
Renewable lease, ordinary	66	19,556	3 17	996	10	9	198	56,377	1 15	2,289	15	
Renewable lease, village settlements				::		4.0	9	146	0 0	16		
Renewable lease, improved farm	3	516	0 0	35	12	10	9	1,533	1 36	113	16	
special settlement Small grazing-runs	24	77,802	1 20	878	14	4	215	741,410	3 11	7,738	13	
Pastoral runs	4	52,516	0 0	97		ō	25	303,812	2 0	1,079		
Pastoral licenses in mining districts	27	10,878	3 1	154	0	3	88	21,474	1 15	422	13	
under special regulations Miscellaneous	39	10,698	0 2	229	18	7	121	52,640	2 1	460	15	
Totals	163	171,968		2,392	 1	9	665	1,177,394	3 38	12,121	0	
Thermal springs, Rotorua	25		1 17	138		_	76	1,325	1 23	390		_
C							ļ	2,724,869				_
Grand totals	1,165	486,223	1 38	20,712		7	l		2 6	62,968		_
Primary-education endowments Secondary-education endowments	128 23	18,060	$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 29 \end{array}$	1,367	$\frac{2}{10}$		536 80	119,445	1 4 3 3	8,554 604		
Secondary-education endowments .	25	1,031	4 Z9	95	TO	TO	ll ou	8,797	o o	004	13	

Table 29.—Endowments: Return of Revenue received during the Year ended 31st March, 1913.

Tenure.	Revenue r	ecei	ved.	Tenure.	Revenue received
Educational Endowments (administered under the Education Reserves Acts)—Primary education		18	d. 9 6	Village-homestead special settlement Village lease in perpetuity	£ s. d 271 5 15 17 0 1,845 5
Total	£71,398			Pastoral runs Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	5,432 9 16 49 6
Other Endowment Lands— Cash lands	. 7	0	0	Coal and mineral leases and royalties Timber licenses and royalties	18,199 11 3 482 15 0
Deferred payments Perpetual lease and small areas	8 325	3 8	8	Miscellaneous leases Rent of reserves	188 13 3 2,094 0 10
Occupation with right of purchase Lease in perpetuity Renewable lease	2,130		7	Total	£31,198 9 (
Mining districts land occupation leases			5	Grand total	£102,596 12

Table 30. -- Endowment Lands (other than National Endowment) taken up during the Year ended 31st March, 1913.

Distriot		Noture of Dagomoote		Cash Lands	ß.	í	Renewable Lease	ase.	Mining	Mining Districts Land Occupation Leases	upation Leases.
. DOTTOGT OF			No. of Pur- chasers.	Area.	Amount realized.	Number.	Area.	Annual Instalments.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.
		Educational Endowments (Educa- tion Reserves Acts)—		A. B.	го ж		på	oi.		.¥.	က် အ
Hawke's Bay	:	Δi	:	:	· :	C3	0	0	:	:	:
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Southland	::	Primary	: 181	12 3 11	478 17 6	N :	Ν :	• :	::	::	::
Totals	:	•	9	15 2 29	530 19 6	6	3 2 36	52 0 0	:		:
Nelson	:	Other Endowment Lands— Westport Harbour Board	:	•	:	-	12 2 20	1 19 0	1	38 1 0	1 18 4
Totals	:	•	:	 	:	1	12 2 20	1 19 0	1	38 1 0	1 18 4
Grand totals	:	<i>*</i>	9	15 2 29	530 19 6	10	16 1 16	53 19 0	1	38 1 0	1 18 4
Dictriot		7,		Pastoral Runs	ns.	Pastor	Pastoral Runs in Mining Districts under Special Regulations.	districts under ions.		Miscellaneous Leases.	eases,
LASSITICS.		Nature of Endowinents.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rentsl.
		Educational Endowments (Educa- tion Reserves Acts)—		A. B. P.	સ ક. હ		A. B. P.	£ s. d.		r r	zá
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Otago	: :	Primary	: :	: :	: :	: :	::	: :	13.2		0 91
and 	::	Secondary	::	:::	: : :	::	:::	:::	26	3,762 3 8 138 0 36	602 17 6 73 16 0
Totals	:	÷	:		:	:		:	127	6,827 1 16	1,349 7 8
4.001.00.0		Other Endowment Lands—					(
Auckland Nelson	::	Westport Harbour Board	::	::	::	20 rd	1,155 1 24	27 0 0 21 12 4	:20	.°	15
Westland	: :	Grey Harbour Board University	: :	::	::	::	::	::	27	3,463 132 $5 0 0$	27 4 6 3 0 0
Otago Southland	: :	Bluff Harbour Board	:	3.468 0 0	126.00		: :	: :	∾ :	٥.	10
Totals	:	•		0	-	α	2.345 1.94	48 19 4	10	3.538 1.38	40 9 6
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Grand totals	:	:	П	3,468 0 0	126 0 0	σο 	2,345 1 24	48 12 4	137	10,365 3 14	1,389 17 2

Table 31.—Return of Education Endowments dealt with under the Education Reserves Acts to 31st March, 1913.

Auckland Hawke's Bay Harmaki Paranaki Wellington Nelson Marlborough Marborough Marborough Marborough Marborough Totals Auckland Totals Totals Marlborough Nelson Nelson Westland Westland Westland Westland Westland Wellogon Marlborough Westland	Total Ar	Total Area set	Area opened for	Ta	Taken up during the Year.	he Year.		Expiries during the Year.	the Year.	Rene	Renewal of Leases during the Year.	ring the Year.
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					Primary Education	ducation.						
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fg tals Bay ugh	14,613	0	:	41	362 0 0	0 0 9	:	:	:	:		1
Totals	70,160		:	:0	•		41 6	٥ د	321 3 10	4 6	9	
Totals Auckland Tawke's Bay Paranaki Yallington Wallorough Mallorough	332,299	N H	3,540 0 0	26	9,762 3 8	97 10 8 602 17 6	47	6,000 1 11		2 22	1,615 U Z 4,871 1 25	Z10 4 0 679 1 10
tuckland Tawke's Bay Taranaki Anlington Telson Aelson Aelson	803,335	2 23	7,719 1 14	93	6,645 0 17	935 19 2	103	9,343 2 17	1,104 16 6	79	8,185 3 30	1,649 5
Auckland												
Auckland					Secondary Education.	Education.						
fawke's Bay **Astanaki **Astlington **Aelington **Aelington **Aelington **Aelington	10,333		112 3 35	35	38 3 38	377 12 6	-	0 0 86	5 14 8	-	102 0 0	12 8
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Nelson Marlborough	19,177	22 20 27	4	۹ :	4	> .	: :	: :	: :	: :	: :	: :
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Totals	41,614	2 29	252 1 28	43	185 3 35	465 8 6	00	487 1 17	112 2 6	70	351 0 23	174 16
Grand totals	844,950	1 12	7,971 3 2	136	6,831 0 12	1,401 7 8	111	9,830 3 34	1,216 19 0	84	8,537 0 13	1,824 1
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Table 31,-Return of Education Endowments dealt with under the Education Reserves Acts to 31st March, 1913-continued.

		FO	Forfeitures during the Year.	he Year	Surr	Surrenders during t	during the Year.	Net	Net Area held on 31st March, 1913.	March, 1913.	Gross Amount	Selector	Selectors in Arrear on 31st March, 1913.	t March, 1913.
Land District.	riot.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	received during the Year.	Number.	Area.	Amount.
							Primary	Primary Education.	<i>i</i> .					
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Auckland		1C	A. B. P. 546 0 35	£ 8. d. 93 7 6.		A. B. P.	s. g.	408	A. R. P.		.e. d.	ì	ei o	ના ફે
Hawke's Bay	•	· 01	C 1		: :	: :	: :	188		7 104 19		16		309
Taranaki			1 0 0	6 4	:	:	:	337	က	5.244 13	4	266	0	197 8
Wellington	•	:	:	:	63	593 2 32	26 4 2	504	0	8,985 0	120	1 63	0	224
Nelson		: '		• ;	-	0	10	90	0	407 0	0	11	01	146 2
Mariborougn .		-	0 1 35	7 10 0	:	•		40	C4 (439 14	CJ	63	Н	4.13
Conterbute		:	:	:	:	:	•	200	07 -	272 10	Ξ	67	0	80 16
Otago	•	: v		10 19 6	:c	: 1	::	222	- 0	20,812 8		9	01	281 16
Southland .			0 00		81	0 7 67		2009		3,439 4	3,300 18 9	ະດ ນ	283 3 6	46 5
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Taranaki	:	:	•	:	:	•	:	45	Η	952 6	824 16 7	ž		70
Weilington	:	:	:	:	:	•	:	173	က	2,693 8	16	:	:	•
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Table 33.—Return of Lands disposed of under the Land for Settlements Acts to the 31st March, 1913.

	Area acquire		Area occupied by Roads	Area of Land unlet, including Land forfeited, surrandered, or	it, ited,	Total Area	New Sel	ections and during	Additions the Year.	New Selections and Additions to Holdings during the Year.		Total Lands leased at Date.	t Date.
Land District.	Ascertained Surplus or Deficiency.		Reserves unlet.		let, the Fion.	sold for Cash.	Number of Selectors.	Агеа.		Annual Rent payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rent payable.
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	Yearly		Occupied Land	.nd.	Amour	Amount advanced to Selectors for Buildings, &c.	to Selector is, &c.	s for	Arr	Arrears on 31st March, 1913	oh, 1913.	Rent and other	Total Receints
Land District.		Number of Houses on Holdings.	Number of Souls resident on Holdings.	Value of Improvements.	During Previous Years.	During Year.		Total.	Number.	Area.	Rent in Arrear.	Payments received during the Year.	ന
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					Mis Pay	scellaneous	receipts o	n lands no	t yet oper ction 191	Miscellaneous receipts on lands not yet opened for selection Pâyments of capital value under section 191 of the Land Act, 1908	n. .ct, 1908	367 4 9	5,663 19 6 4,333 5 8

* Excludes two miscellaneous licenses of lands in Hall-Jones Settlement, ares 71 acres, annual rental £251 10s. Excludes three miscellaneous licenses of lands in Hall-Jones and Waddington Settlements, ares 214 acres, annual rental £351 10s.

Table 34.—Comparative Statement of Selectors and Lands selected under Settlement Conditions for the Ten Years ended 31st March, 1913.

Year ending 31st March,		C	ash.			rpetua Jease.	,l	I in Pe	lease rpetu	ity.		ewabl	le	with	upatio Right rchase	of	Agric Le	ultur ase.	al t	ricts Occu	ng Dis- s Land spation eases.	Sett	illage lement : lash.
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1904*		435	Acre 22,48			Acre		894	Acre 194,5			Acre		402	Acre 146,9		2	Acre		97	Acres. 4,972	10	Acres.
1905*		371	18,99	90				751	173,8	311			ł	330	138,2	06	3	21	.8	40	1,914	2	1
1906*		229	11,1	32	1	:	127	706	158,0)18 <u>1</u>				388	157,4	32 <u>3</u>		• •		30	1,194	89	40
1907*		447	20,3	57				597	154,9	237			1	412	215,5	30				26	1,044	15	20
1908*		404	28,5	19				427	98,5	367	168	70,5	35	354	187,79	99	8	8	34	73	3,047	g	3
1909*	+	371	42,1	77 .			•	193	106,1	184	692	218,0	005	382	123,1	16				36	1,490	11	17
1910*	+	373	8,8	74				4	1,0)11	611	178,0	36	307	108,1	52				60	2,068	. 8	12
1911*	+	270	9,5	44				15	1,8	377	589	123,7	18	473	131,0	01				73	2,687	4	3#
1912*	f	408	6,0	951							569	186,4	182	379	131,4	83				55	1,426	1	1/2
1913*	t	351	4,6	24	••		•				566	207,5	503	359	104,7	67	·	••		36	773	1	. j . 1
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1905*	1		1	14		208				8	!	111	9	2	223	14	1,	4 59	45	6	7,271	1,581	402,412
1906*	2	1	41	55	1	,934	٠.			49	1	287		•		3		547	34	6	88,587	1,536	399,340
1907*				32	1	,012				17		173		1	4	46	: 5,	622	5 1	11	4,854	1,644	512,853
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1909*†			!				168	1,	167						••				10	2	8,989	1,863	521,145
1910*†	1		1				44		468		1					259	40,	,005	45	29	08,494	1,712	637,120
1911*†	9	3	1章				22		390		:					23	5,	,164	22	12	28,764	1,494	403,150
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1913*†		.		•••	-		19		103	••	j					3	<u> </u>	168	10	9	37,749	1,345	355,688

^{*} Inclusive of Cheviot Estate and lands disposed of under the Land for Settlements Acts.

[†] Inclusive of national-endowment lands.

	-		Selections during Year.	ing Year.					To	Total Area held at 31st March, 1913.	at 31st	March, 1913.				
	Area opened during		Heavy-bush Land.	Land.		Heavy-bush Land	Land.		Light-bush Land	Land.		Scrub Land	nd.		Totals.	
District.	Year (Heavy-bush land).	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount of Rental remitted per Annum.	Number of Selectors.	Area held.	Annual Rental (remitted).	Number of Selectors.	Area held.	Annual Rental (remitted).	Number of Selectors.	Area held.	Annual Rental (remitted).	Number of Selectors.	Area held.	Annual Rental (remitted).
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Hawke's Bay	:	:	:	•	:	:	:	:	:	•	:	:	:	:	:	:
Faranaki	:	:	:		:	:		:	:		:	:	:	:	:	:
Wellington	665 0 0		665 0 0	75 0 0		84,647 2 4	7,121 19 8	:	:	:	:	:	:	94	84,647 2 4	7,121 19 8
Nelson	:	:	:	:	55	297	19	:	:	:	:	:	:	22	C2 1	206 19 2
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Canterbury	:	:		:	:	•	:	:		:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Otago	:	:	:	:	:	:	•	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Southland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	;	:	:	•	:	:	:	;
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Table 36.—Rebates of Rent granted under Section 116 of the Land Act, 1908, and Section 55 of the Land for Settlements Act, 1908, during the Year ended the 31st March, 1913.

· .	District				Number of Tenants who have been granted Rebate.	Area he	1d.	Amount of Reba granted.
Ordinary Crown La	ınds					Α.	R. P.	£ s. c
Auckland	• •				5,840	1,570,413	0 0	3,591 4
Hawke's Bay					555	251,551	0 0	2,041 12
Taranaki					1,204	441,467	0 1	1,872 13 1
Wellington					2,344	432,572	0 0	2,896 1
Nelson					397	168,624	3 14	260 5
Marlborough					351	148,077	3 27	364 17
Westland	• •				402	55,105	2 27	137 13
Canterbury		••	• • •		362	28,801	0 2	513 1
Otago					722	205,467	2 30	705 0 10
Southland					906	141,300	0 0	427 10 1
	••	••	••	• •				
Totals	• •	• •	• •	• •	13,083	3,443,380	0 21	12,810 0 1
Cheviot Estate-								
Canterbury	••	• •	••	• •	299	69,213	3 20	731 17
Land for Settlemen	ts							
Auckland					1,484	282,890	0 0	1,818 0
Hawke's Bay					625	205,945	0 0	5,973 1 10
Taranaki			• •		48	3,933	26.	325 2
Wellington					347	47,922	0 0	1,584 6
Nelson					22	11,695	0 9	111 11
Marlborough	• •				309	101,613	3 7	1,853 17
Westland					27	4,901	1 26	50 6 10
Canterbury					1,611	434,961	1 14	8,995 6
Otago					698	18,361	2 15	4,823 14
Southland		• •	••	• •	234	49,240	0 0	964 11
Totals		••			5,405	1,161,463	2 37	26,499 18
National-endowment	Lands-	_						
Auckland					401	77,288	0 0	241 13
Hawke's Bay					50	15,507	0 0	360 11 1
Taranaki					61	19,126	1 20	125 1
Wellington					28	7,737	1 30	70 10
Nelson					55	18,585	2 34	16 17
Marlborough	••				66	10,447	3 36	34 11
Westland					162	20,748	0 11	54 6
Canterbury					10	5,740	2 4	37 13 1
Otago		···	• •		118	4,344	1 19	52 12
Southland	• •		• •	• •	90	10,348	0 0	37 5
Tota	ls	••	•••		1,041	189,873	1 34	1,031 2 1
Gran	d totals		• •		19,828	4,863,931	0 32	41,072 19
Ellesmere Endowm	ent		••		109	14,137	2 24	155 9

Table 37.—Crown Lands proclaimed under the New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act and its Amendments, the Amount borrowed, and the Amount repaid to the Public Account up to 31st March, 1913.

	Lan	d Distri	ct.		i	Area.	Amount borrowed.	Amount repaid.
luokland Iawke's Bay Iaranaki		• •	• •		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Acres. 1,196,907 394,120 644,913	£ s. d. 243,251 0 0 90,383 0 0	£ s. d 100,957 7 5 44,240 19 10 109,261 4 2
Vellington Telson Tarlborough	••	••	••			749,387 412,480 211,571	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	155,264 18 9 5,121 10 9 23,231 9 8
estland anterbury tago outhland		•••	•••	:	•••	40,724 2,135 175,631 140,863	4,576 0 0 456 0 0 21,481 0 0 33,787 0 0	1,485 0 6 646 2 8 21,210 5 10 18,513 14 1
	Totals	••	•••	••		3,968,731	896,703 0 0	479,932 13 13

Table 38.—Crown Grants, Certificates of Title, Leases, and other Instruments of Title from the Crown prepared during the Year ended 31st March, 1913.

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Hawke's Bay	•••	• ;	314	117	6	1,003	25 1	1
Taranaki	••	4 .	1	127	12	435	11 11	L
Wellington	••	7	10	407		1,248	• • •	4
Nelson]	3	34	106	13	441	33 1	L
Iarlboro ugh		6	18	32		138	9 ()
Westland			157	77		545	68 2	2
Canterbury			35	34	162	820	61 10	0
Otago			112	152		680	34 (n i
Southland		11	26	152		519	65 0	-
Totals		31	766	1,640	195	7,263	497 15	5

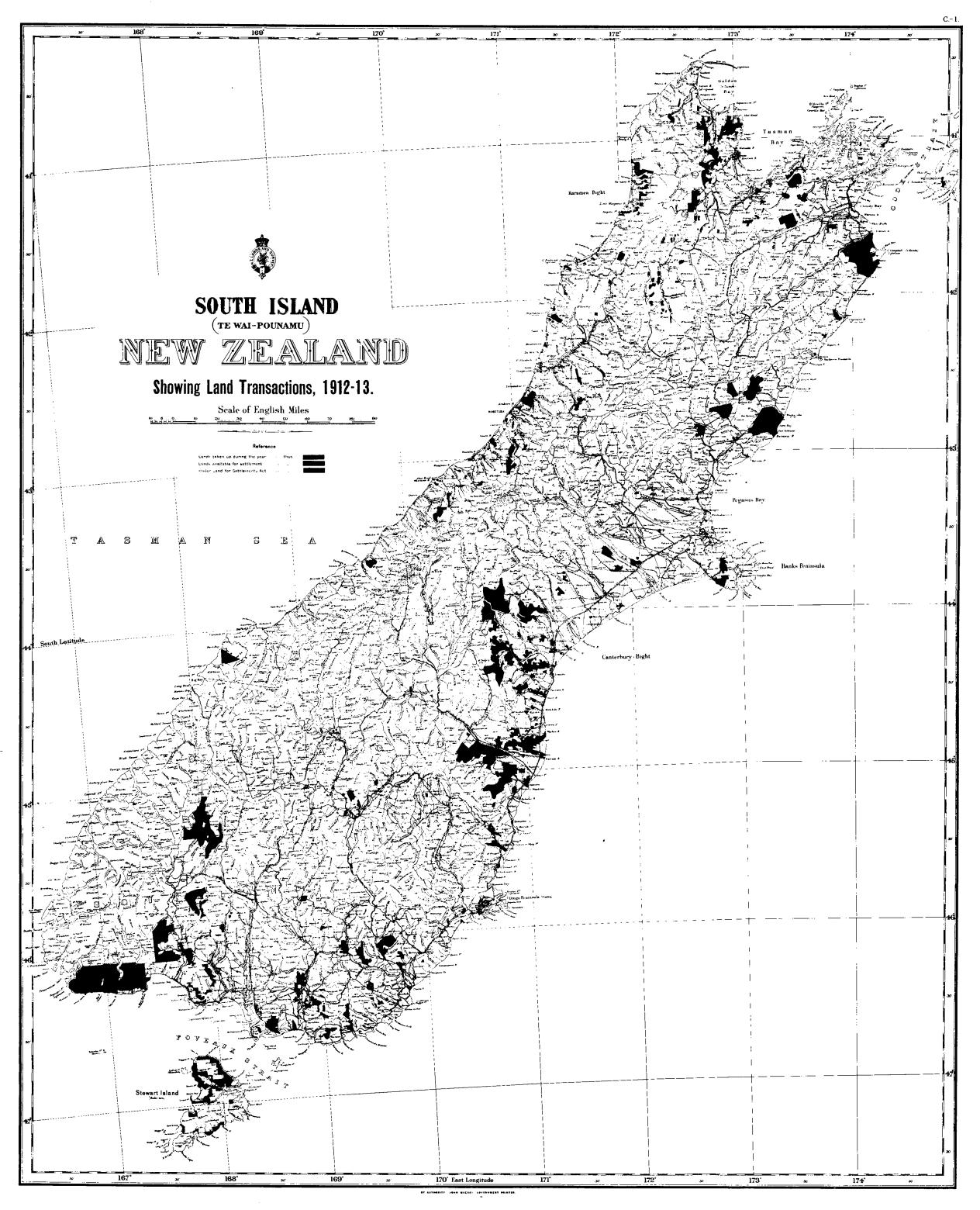
Table 39.—Statement showing Payments to Local Bodies during the Year ended 31st March, 1913, from "Thirds" of Deferred-Payment, Perpetual-lease, Occupation-with-right-of-purchase, Renewable-lease, and Lease-in-perpetuity Lands, "Fourths" of Small Grazing-runs, and "Halves" of Timber and Flax Royalties.

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				£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£s	d.	£	s. d.
Auckland	••			 14,062	13 6	82	19 9	6,705	3 7	20,850	19 10
Hawke's Bay				 7,638	9 8	508	10 10	48 1	3 9	8,195	14 3
Taranaki				 3,883	15 7	2	8 6			3,886	4 1
Wellington				 10,100	4 9	26	17 1	97 18	3 0	10,224	19 10
Nelson				 2,017	12 7	39	5 1	861	4 8	2,918	2 4
Marlborough				 600	12 8	514	17 3	108 10	3 11	1,224	6 10
Westland				 1,268	4 3			4,924 14	1	6,192	18 4
Canterbury				 304	0 6	666	6 0			970	6 6
Otago				 906	15 11	2,635	4 4	156 10	2	3,698	10 5
Southland	• •	• •	••	 1,505	3 3	83	1 11	1,399	8 (2,987	5 10
	Totals	••	• •	 42,287	12 8	4,559	10 9	14,302	10	61,149	8 3

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